

Leaders' Conference 2018

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. With a theme of "Back to Basics", LC 2018 has sessions for every one... orientating new 4-H families, communication rules, diaries, leader level 1 & 2, consumer decision making, judging, connecting with members, dealing with conflict and much more!

For more information visit:

<http://www.4h.ab.ca/Programs/ForLeaders/Develop-Personally/Conference.html>

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



COMING SOON...

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MORE INFORMATION

November 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

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.

Show Your 4-H Colours Day

November 1, 2017

Let your 4-H pride shine this November for Show Your 4-H Colours Day. Deck yourself out in green, display the 4-H clover and show everyone how much you love 4-H. Use the hashtag #ShowYour4HColours on social media to share your 4-H spirit and photos with everyone.

Key Member Unlocked

November 3 - 5, 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.

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.

4-H National Volunteer Leader of the Year Award

Deadline: November 30, 2017

4-H members, show your appreciation and nominate YOUR leader for the National Volunteer Leader of the Year award! Applications for the 2017 National Volunteer Leader of the Year is open between September 15, 2017 and November 30, 2017.

4-H Canada - Club to Club Exchange

Deadline: November 30, 2017

Explore Canada through our Club to Club exchanges! Groups of 10 youth and two chaperones participate in a reciprocal exchange with a 4-H group from another part of the country. This gives each group a chance to explore our vibrant and diverse Canadian home.

December 2017

4-H Alberta Leaders' Conference

Date: January 19 - 21, 2018

Early Bird Deadline: December 1, 2017 - Deadline December 10, 2017

Location: Radisson Hotel Edmonton South, Edmonton AB

Senior Members' Conference (SMC)

Date: February 2 - 4, 2018

Deadline: December 1, 2017

Location: Alberta 4-H Centre, Westrose AB

Join 4-H members from across Alberta for the experience of a life time. Senior members have lots of changes coming their way as they transition into life after high school. SMC is a chance for members to prepare for what is to come while meeting and connecting with other senior members who are in the same place in their lives.

Leader Screening Deadline

Deadline: December 15, 2017

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



What's Happening In The South Region

Things are underway in a quick way for 2017-2018!

We started off with a party – because we love to do that – to fondly look at 4-H Alberta's 100th anniversary one more time, the Southern 4-H Regional Recognition event, and following our event theme of "4-H always looks GOOD on you!", we recognized our Friends of 4-H, leaders and members for their awesome achievements. The guest speakers, Julie and Lowell Taylor provided a very inspirational message to everyone. Please see the evening's program <http://www.4h.ab.ca/regions/south/news.html> for a complete listing of all of the recognized individuals.

Senior members have been invited to register and attend **SMILE** on **November 10th to 12th** – last minute questions about this program may be addressed to ambassador Christine Suominen at 1-587-679-5978.

The region's **Consumer Decision Making Competition** will be happening again on **Saturday, November 25th** in the **Vauxhall Elementary School**, starting with registration at 9:30 am, followed by a mini-clinic, lunch and the competition. Clancy and crew are working on getting some **VERY EXCITING ITEMS** for this event and the study guides will be sent to the club leaders before the event to share with their members. Members please bring your own pencil and clipboard. Questions – please contact Clancy Holthe at 403-738-4497.

Note that there is **no charge for participation in the Consumer Decision Making**, thanks to the funds raised by the **4-H auction** at the Farming Smarter Conference 2016. Note that the 4-H Auction is the **ONLY FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY** the regional council undertakes to support all of our regional events and activities. The **Farming Smarter 2017 conference** is coming up on **December 5th and 6th** at the **Lethbridge Exhibition** and will again offer the opportunity for some of our 4-H members to speak in front of the conference delegates, plus provide our Southern 4-H Regional Council to benefit from the auction! If you can **please help to obtain auction items**, please contact Clancy or Ginny for a copy of the letter to pass along, or ask your district council representative for a copy.

