

2017/18 Club Registration Opens October 1st!!!!

Register your club online at www.4h.ab.ca as 4-H celebrates a new century !!! If you have any questions regarding forming a club or registering an existing club please contact your [regional 4-H specialist](#).

Leaders' Conference 2018

Now that 4-H Alberta has made it to 100 years, we're looking forward to the future. As 4-H Alberta begins its 101st year, now is the time to find out where we can go from here. The theme of Leaders' Conference is "Back to Basics". Come to Edmonton January 19 - 21 for a weekend of sessions, speakers and networking opportunities that will not only help you become a better leader, but will also give you the knowledge and the tools needed to help your aspiring members succeed now and well into the future. And whether this is your first or tenth year as a 4-H leader, Leaders' Conference has something for you!

Registration opens on October 15th through the Online Registration System.

- Early Bird Deadline: December 1st
- Regular Registration Deadline: December 10th

Alberta's 112th Birthday Celebration

4-H Alberta was extremely proud to be part of Alberta's 112th Birthday celebration on September 1st. The event took place at The Historic Bow Valley Ranche at Fish Creek Provincial Park and was hosted by The Ranche at Fish Creek Restoration Society.

As part of the celebration 4-H members, Amelia and Maia Zezulka from the Irricana 4-H Country Riders, teamed up with RCMP to play against the Girl Guides of Canada and the Calgary Police Service in the Calallo Horseshoe Cup. It was an exciting match with the 4-H/RCMP team coming out on top.

As well Alyssa Henderson, 2017 Premier's Award Recipient, and Keith Luft, Chair – 4-H Foundation of Alberta, were guests of Her Honour, the Honourable Lois E. Mitchell.

It was definitely a great event and many thanks to Rob Leonard for including 4-H in the celebration

COMING SOON... CLICK EACH LINK FOR MORE 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

Consumer Decision Making

October 20 – 22, 2017

Deadline: October 10, 2017

Location: Alberta 4-H Centre, Westrose AB

Every day we are faced with countless decisions such as what we are going to eat, wear, and listen to. Consumer Decision Making helps 4-H members learn about what to consider when purchasing consumer items so they can make educated decisions. Explaining your choice and the reasoning behind it is also a critical life skill. This judging opportunity is open to all members 14+, regardless of project involvement.

Provincial 4-H Horse Advisory Committee (PEAC) Meeting

October 13, 2017

Location: Olds Regional Exhibition (Caluori Pavilion), Olds AB

4-H Horsemanship Clinic

October 14 & 15, 2017.

Application Deadline: October 5, 2017

Location: Olds Regional Exhibition, Olds AB

Muffy Knox will work with key educators to teach them how to deliver 4-H clinics to 4-H leaders around the province. This is an invitational clinic for riders and a limited number of spectators will be accepted.

4-H Canada – Growing Forward 2 – 4-H Canada Outreach Fund

Deadline: October 31, 2017

The Growing Forward 2 4-H Canada Outreach Fund will provide funds to support community-level initiatives that create outreach, awareness and capacity building within 4-H clubs across Canada. This may include club events, promotional activities and professional development opportunities for volunteer leaders.

November 2017

Standardbred Project

Application Deadline: November 1, 2017

4-H members applying to participate in the 4-H Alberta Standardbred Horse Project, made possible in collaboration with the Alberta Standardbred Horse Association (ASHA), must complete and submit their application to Alesha Hill, 4-H Section at alesha.hill@gov.ab.ca by November 1.

Key Member Unlocked

November 3 – 5, 2017

Deadline: October 20, 2017

Location: Alberta 4-H Centre

Key Member Unlocked is a fun training program for those interested in becoming more knowledgeable and skilled champions of 4-H opportunities and events, and of the overall impact that 4-H membership can have on those who take full advantage of all that it has to offer.

4-H Day at FarmFair International

November 11, 2017

Location: Northlands Expo Centre

4-H Family Day promises to be jam-packed with activities that will provide 4-Hers and their families with opportunities to learn new skills, meet new people, and check out all of the other great programs offered at Farmfair International.

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



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.

What's Happening In The Calgary Region

Welcome to a new 4-H year!

