



4-H Alberta Operations Committee Quarterly Connection

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1. **Three Cheers!! Celebrating accomplishments:**

- Thank you to committees from East Central and Peace 4-H Regions for co-hosting Uncover the Leader in You learning days. Both were successful and well attended.
- Congratulations to Sally Barkwell and Lee Carothers on being the newest Hall of Fame inductees.

2. **What's New:**

- All 4-H leaders are required to complete *Abuse Prevention and Duty to Report* training. See instructions on www.4h.ab.ca or in each club supply package. If needed, call for assistance.
- Find leaders screening, club and program payment TIP SHEETS on www.4h.ab.ca. Contact us for assistance if required. NOTE: there has been changes on how leaders are registered. We are experiencing high call volumes. We encourage leaders to check their progress by signing in to their profile.
- Watch for a NEW Youth Safety at 4-H in Canada Policy, frequently asked questions and *4-H in Canada Code of Conduct*. We will be providing educational and learning opportunities on upcoming requirements for the 2020 4-H club year. We request each leader and club to become familiar and embrace learning opportunities over this year

3. **Help us spread the word:**

- 4-H Alberta Store – New merchandise added monthly, monthly specials can be found on www.4h.ab.ca. Give us a call!
- Cookbooks – Cookbooks are back! Contact the store for yours today and explore fundraising opportunities.
- Alcohol, Drugs, Cannabis, Smoking and Vaping notice – Regional Councils, Provincial Committees were provided important information for all activity and events that involve 4-H youth.
- Accident and Incident reporting – Remember to submit report forms in a timely manner to the 4-H Council of Alberta. No matter how big or small the accident or incident, be sure to document and submit to be processed.

4. **Upcoming dates:**

- **New 4-H Alberta programs and opportunities – be sure to check the website out and register early to take advantage of cost saving early bird pricing!**

5. **Provide feedback to 4-H Alberta:**

- Clever Kids activities and club program plans – over the 2019-2020 club year we encouraging leaders to send in their Clever Kids club program plans, activities ideas, photos or instructions of their activities to the 4-H Council along with a short recommendation of the activity for other clubs to use. We are proposing to create a tool for clubs developed by clubs. Contact us for more information or to receive activities for your Clever Kids!
- Reach out to Directors and Staff – Reach out to your Regional Council Director or Council Staff – we are here to assist you. A list of directors and contact information can be found on www.4h.ab.ca.



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1. Three Cheers!! Celebrating accomplishments:

- 1) The Foundation has secured AltaLink funding for our popular 4-H in Alberta Communications program and confirmed a three-year commitment from this partner. As soon as the Foundation receives the club contact list, payment will be issued to clubs, districts and regions. Thank you, AltaLink!

2. What's New:

- 1) UFA, AFSC, and Chinook Financial are currently running their club funding programs. For more information or to access the applications, please go to the respective sponsor websites.
- 2) Thank you to all clubs who recycled tires, electronics and batteries last year. If your club is interested in recycling as a fundraiser this year, please go to this link:
https://www.4h.ab.ca/News_Events/fundraisers.html.
If Clubs are interested in learning more about recycling, there is a webinar available co-hosted by Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) and the 4-H Foundation. Contact Tricia at admin@4hab.com to request the link.
- 3) In November, Leah Jones announced her decision to resign as CEO of the 4-H Foundation of Alberta. Her last day with the Foundation will be March 25, 2020 completing four years of service with the organization.

3. Help us spread the word:

- 1) Make sure you get your tickets for your preferred Calgary Flames/ Calgary Roughnecks games. The ticket links are as follows:
 - a. Calgary Flames 4-H Offer Link: www.flamesgroups.com/4h
 - b. Calgary Roughnecks 4-H Offer Link: www.roughnecksgroups.com/4h
- 2) The 4-H Alberta Provincial Scholarship program will start on March 1, 2020 and run until May 15, 2020. Additional information can be found here: <https://registration.4hab.com/Login.aspx>
- 3) Growing Alberta Scholarship applicants and recipients will be notified in March 2020.
- 4) Lammle's will continue the very popular coupon program!! Coupons were circulated in January and will be valid again for the entire year!
- 5) The 4-H Foundation of Alberta is thrilled and proud to announce a new and exciting partnership with Carbon Credit Solutions Inc. (CCSI). CCSI is an Alberta-based company and world leader in the field of measuring, reporting, and verifying greenhouse gas emissions. CCSI's Farmers and Landowners now have the option to **donate the monies from their carbon credits to the 4-H Foundation of Alberta and support 4-H in Alberta's youth and youth programming!** Learn more at: [Carbon Credit Solutions Inc. and 4-H in Alberta](#)
- 6) Whenever you have the opportunity, please make sure you take a moment to thank our representative from our partners and supporters. A list of current sponsors can be found here:
<https://www.alberta4hcentre.com/index.php/sponsors/https://www.alberta4hcentre.com/index.php/sponsors/>

4. Upcoming dates:

- 1) Webinars – A scholarship webinar is planned for March/April.