If you wish to **BID on items** at the conference's 4-H auction, we would be happy to place your bids in your absence – a great time to do some Christmas shopping, and **support 4-H in our region!** Just call Clancy or Ginny. More information about the conference and registration is available at <https://www.farmingsmarter.com/event/farming-smarter-conference/>. Check out videos of our 2016 4-H speakers at the conference at <https://www.farmingsmarter.com/video-playlist/farming-smarter-conference-2016/>.

Dates to remember:

November 10 – 12 - SMILE
November 21 – Southern 4-H Regional Horse Committee meeting – Western Tractor (upstairs) Taber at 7 pm
November 25 – Southern 4-H Regional Consumer Decision Making – Vauxhall Elementary School, registration starts at 9:30 am
December 2 – Southern 4-H Regional Council meeting – Lethbridge Research Station, 10 am. Each district should be represented – reminder of the \$10 gift exchange
December 5 & 6 – Farming Smarter Conference featuring 4-H speakers and 4-H Auction – Lethbridge Exhibition Park

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SMILE (Senior Members Inspiring Leadership Event)

Date: November 10 – 12, 2017

Deadline: November 1, 2017

Location: Seven Persons Hall, Seven Persons AB

Join the 4-H Alberta Ambassadors for a fun weekend including a dance, movie, outdoor activities, lifeskills workshops, and more!

Consumer Decision Making Workshop & Competition

Date: November 25, 2017

Location: Vauxhall Elementary School, Vauxhall AB

This is an exciting NEW EVENT for the South, which involves NO ANIMALS for those who may have allergies or are involved in projects other than livestock projects.

Regional Council Meeting

Date: December 2, 2017

Location: Lethbridge Research Station, Lethbridge AB

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What's Happening In The Calgary Region

Happy **Show Your 4-H Colours Day**, I hope you are sporting a beautiful shade of green for 4-H!

Take a look to the **right side of this page**, outlining all the upcoming events in the Calgary Region. Click on the calendar and you will be taken to the website and can look at all the events happening in 4-H! **Tip:** You can filter the events at the top of the calendar.

Program Highlight:

Regional Learning and Awards Day:

On **December 2nd** the Calgary region is trying something new! Traditionally there have been learning workshops on various weekends and a regional awards day at a time that is traditionally VERY busy with other 4-H happenings.

Regional Learning for members and leaders, will be on the same day as the Regional Awards lunch. The day will offer sessions for members and adults (parents, volunteers, leaders, etc) both before and after lunch.

Members sessions will cover: executive training, advancing your communication skills and opportunities within 4-H.

Adult sessions will cover: decision making as a skill (judging and consumer decision making), hosting a communications event and an opportunity to gain insight and tips from fellow 4-H leaders, parents and volunteers.

More **information on sessions** and **registration** can be found by clicking on the event to the right!

Registration in the Calgary Region is moving along very quickly, with approximately 24 clubs registered and many more clubs in progress.

The **Archery** project is increasing in numbers across the province. A committee has been formed to review resources for the project. The 4-H Saskatchewan Archery Members Manual and Leader's Manual will be available through the Club Supply order. A record book will be ready for the Fall of 2018. A **leader workshop** is being planned for **Sunday, November 26th** in the Airdrie area – stay tuned for more details!

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

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Regional Council Annual General Meeting

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

Location: Airdrie Ag Centre, Airdrie AB

Winter Bonanza

January 5 – 7, 2018

Deadline: November 21, 2017

Location: Kamp Kiwanis, Bragg Creek AB

Who can attend: Junior and Intermediate 4-H members

Foothills Multi Judging Workshop

Date: November 18, 2017

Deadline: November 1, 2017

Location: Millarville Race Track, Millarville AB

Regional Learning and Awards Day

Date: December 2, 2017

Location: Strathmore Civic Centre, Strathmore AB

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



What's Happening In The East Central Region

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! Registration is open on the 4-H Online Registration System.

The East Central Regional 4-H Council will be meeting on Friday, November 17th in Coronation. Watch your email for the meeting notice. The 4-H Alberta Operations Team, Leah Jones, 4-H Foundation of Alberta; Susann Stone, 4-H Council of Alberta; and, Diane McCann-Hiltz, 4-H Section, Government of Alberta will be presenting and answering any questions you may have.