School is in, harvest underway, September snow (!!) and leaves are changing- add in a new 4-H year and Fall is complete. This year marks year 101 for 4-H Alberta and I am excited to see what the future holds! Whether change is from summer holidays to school or finishing up those last few items on your to-do list before the snow flies, fall is a time of transition and preparation. This extends to 4-H clubs, districts and regions.

Clubs may experience a change in membership or leadership. Embrace the opportunity to make new families, new members and new leaders feel welcome. Think back to your first experience with 4-H and what made you feel comfortable and what you wish you would have known then, to make the jump into 4-H a little easier. Clubs, which are the roots of the 4-H program, thrive when everyone is having fun.

Not only are clubs re-organizing, but so are **district and regional councils**. Clubs are entitled to representation at the district level. Your club's attendance at these meetings is very important as it is an opportunity to make connections with other 4-H'ers (members & leaders), share and discuss thoughts and ideas that would benefit your local 4-H and to hear what is happening the greater 4-H community. For information on when your next district meeting is, contact your club leader or key leader.

Taking another step "up", the **Calgary Regional 4-H Council** is hosting its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 1. Similar to club representation at district meetings, districts are entitled to representation at regional meetings and the regional council needs input from all districts to ensure that the appropriate plans are made. Your Calgary Regional 4-H Council is chosen by the members of the Calgary region, to represent the members and leaders of the Calgary Region. Each district is entitled to two votes at regional meetings, make sure your representatives are "in the know" when they arrive at regional council meetings.

Feeling up for a change? Why not take on a leadership role at the district or regional level? Councils at various levels are looking for new executive members, assistance in planning events or key leaders.

NEW in 2017-2018- The Calgary Regional 4-H Council is looking for a representative from each district, that is not already involved at the key leader or district level. The regional council would like to restructure the current executive to become a 'board of directors', with the 2017-18 year being a trial year. For more information contact: calgaryregional4hcouncil@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing some new and familiar faces this year!

4-H on Parade:

2018 event dates: May 31-June 3, 2018

Leader Meeting Dates:

Oct 23 7:00pm	Balzac Hall
Jan 22 7:00pm	Balzac Hall
Apr 23 7:00pm	Balzac Hall

You have received a link to a survey about [4-H on Parade](#), please take a few minutes to fill this out, the Regional Executive would like to know what you have to say!

Don't forget, Regional Bursary [application](#) deadline is October 15th!

PLAN AHEAD...

Click each link for more information

Regional - 4-H on Parade Leader's Meeting

Start Date: **October 23, 2017**

Location: TBD

Regional Council Annual General Meeting

November 1, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Location: Airdrie Ag Centre, Airdrie AB

Winter Bonanza

Deadline: **November 21, 2017**

January 5 - 7, 2018

Location: Kamp Kiwanis, Bragg Creek AB

Who can attend: Junior and Intermediate 4-H members

Foothills Multi Judging Workshop

Deadline: **November 01, 2017 4:00 PM**

November 18, 2017

Location: Millarville Race Track

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



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What's Happening In The East Central Region

Welcome back to the 2017-18 4-H Club year!

The East Central 4-H Regional Council is the host for the **2018 4-H Leaders' Conference**. Plans are well underway for an exciting weekend. The Conference is January 19-21, 2018 and is being held at the Radisson Hotel Edmonton South. The planning committee will be looking for volunteers to help at the Conference in a variety of roles – greeters, session hosts, registration, coffee servers, silent auction and raffle sales, Mingles Room and photographers. There will be more information sent out as hosting details are finalized. Please join the committee to host this fantastic weekend of learning, networking and having a bit of fun!

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- Buy medication for your animals at retail outlets
- Complete manifests and permits, if required, when transporting your animals.
- Sell livestock at auction markets
- Apply for government sponsored agriculture grants and programs.

Registering your premises is one of the best ways to safeguard your animals and it's free. Click [here](#) to apply!

Ashley Eckel the Mobile Field Representative for the Viking area would be available to speak to clubs about Premise Identification and to assist your families to apply or update your PID account. Contact Ashley at aeckel@canadaid.ca or 587-888-1766.

You can also contact your local [Mobile Field Representative](#) or the Ag Info Center at 310-FARM (310-3276) for additional information.

