

4-H Alberta's MONTHLY SCOOP

September 2017 CANADA
4-H Alberta



A century of celebration took place August 4 – 6, 2017 as 4-H members, parents, volunteers, alumni, staff and friends of the program gathered in Olds to reconnect, reminisce and remember at 4-H Centennial Fever.

Approximately 500 people from across the province took part in the three-day extravaganza which featured displays, activities and games, a history walk, reunion corner, talent show, and of course A LOT of socializing and laughter.

As well, a leadership luncheon was held to officially honour our 2016 4-H Alberta Hall of Fame inductees, Helen Andrews and Corine Verbeek, for their dedication to the 4-H program. The following ten Golden Clover awards were also handed out (recognizing the 10 decades of 4-H innovation in the province):

1917 - 1926 W.J Elliot - Olds College

1927 - 1936 Membership with 4-H Canada

1937 - 1936 4-H Alberta Personal Development Programs

1947 - 1956 Learn to Do By Doing

1957 - 1966 Government of Alberta, Alberta Agriculture, Premiers Award

1967 - 1976 Alberta 4-H Council

1977 - 1986 Alberta 4-H Centre, 4-H Foundation of Alberta

1987 - 1996 Cleaver the Beaver Mascot created by Shari Bakker(Machacek)

1997 - 2006 Souvenir Program - Lloyd Marshman & Talbot Marketing

2007 - 2017 - 4-H Members, Leader and Volunteer

The weekend culminated with a special concert featuring 4-H Alberta member Jessica Schnell, and recording artists Drew Gregory, Nice Horse and of course the Blake Reid Band – who wowed the crowd with a live version of their hit 4-H centennial song Room to Grow.

The enthusiasm, smiles and 4-H pride on display throughout the event was invigorating and contagious and reassured all that 4-H is in good hands as it sets off on its next 100 year journey.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this great event possible as well as everyone who has had a hand in creating the best youth leadership program in the province. Here's to 100 more!!!

A reminder that club registration opens October 1, 2017.

To register online please visit www.4h.ab.ca. The 2017/18 club year fee is set at \$100.00 per member and can be paid fully online. The \$100 fee does not include fees your club, district or region may charge or project-related costs. We can't wait to get started on what's sure to be another great year in 4-H!

SAVE THE DATE!

Leaders' Conference 2018
Date: January 19-21, 2018
Location: Radisson Edmonton South

COMING SOON...

CLICK EACH LINK FOR
MORE INFORMATION

September 2017

4-H Canada – Club to Club Exchange

Deadline: November 30, 2017

4-H Canada Science Fair

Deadline: January 16, 2018

4-H Standardbred Project Show and Achievement Day

September 10, 2017

Location: Olds Regional Exhibition Megadome, Olds AB

4-H Canada National Volunteer Leader of the Year Award

Deadline: November 30, 2017

Community Initiatives Program – Canada 150

Deadline: September 15, 2017

4-H Alberta Magazine Submission Deadline

Deadline: September 30, 2017

CAUTION: EVENT TIMES AND PLACES MAY CHANGE

Every event or opportunity listed above is a link to the 4-H Alberta Calendar or to a relevant website. **ALWAYS** check the link for updated information.

October 2017

2017/18 Club Registration

Opens: October 1, 2017

Closes: November 30, 2017

4-H Alberta Recycling Fundraisers (Tires and Electronics)

Opens: October 2, 2017

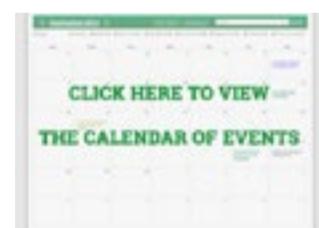
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November 3 – 5, 2017

Deadline: October 20, 2017

Location: Alberta 4-H Centre

Always check the calendar of events on the 4-H Alberta website for a full list of updated events.



What's Happening In The Northwest Region

NORTHWEST REGION 4-H

Knowledge College

Lillian Schick School, Bon Accord

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

The NW 4-H Knowledge College is for any leader, volunteer, or parent in the Northwest Region. (Some sessions may be appropriate for senior members as well.) Each club in the region is encouraged to send at least one adult, however there is no limit to the number of adults who can attend.