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1. Three Cheers!!! Celebrating accomplishments:

- 4-H Alberta held two learning days in the fall called “**Uncover the Leader in You 2019.**” Both events, held in Grande Prairie and Drumheller, were a tremendous success with both facilities at or near capacity. Some 150 leaders and parents participated in the events with almost all regions represented. A big thank you goes to the Peace Region and the East Central Region for co-hosting this program and to the organizing committees for all their passion and hard work. Is your Region interested in co-hosting “**Uncover the Leader in You 2020**” in November, 2020 with 4-H Alberta? More information will be emailed to Regional Council Presidents by Feb 7, 2020.
- The 4-H Canada Hands on Science training was held for the first time in Alberta during December. Ten leaders from three different regions attending the training.
- Congratulations to **Sally Barkwell and Lee Carothers** on their induction into the 2019 Alberta Agriculture and Forestry 4-H Hall of Fame!

2. What's New:

- **4-H Alberta Science Discover Day** on March 28, 2020 will provide Intermediate members the opportunity to discover science by participating in fun, hands on projects or experiments provided by the Telus World of Science in Edmonton. There will be time for the members to explore the galleries and take in an IMAX presentation. Members will be introduced to the 4-H Canada Science Fair.
- **Discover 4-H Day** is an exciting new recruitment event being piloted in the Edmonton Metro area on February 27. It is a one-day camp offered to non-4-H youth. This exciting day camp is an opportunity for youth to learn about the benefits of 4-H program as well as agriculture, food, life skills, communication skills, and community service. Youth will grow their communication and leadership skills and participate in a community service project. This action packed day will allow potential members to see the multitude of projects that they could complete and get them excited about the possibility of joining the 4-H program.
- Sixty-six 4-H Alberta members received the **2019 Senator's Contribution Award** from the Honourable Doug Black, Q.C., Alberta Senator, in recognition of their individual 4-H success during 2019. The award specifically recognized 4-H'ers named 4-H Alberta Ambassadors at Selections 2019, 4-H Alberta Platinum Award of Excellence recipients (club year ending 2018 or 2019, presented up to November 5, 2019), or 2019 provincial or national communications competition winners.

3. Help us spread the word:

- **Selections 2020** is taking place May 1 – 4 at Olds College. This year's theme is “Future” and is a fantastic opportunity for senior members to start discussing and learning more about their futures – moving away from home, budgeting, managing change, and careers and skills of the future are topics covered over this four-day program. Moreover, add in trips and awards and this is a can't miss program.
- **4-H Alberta Beef Heifer Show & 4-H Alberta Sheep Show** registration opens April 1 and will close on June 1. If you are looking for more information check the [Livestock Member Programs](#) or on the [4-H calendar](#). These are fun events for all beef and sheep 4-H'ers to compete in conformation, showmanship, multi-judging, marketing, etc.
- **Summer Camp registration** is now open! To give our 4-H families ample time to make summer plans we have opened provincial and regional camps early.
- Members wanting to help shape 4-H now and into the future are encouraged to complete [4-H Canada's Youth and Program Strengths Survey](#). The deadline is January 30.

4. Upcoming dates:

- **Selections:** May 1 – 4 at Olds College; Diaries to Regional Specialists – February 15; Registration Deadline: March 1/Early Bird: February 15
- **Summer Camping Programs (now open):** Registration Deadline: May 1/Early Bird deadline: March 1
- **Provincial Communications:** April 4 in Wetaskiwin
- **4-H Alberta Beef Heifer Show:** Registration Opens: April 1; Registration Deadline: June 1
- **4-H Alberta Sheep Show:** Registration Opens: April 1; Registration Deadline: June 1/Early Bird May 15
- Check the [4-H calendar](#) for all upcoming events and registration deadlines.



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Beef Advisory Committee (BAC)

- Committee members: Leisa Gallelli, Shelby Knoll, Tami Gardner (A) – Calgary Region; Rod Turner – East Central Region; Andrew Yaremko, Chelsea Noble – Northeast Region; Glenn Gilmar, Jocelyn Toronchuk – Northwest Region; Paul Franz (Chair), Jackie Cuthbertson – Peace Region; Carey Kopp, Terry Elliott – South Region; Arleen Henderson – West Central Region; Tracy Dietrich – 4-H Council of Alberta; Lexi Hoy – 4-H Section
- 4-H Alberta Steer Carcass Competition is underway! This year we have 52 steers and 58 members participating. We have also added three webinars covering DNA test results, marketing the beef project and carcass/ meat science. The final wrap-up date will be July 17.
- 4-H Alberta Beef Heifer Show- July 7-10, 2020. More information can be found under the [Livestock Member Programs](#) or on the [4-H calendar](#).
- A note to all Show and Sale committees: Please include this note to your buyer at your Sale: Please ask your show and sale committee whether your animal is insured or not and what the insurance covers and doesn't cover. Also be sure to ask what happens if there should be a claim or issue with your animal.
- BAC is working on revamping the beef record books and learning opportunities for members within the beef project.
- 2019-2020 Club Year Stats (Unofficial): Beef Project Members: 2,551; Market Beef Live: 2,389; Market Beef Carcass: 256; Breeding Heifer: 879; 2 year old cow/calf: 470; 3 year old cow/calf: 248; Pen Project: 6; Green Certificate: 5; Novice Calf: 3
- Next meeting date will be in April 2020.