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Key Leader Café & Regional Council Executive Meeting

October 11, 2017

Location: Stettler Provincial Building, Stettler

Regional Council Meeting

November 17, 2017

Location: Coronation

Regional Horse Council Meeting

November 25, 2017

Location: Castor

For more information about what's happening in the East Central Region

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What's Happening In The Northeast Region

What first-time Members (Families) REALLY need to know...

The following is a few points to try and keep your new 4-H families engaged for the long haul.

Family – Our clubs thrive when a family feels welcome and they like to fit in the club and this is created by the atmosphere that is set at each meeting but also knowledge of what is to come in the upcoming year. Leaders need the ability to talk to people joining your club more in terms of commitment, do you meet often or minimal, what sort of focus you have as a club be it technical or life skill oriented.

Parents – 4-H is young people and adults learning projects and life skills, cooperating and having fun together, sharing leadership and learning to do by doing. We need parents/leaders and members to all work together to learn. 4-H clubs rely on family support and volunteers to make things happen.

Shared Leadership – One of the great things about many 4-H clubs is the opportunity for many hands to work together to create a variety of opportunities for youth. A few steps to establish a shared leadership program:

1. Make a list of all the jobs to be done and perhaps have an experienced family work with a new family on some of the larger jobs. Mentoring is a great way to learn and can bring new ideas while still maintaining continuity.
2. Ask parents and leaders to let the primary leadership team know what their skills and strengths are. If you know someone would rather be behind the scene - how will your club support or encourage them?

Teamwork – the key to great teamwork is communication. At the start of the year go over your club constitution with the adults and members in the club. **Review the rules** of the club, district, region and province if needed. This allows people to know what is expected; have a copy for the families to take home. **Delegation is a real art!!** As the general leader you do have the final responsibility to make sure everything gets done, but allowing others to help will lessen your load and train people to be your successor!

Make Meetings Fun – While the business part of meetings is important for members to learn, it is always important to remember that the members are our purpose for existing and sitting through the meeting can be the hardest part of the year for some. Be sure that all meetings are well planned with an agenda you can stick to, the meeting is set up and ready to start on time, and that you allow for social time – snack is sometimes the most important part of the meeting!!

October Reminders

October 1 – On-line registration begins!! Please contact myself or the 4-H information line 780-422-4444 if you have any questions regarding “usernames”, “passwords” or general registration questions

October 18 – NE Regional Executive meets, if there is something you would like on the agenda send to Terry Huculak, NE President vhuculak@hotmail.com or myself

October 24 – NE Beef Learning evening at Lakeland College – 6 PM. Registration is required by NOON Monday October 23rd at the Regional Office in Vermilion

Keep 4-Hing !!
Shelly Ann

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Click each link for more information

Beef Learning Event - Clipping Clinic

April 20 - 22, 2018
Registration Opens October 1, 2017

Regional - Regional Executive Meeting

October 18, 2017 7:00 PM

Location: Vermilion Provincial Building, 2nd floor board room

Beef Learning Evening

October 24, 2017 7:00 PM

Deadline: October 23, 2017

Location: Location: Rm 136, Lakeland College Mead Building, Vermilion AB
Sessions Include: Session #1 - Verified Beef Program and 4-H; Session #2a - 4-H Project Selection and Introduction to Feeding; Session #2b - 4-H Beef Record Book Elements

Space is limited - first 80 participants will be accepted

Fall Fundamentals - Evening Event

October 24, 2017

Location: Vermilion Provincial Building

Learning more about VBP and Calf Selection and Feeding

Regional Council Meeting

Start Date: November 04, 2017 10:00 AM

Location: Vegreville Train Station, VEGREVILLE AB

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



What's Happening In The Northwest Region

Welcome to the new 4-H club year! As the leaves fall, fields are being harvested, and the routine of school and extra-curricular activities are settling into place, clubs are reforming across the province. The registration system is now open for the 2017/18 year. I think it's going to be a great one as we kick off the next century of 4-H in the province!

Thank you to all those who took the time to attend the first NW Knowledge College. I look forward to seeing this day of interaction, learning and fun develop.