Bon Accord is located on Highway 28 – 25 km Northeast of Namao and 6 km west of Gibbons. Lillian Schick Elementary and Junior High School is located immediately north of Highway 28 on the east side of the community just off the Lily Lake Road at 4509 54 Ave.

Cost: \$20/person, includes lunch
Deadline to register: Sept. 25, 2017

PROGRAM

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration & Coffee

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Whole Group Session (Regional Updates and News)

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Select-a-session 1

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Q&A Session

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Select-a-session 2

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Coffee & Networking

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Select-a-session 3

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Evaluations and Wrap-up

Session Schedule (subject to change)

Select-a-session 1

Diaries and Awards of Excellence – What are they? Why do we need to complete them? What goes where? Learn about any updates and changes being made to the diaries (every 5 years). What are the Awards of Excellence and how do members get them?

Funding – Get an update from the 4-H Foundation on current initiatives, needs, and processes. Learn about funding available – club, district, regional, provincial – and how this affects planning and fees. What's the difference between a sponsor and a donor? How are fundraisers approved? And more....

Key Members and Key Leaders – Who are these people? How are they selected? How can they help you? How do you help them?

Select-a-session 2 & 3 (~3 hours)

Leader Level 1 – Done this on-line? Have no idea what this is? Did you know that this is a requirement of the leader screening process? New leaders have one year to complete this course – on-line, face-to-face, or both (they are quite different). It can also be a great refresher for those who have been leaders for a while. 4-H changes slowly in some cases but it has changed a great deal over the past 20 years. Experienced leaders also had to the discussion with their experience.

Select-a-session 2

Committees, constitutions/by-laws/policies/rules, and executives –

Understanding the roles of committees and executive councils can improve your meetings. Having the supporting rules in place to facilitate their smooth operation makes the entire organization stronger. Come learn a bit about how to help make this reality.

Beyond the Club – Ever wonder what CIT and AIM are? You've heard about Club Week and Provincial Judging but do you understand what they are and how to get there? How about Regional CDM? Maybe you have questions about District Communications. Here's an opportunity to find out what they're all about, how to get involved, and why your members should be encouraged to attend.

Clever Kids – This age group can be incredibly enthusiastic but can also be more than one leader can handle. Come and learn what this project is all about, what is expected of them (and you), and how to ensure that they become valuable, long-term, members of your club.

Select-a-session 3

Communications – Public Speaking. Presentations.

Demonstrations. Illustrated Talks. Discussion Meet. Being an M.C. You've heard them all. Communications is a member requirement. What does that really mean? What do you need to make it happen?

Decision Making as a Skill – Whether it is making decisions about animals (aka Judging) or making decisions about consumer products (aka Consumer Decision Making), the ability to make a decision and defend it is an important life skill. Come refresh your skills on teaching members how to do it and your own skills in 'marking' it.

Scholarships and Travel – Did you know that 4-H awards over \$157000 in scholarships each year, at all levels? Do you know how members apply? Did you know that you can donate to a fund or set up a 'legacy' scholarship?

Members and leaders also have many opportunities to travel – either through the Selections program (mbrs), an exchange (mbrs & adults), one of 4-H Canada's Going Global opportunities (mbrs), a chaperone opportunity (ldrs), or a conference (mbrs & ldrs). L

PLAN AHEAD...

Click each link for more information

Regional - Horse Record Book Competition

Deadline: September 15, 2017 4:00 PM

Location: 4-H Office, BARRHEAD AB

Regional - Knowledge College

Deadline: September 25, 2017 4:00 PM

Date: September 30, 2017 8:30 AM

Location: Lillian Schick High School, BON ACCORD AB

NW - Regional - Beef Record Book Competition

Deadline: September 30, 2017 4:00 PM

Location: 4-H Office, BARRHEAD AB

4-H Alberta - Key Member Unlocked

Registration opens September 6 - Deadline: October 20, 2017 11:55 PM

Date: November 03, 2017 4:00 PM End Date: November 05, 2017 1:00 PM

Location: Lakeland College, VERMILION AB

Remember to check out the calendar at www.4h.ab.ca for up to date district, regional, provincial and national opportunities! Many districts offer workshops throughout the club year, check out these fantastic opportunities to have a well-rounded 4-H experience!

For more information about what's happening in the Northwest Region contact:

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For all your District-specific events and opportunities check the calendar on the 4-H Alberta website.