Science, Arts, Life Skills, Technology and Trade Committee (SALTT)

- Committee members: Clancy Holthe – South Region; Jody Wacowich (chair) – Calgary Region; Chris Patten – West Central Region; Janet Niehaus – East Central Region; Shauna Charron & Colette McBride – Northeast Region; Karen Schneberger – Northwest Region; Cathy Botten & Sally Barkwell – Peace Region; Terry Elliott - 4-H Council of Alberta; and Yvonne Yaremco – 4-H Section.
- Archery Mailmatch Competition: There are 29 members registered to participate in this new competition for Archery members. Members will compete at club level but will submit their scores to compete provincially.
- 4-H Alberta Science Discovery Day: Intermediate members are invited to participate in the first 4-H Alberta Science Discovery Day on March 28th at the Telus World of Science, Edmonton. Members will participate in hands on science experiments, view an IMAX presentation, listen to a presentation about the 4-H Canada Science Fair and their projects, along with viewing the galleries in the Telus World of Science. Early bird registration deadline is February 28 with final registration deadline March 13.
- 2019-2020 Club Year Stats (unofficial): Canine - 375; Outdoor Living - 228; Crafts - 182; Woodworking - 170; Creative Options - 162; Small Engines - 155; Visual Arts - 145; Archery - 133; Photography - 117; Exploring 4-H - 110; Sewing - 107; Shooting Sports - 94; Pheasants - 88; Veterinary Science 86; Welding - 77; Poultry - 64; Health & Fitness - 39; Entrepreneur - 36; Performing Arts - 33; Pets - 27; Rabbit - 27; Engineering - 25; Scrapbooking - 24; Quilting - 23; Leadership - 22; Horticulture - 22; Beekeeping - 14; Cat - 13; Snowmobiling - 8; Exchange - 7; Interior Decorating - 5; Entomology - 4; Bicycling - 3.
- Next SALTT committee meeting is scheduled for March 8 via Zoom.

Sheep Advisory Committee (ShAC)

- Committee members: Nikki Peltzer – South Region; Joan Holmes – Calgary Region; Laverne Seibe – West Central Region; Deanna Krys (chair) and Erin Yaremko (Secretary) – Northeast Region; Sheila McNaughton and Fay McLaughlin – Northwest Region; Sandy Spence and Stephanie Cowles – Peace Region; Terry Elliott – 4-H Council of Alberta; Shelly Ann Dodgson – 4-H Section.
- The SHAC committee is pleased to report that the sheep project is doing well within the province with 71 clubs offering the project (up three clubs from last club year).
- Unofficially there are 500 Market Lamb and over 250 Ewe projects (including ewe lamb, yearling ewe and mature ewes) in the province in 2020.
- The committee will be reviewing a new "Carcass" record book this spring and are happy to be piloting the new record book format for the 2019-2020 year.
- The committee met on January 29, 2020 and discussed several different issues including policy, multi species judging, committee terms of reference and other opportunities available to sheep project members and leaders.
- The 10th Annual 4-H Alberta Sheep Show will be held in conjunction with Summer Synergy at Olds July 6-10, 2020. Mark your calendars and watch for more information in the coming months.

Provincial Equine Advisory Committee (PEAC)

- Committee members: Betty Beeby, Sharon Stout – Calgary Region; Bernie McGowan (chair), Amanda Shepard and Tara Sieben (secretary) – East Central Region; Laura McGowan – Standardbred; Vicki McMillan, Michelle George - Northeast Region; Corine Verbeek (Vice Chair) Joyce Kelly and Amanda Clark - Northwest Region; Hope Kristensen, Jen Greschner – Peace Region; Terri Byam, Kathlyn Peltzer, Cindy McConnell – South Region; Connie Kluczny, Taylor Rose, Chrystal Morfitt - West Central Region; Kathleen Linder, Lyanne Almborg - 4-H Council of Alberta; Alesha Hill - 4-H Section
- The equine project is doing well within the province with 980 members taking 1,243 horse projects (unofficial). The top projects in 2019 –2020 (beyond Horsemanship L 1-3 and L 4-7) are, Western Rodeo, Horse Showing Young Horse and English Jumping (unofficial).
- PEAC is working on an equine specific newsletter for leaders and member.
- The equine webpages on the 4-H website have been reorganized.
- Calgary Region is opening up their regional horse show, July 31 – August 2 in Red Deer, to other members in the province.
- PEAC is looking for leaders interested in attending a one-day "Equine Learning Day" if they were to plan one for the future. Connect with your PEAC rep(s) to provide input.