I would like to remind everyone that just as clubs are reforming so are your district councils. Every club is entitled to representation at the district level and it is important to ensure that your club reps are attending these meetings to share your club's views for planning, as well as to bring news back to the club about activities and issues beyond your club. For information about when the next district meeting is being held, contact your club or key leader.

Likewise, your district is entitled to representation at the regional level and we need your input to ensure that the things the region plans are relevant to all members and leaders, as well as your help in sharing the information about activities and issues at this level. The next regional meeting, and regional project committee meetings, will be held on November 18, at the **Cherhill Hall**. This is a change in location! Agendas and further information will be sent to all families before the end of October. I look forward to seeing many of you out at some of these meetings.

Each month this year I'm going to end on a final note that examines our 4-H pledge. We recite it at the start of nearly every 4-H activity but do you really think about what it means?

HEAD: We pledge our heads to clearer thinking. Use your head for the power it gives you to think, to plan, to reason. As you move into the new year, think about what you hope to accomplish, the best way to achieve your goals, and how to best involve others in learning and achieving with you. Challenge yourself to learn something new. Let's make it a great year!

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!

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Regional Executive (and Finance) meeting

Date: **TBD (October)**

Location: Barrhead Provincial Building, 2nd Floor, Barrhead AB

Life Skills and Other Animals Record Book Marking 'Party'

Date: **October 21**

Location: Legal School, Legal AB

Contact: Lorna Punko

6th Annual Horse Play

November 4, 2017

Deadline: **October 20, 2017**

Location: Villeneuve Hall, Villeneuve AB

Join us for a fun learning day about equines. Meet new friends, play some games and win great prizes.

Regional Council Annual General Meeting

Date: **Nov 18, 2017**

Location: Cherhill Hall, Cherhill AB

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What's Happening In The Peace Region

Happy Fall!

Fall has always been my favorite time of year – the crisp air, changing leaves, golden wheat fields and of course a new 4-H year!

Registration is now open for the 2017-18 year and I am looking forward to working with all of you this year.

We have some great events coming up in the next few months to kick our year off right! First we will gather on October 21 at the Grimshaw Legion Hall to celebrate 4-H Alberta's 100th Anniversary at our Peace Region Centennial Celebration! We want to get everyone together who has been touched by 4-H in one way or another and celebrate. Clubs that will be attending are asked to bring their club banners as well as any items that can be provided for the history display. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 each and available at the region office or from our Regional President Sally Barkwell. Don't delay you won't want to miss out.

Do you sing, dance, play an instrument or have a special talent that you would like to share at our centennial celebration? Then I would like to hear from you! We are looking to showcase some of our talented Peace Region 4-Hers past or present at this event. Please contact the regional office as soon as possible if you are interested.

Frosty Fest planning is well under way for Saturday, November 18 at the Whitelaw Community Hall! All leaders, parents and members are encouraged to attend a day of learning and fun. Registration forms will be sent to all leaders in their start up package and available on the website on the Peace page. This year there will be an exciting team building challenge for members and there may be some cake involved.... Sign up early!

I would also like to send out a huge congratulations to our very own Emily, MacKenzie and Samuel Plante from the Kinuso Lakeside Club for winning the 4-H Alberta Carcass Competition. The Plante's were awarded first prize at Fever in August. Congratulations on a job well done.



Have a safe and happy fall. See you soon!
Penny Steffen

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What's Happening In The South Region

The new club year is just beginning and the South 4-H Regional Council hosts the first event which will be something extra special this year, as we continue to celebrate the 100th anniversary of 4-H in Alberta! Here's the details:

WHAT - Southern 4-H Regional Annual Celebration

WHEN – Saturday, October 14th

WHERE – Taber Community Centre

TIME – Doors Open at 4:00 Supper at 5:00 Speaker at 5:45 Awards and Recognition at 6:45

This event celebrates the achievements of our leaders and members during the 2016-2017 club year, with the presentation of leader awards, and the recognition of members who have achieved at various regional and provincial events and programs throughout the year. We also salute the regional and district Friends of 4-H and those members who will be receiving a regional scholarship.

This year we also have the honor of hearing from guest speakers, Julie and Lowell Taylor, who have overcome diversity by turning obstacles into opportunities. Lowell was the first visually impaired contestant in Amazing Race's history, and Julie and Lowell completed seven out of the eleven legs on season four of the Amazing Race Canada.