4-H Council of Alberta

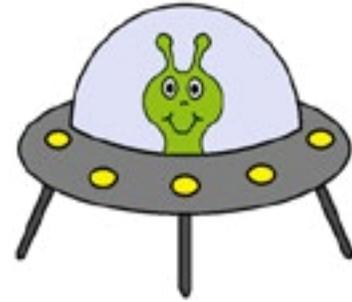
4-H Heritage Families demonstrate the strength of our roots, showcase the depth of our history and highlight the evolution of the 4-H program in Alberta. A 2017 Centennial year initiative of **4-H Council of Alberta**, Council thanks all participating families for sharing their stories and photos. The display of Heritage Families' posters at Fever was a highlight and we were happy to welcome a number of Heritage Families who joined us there!

4-H Alberta Heritage Families will be printed later this year. If you wish to be included, please submit your story before the end of September, 2017. Contact us for details and requirements. Please do not submit PDF documents.

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If someone asks you to take them to your leader, you know what to do! Introduce them to a 4-H Leader!



4-H Leaders make a difference helping youth make a difference! If you are one of those special individuals who has chosen to be a volunteer 4-H Leader, thank you! You are why 4-H works! 4-H Leaders help build communities and future leaders by providing valuable learning opportunities and mentorship for young people to grow and prosper within safe environments.

As responsible stewards of the 4-H program in Alberta, we all work together to ensure that those safe environments are maintained. Ensuring safety as best we can requires that all 4-H Leaders complete screening every 5 years. All 4-H Leaders in positions of trust within the club, district and or region are required to have current 4-H Leader screening status. A position of trust includes working with 4-H youth, club operations, fellow volunteers and/or finances or being perceived to be in a position of power within the 4-H organization at any level.

Both new and re-screening 4-H Leaders must complete the 4-H Leader Screening online application, online references and mail in criminal record check by December 15, 2017. If delays occur, due to fingerprinting or other reasons, please contact 4-H Council immediately.

4-H Leaders with an "unknown" or "outdated" screening status must always have another leader with them when they are working with 4-H in any way, until they have been successfully screened / re-screened. Non-certified leaders or volunteers must always have a successfully screened leader with them when they are working with 4-H members or in any perceived positions of trust.

Volunteers also play an important role but it is different than that of leader. You can find detailed definitions of both roles at www.4h.ab.ca. Please help us to ensure that 4-H Alberta is providing the safest environment possible for youth and communities to grow and prosper. When you become a leader, complete the screening right away. It is practically painless and we are here to help. Watch for your email that explains the requirements and provides login details. Call 1.877.682.2244 or 780.898.3037. Email leaderscreening@4hab.com.



Foundation News & Opportunities

Scholarships:

Please note that the scholarship review meeting has been scheduled for the 28th of September, 2017. We will contact the scholarship recipients in October 2017. In the meantime, please contact Bianca von Nagy at scholarship@4hab.com if you have any questions.

Foothills Creamery Ltd.

We thank our partners at Foothills Creamery for dedicating part of the funds earned from one of their three limited edition ice cream flavours to 4-H Alberta.



Volunteer at the 7th Annual 4-H Alberta Partner Appreciation Event

Sponsors and donors play an integral role in 4-H and this is our chance to say thank you. Once again, the 4-H Foundation of Alberta would like to invite clubs, leaders, parents and members to participate in the seventh annual Partner Appreciation Event. Participants will be treated to a delicious meal where they will have the chance to mingle with 4-H Alberta supporters, share their 4-H experience, and demonstrate the value and benefits of this incredible program.

This year's event will be at the Alberta 4-H Centre on Wednesday October 11, 2017 and our theme will be the Alberta 4-H Centre and the Next 100 years!

The 4-H Foundation of Alberta is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

Club Showcase Display (10 club spots- up to 2 members and one leader per club)

Participating clubs will set up a display demonstrating the program and opportunities their club has to offer.

Sponsor Engagement

Energetic 4-H members are needed to greet sponsors when they come through the door, show them around and ensure they are immersed in 4-H.

Table Hosts

Two 4-H volunteers will be assigned to each table to ensure there is always a 4-Her ready to engage with sponsors.

Centre Pieces

Looking for creative 4-H club(s)/member(s)/leader(s) to make 15 centre pieces for the tables/room.

Take Down

As many volunteers as possible are needed to assist with the clean up after the event.

If you or your club is interested in participating, please contact Bianca von Nagy at 587.583.3152 or bvonnagy@4hab.com at your earliest opportunity. We thank you very much for your consideration!

\$100 for 100 Years

We need your help to reach our goal of \$100,000 in our 100th year to continue to have Provincial Programs at the Alberta 4-H Centre.

To make a donation, please call 1-877-682-2153 or send a cheque to the 4-H Foundation of Alberta, RR1, Westeros, AB, T0C 2V0 or visit fundrazr.com/4-HAlberta100

The Jungle Farm in Innisfail has graciously added 4-H into their maze to help us celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Alberta. The West Central 4-H Alumni is hosting a 4-H Day on Saturday, September 9th.



For more information please follow the West Central 4-H Alumni on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WC4HALumni/>

Help 4-H Alberta Celebrate

Draw date:
Sept 22th
10:00 am

100 Years!

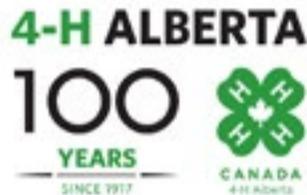
Tickets
\$20
each

Prize 1: John Deere Mower *\$6,000

Prize 2: Stampede's VIP Package *\$870

Prize 3-6: 1/4 of 4-H Beef *\$1,350 ea

*approximate value



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www.4hab100.ca

Only 3,000 tickets printed. Must be 18 years to purchase.

4-H PROGRAM OF THE MONTH Senior Members' Conference 2018

Join us at the Alberta 4-H Centre January 26-28, 2018 for Senior Members' Conference! Over the course of the program, delegates will have the chance to meet new friends while adventuring outside and developing practical life skills through workshops and moving keynote speakers. All of this planned for you by your 4-H Alberta Ambassador team. Visit www.4h.ab.ca for more information!



It may still be summer
but we can't wait for winter!

Plans for Senior Members Conference are already heating up. Join us from January 26-28, 2018!

Visit www.4h.ab.ca for more information!



Leadership Development Travel Opportunities

4-H Canada National Leadership Summit

Join over 70 volunteer leaders from across Canada for the 2018 4-H Canada Leadership Summit. During this premier professional development summit, share your knowledge with other leaders and learn plenty of tips and tricks to bring back to your own club. In 2018, the theme of the summit will relate to the Community Engagement & Communications Leadership Development Pillar.

February 15-18, 2018

Ottawa, Ontario

Western Regional Leaders' Forum (WRLF)

Each year, leaders and members from Alberta and the western states come together for WRLF. In 2018, those in attendance will head south to San Diego, California for four days of sessions, speakers and networking in the sun. Leaders will have the opportunity to learn important leadership skills and techniques while still having a chance to tour the beautiful city.

March 1-4, 2018

San Diego, California

4-H Ontario Volunteer Conference & Annual Meeting

4-H Ontario and 4-H Alberta have a long history of reciprocal hosting of representatives to their respective Volunteer Leader Conferences. As such, 4-H Ontario would like to extend an invitation for a representative from Alberta to attend the 4-H Ontario Volunteer Conference and Annual Meeting! You will spend the weekend surrounded by other 4-H leaders who share the same values and passion for youth engagement. Through a number of workshops and social activities, you can be sure to pick up fresh new ideas to begin incorporating into your club.

March 23-25, 2018

Nottawasaga Inn and Resort, Alliston, Ontario

Chaperone Travel Opportunities

4-H Canada Citizenship Congress

Accompany seven senior 4-H members to the nation's capital for the 46th annual 4-H Canada Citizenship Congress. Throughout the trip, members will learn and apply government procedure while developing communication skills and learning more about Canada. At the end of the trip, members will participate in an annual debate where they will apply their newfound skills to develop and convey insightful arguments. Throughout your time in Ottawa, you will all have the opportunity to explore the city and Parliament Hill.

May 1-6, 2018

Ottawa, Ontario

Northwest Territories Agriculture Development Tour

Pack your bags and head off on the road trip of a life time with 22 senior 4-H members through northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories. You will travel by bus and stop at various landmarks and agriculture centres, all while camping each night amidst the beautiful northern scenery. Though you will depart as strangers, you will return as a family. This year's route and ultimate destination have yet to be determined, but more information will be made available closer to the date.

July or August, 2018

Alberta & Northwest Territories