Julie and Lowell work tremendously well as a team. Julie has been by Lowell's side every step of the way as he faces challenges to his independence. Lowell's emotional & mental strength, unending patience, and sense of humour help with daily stressors as they live, work, and raise a family together.

They now speak together to share their message of overcoming obstacles, and what it takes to get through life's challenges

WHO SHOULD ATTEND – Every South 4-H Member and leader, and their families

COST - \$2.00 per Person (for dinner)

Registration – Please Contact Ginny Smith at 403-381-5815 (work) 403-892-0909 (cell - texting available) or Email: ginny.smith@gov.ab.ca with numbers of attendees from your family

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Learning Day and Celebration

Deadline: October 06, 2017 Date: October 14, 2017 1:00 PM

Location: Taber Community Center

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What's Happening In The West Central Region

Welcome back to the 2017-18 4-H Club year!

The **West Central 4-H Region's Centennial Celebration and the Leader Recognition Banquet** has been postponed. Watch for more information once details are finalized.

Following in the November 4 West Central Regional Council meeting, join the group for the **Record Book Competition** marking. Attached is the [LINK](#) to the guidelines. Please contact your District Council contact or Key Leader for the deadline to submit the record books at the District Level.

West Central Regional 4-H Centennial Cookbooks are still available! These would make great Christmas or club appreciation gifts. Cost is \$20. To purchase, please contact Sherry Wardley at wardleym@xplornet.com.

Horse Marketing Clinic is taking place on Saturday, October 21st in Ponoka. This clinic is designed so those participating and organizing the 4-H Horse Project Sale will have a clear plan to follow to market the event. Everyone interested in selling horses is welcome to attend and will benefit from the topics covered. Clinician Katie Roxburgh will cover a number of different topics to how to place a value on the horse your selling to how to attract buyers.

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Key Leader Cafe and Regional Council Executive Meeting

October 4, 2017

Location: Lacombe

Key Leaders will meet and discuss upcoming year and a meeting of the Regional Council Executive

Horse Project Marketing Clinic

October 21, 2017

Deadline: October 10, 2017

Location: Hudson's Green Community Center, 6210 61 Street, Ponoka

This clinic is designed so those participating and organizing the 4-H Horse Project Sale will have a clear plan to follow to market the event. Everyone interested in selling horses is welcome to attend and will benefit from the topics covered.

Regional Council Meeting and Record Book Marking

November 4, 2017

Location: Lacombe Memorial Centre – 5214-50 Ave., Lacombe

Centennial Celebration and Leader Recognition

November 19, 2017

Location: TBA

For more information about what's happening in the West Central Region

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4-H Council of Alberta

Cleaver Kids in your 4-H Club

To get started, review the Cleaver Kids requirements and the Cleaver Kids Leader Guide. Ask questions if you need clarification. Cleaver Kids' involvement at the club level may vary from club to club.

Clubs are encouraged to discuss:

- How will we effectively engage 6-8 year olds as part of the club?
- What unique, age appropriate activities can be incorporated for Cleaver Kids?
- What are some potential benefits of Cleaver Kids being part of the club?
- How will Cleaver Kids progress?

Program Plan:

Clubs develop a draft plan to present to members and, once it is approved, to potential Cleaver Kids and their families. This program plan includes designated club activities for Cleaver Kids and a framework for progression as they grow into Junior Members.

Club plans/programs for Cleaver Kids differ from traditional 4-H member club plans/programs. Cleaver Kids are not expected to fulfill the five basic 4-H Member Requirements as they are not age appropriate for Cleaver Kids.

The **program plan** must **focus on skills development** and not on one particular activity or traditional 4-H project. The plan must include **goals** and **sample activities**. Once the plan is approved by the club, it is shared with Cleaver Kids parents, leaders, members and families.

Club Requirements and Inclusion:

Clubs must adhere to all club requirements and be a club in good standing prior to incorporating Cleaver Kids. Reference Policy 4.01 and the Leader Manual.

Clubs must vote in favour of inclusion of Cleaver Kids and their separate program plan. Clubs are not required to have Cleaver Kids and each club may have a different Cleaver Kids plan.

Cleaver Kids may be open to any youth aged six to eight years or may just encourage participation from younger siblings of 4-H members; this is a club decision. Cleaver Kids are a part of the 4-H club family and, within the requirements, can be incorporated to meet the needs of clubs and families.

Cleaver Kids Leaders:

Clubs must have a **volunteer leader dedicated to Cleaver Kids**. One (1) registered, screened leader is required to be in attendance at all Cleaver Kids activities and events.

Adult : Cleaver Kid ratio is 1 : 5 for all activities and events.

Project leaders working with junior, intermediate and senior members are not to be responsible for planning Cleaver Kids activities. That is the responsibility of the Cleaver Kids leader.

REMEMBER: *In order for Cleaver Kids to have the best experience possible, they need to be engaged in unique, age appropriate ways.*



Yes, we are extending the deadline a bit further and Halloween seems like a good time! **October 31, 2017** is the new deadline for Heritage Families submissions. Honestly, at this time of year when so many things

are just starting up, we not only want to give you, our 4-H families, more time, we also need a bit more ourselves. It is a very busy time for all of us and we want to create the best **4-H Heritage Families** publication that we can!

Please submit your story as soon as you can and by the end of October, 2017 at the latest.

Contact us for details and requirements. Please do not submit PDF documents. Submit text in Word or Pages. Submit photos as JPEGs. Please call or email for more information or for help with your submission.

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4-H Alberta Leaders need to screen every 5 years.



Happy autumn, 2017! Autumn (or fall, if you prefer) has officially arrived and so has the start of the 2017/2018 4-H year. Here's an autumn photo of Battle Lake, taken near the Alberta 4-H Centre.

4-H Alberta Leaders complete leader screening to help ensure a safe environment for delivering learning opportunities and mentorship for 4-H Members and Cleaver Kids. Until screening is completed, Leaders remain at Volunteer status and must be accompanied by a screened Leader whenever working within the 4-H Alberta program. 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.

Leader screening must be completed by December 15, 2017. All 4-H Leaders must complete screening every 5 years. Both new and re-screening 4-H Leaders must complete the online leader application, have reference(s) complete the reference form and mail in a current police check by the December 15, 2017 deadline. If unavoidable delays occur, due to fingerprinting or other reasons, please contact 4-H Council immediately. If computer and internet access are issues for you, please call and we can complete some of the screening over the phone. References' responses are also required by December 15 so remember to contact and remind them to complete the online form. It takes just a few minutes to fill in the reference form. References must have known you for at least 3 years and cannot be family members. Leaders who do not screen will be re-registered as volunteers and they must not work with Members, Cleaver Kids or in other positions of trust without a screened leader present at all times. Volunteers also play an important role but it is different than that of Leader. **You can find detailed definitions of the roles of Leader and Volunteer at www.4h.ab.ca.**

Watch for your email that explains the requirements and provides login details. Please read that email and complete the screening right away. For assistance, call 1.877.682.2244 or 780.898.3037 or email leaderscreening@4hab.com.

Please, don't procrastinate. It rarely helps get the job done. Last year I joined a group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet but as soon as we do, I'll let you know what I learn.



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.

Looking for Volunteers!!

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!

4-H Alberta Alumni are looking for volunteers to work the Agri-Trade information booth on November 8-11. **Contact Melanie Danielsen 403-857-9335 or the 4-H Alberta Alumni Facebook page to sign up!**



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.



Agri-Trade – Free Admission for 4-H Alberta Members when you show your card! November 8-11, 2017

\$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



Annual 4-H Alberta Fundraiser

Watch for the annual 4-H Alberta fundraiser details to come out in a special October e-Scoop. Thank you to all the clubs that supported last year's fundraiser! Your efforts are greatly appreciated. We have heard your feedback and will be offering money back to those 4-H Clubs and committees that participate in the next fundraiser.



Alberta 4-H Centre

RR1 Westeros, Alberta, T0C 2V0
Bookings: 1-877-682-2153 or centre@4hab.com





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This November 1st
show the world what
it means to be
a 4-H'er!

Join us at www.showyour4hcolours.ca to share
your selfies and photos wearing green and tell
us about your greatest 4-H experiences.

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