The East Central 4-H Horse Council will be meeting on Saturday, November 25th in Castor, location will be announced. All clubs with horse projects are welcome to attend.

4-H Club Registration is well underway! There are 4 clubs that are registered and many more that are working on their club profile. Welcome to the Hanna Prairie Riders; the Big Valley Outriders and the Neutral Hills 4-H Rodeo Wranglers Clubs!

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Regional Council Meeting

November 17, 2017

Location: Golden Age Drop-In Center, Coronation

Regional Horse Council Meeting

November 25, 2017

Location: Castor

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What's Happening In The Northeast Region

This past year has been jam packed with programs, celebrations and 4-H Alberta NEWS!!

One of the great opportunities that 4-H Alberta provides programs for Senior members to participate in – SELECTIONS – is one such program. Ask Haley Dechaine, NE Ambassador from the St. Paul District, she attended Selection '17 and was awarded the NWT/Alberta Agriculture Development Tour this past summer.

"So far my experience of being an Ambassador has been amazing!!! Northwest Territories trip was the highlight of my summer. During the tens day trip I was able to connect on so many different levels with other Ambassadors. So many activities, so little time. We visited waterfalls, heritages centers and also got to a tour



of the Parliament Building. We slept fifteen girls in one large tent every night and ate way too many bags of Crispers and dill pickle Spitz while sitting around the fire. We shared many laughs and made great memories that I still look back on. Throughout the week I met many people along the trip and was able to explain to them what I, as an ambassador do for 4-H. I would not have wanted the trip to go any other way as it gave me some great friends that I will keep forever.

This summer I also attended Club Week at the Alberta 4-H Centre. I got the opportunity to meet three 4-H members who were ambassadors in the United States. It was interesting to be able to talk with them about how different not only our jobs as ambassadors are but 4-H in general.

I am super excited to have been chosen as an ambassador for the Northeast Region and look forward to working with my fellow ambassadors on conferences and other programs."

Haley Dechaine - NE Ambassador – NWT Trip

November Reminders

On-line registration continues!! Please contact myself or the 4-H information line 780-422-4444 if you have any questions regarding "usernames", "passwords" or general registration questions

November 4 – NE Regional Meeting – Train Station – Vegreville – 10 am

November 10 – Fall Fling Junior Staff Application Deadline

November 17 – Fall Fling and Venture Out Application Deadline

November 22 – Key Leader Café "Fall Meetings" – Vermilion

November 24-25 – Fall Fling & Venture Out – Two Hills School

November 30 – NE Regional Executive Conference Call

A reminder that all **district forms** are due and to be sent to the Vermilion 4-H office by November 30, 2017.

Keep 4-Hing!
Shelly Ann

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Beef Learning Event - Clipping Clinic

April 20 - 22, 2018

Clinic is now FULL - Waiting list & Spectator spots only

Location: Myrnam Arena, Myrnam AB

Regional Council Meeting

Start Date: November 04, 2017 10:00 AM

Location: Vegreville Train Station, VEGREVILLE AB

Key Leader Cafe

November 22, 2017

Location: Vermilion Provincial Building

33rd Annual Fall Fling Junior Camp

Date: November 24 - 25, 2017

Deadline: November 15, 2017

Location: Two Hills School, Two Hills AB

Talk to anyone that has ever attended and they will tell you this is the best 24 hour camp in the country! Come join the Two Hills District and other junior 4-H members (ages 9, 10 & 11) from around the Northeast Region for games, challenges, creative sessions, and great fun.

Venture Out

Date: November 24 - 25, 2017

Deadline: November 15, 2017

Location: Two Hills School, Two Hills AB

Members aged 12 - 14 get ready to be Entrepreneurial!! Venture Out is ready to help you gain the skills to create, market and sell something that you're passionate about!

Regional Executive Meeting

Date: November 30, 2017 @ 8:00 p.m.

Conference Call

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What's Happening In The Northwest Region

Happy **Show Your 4-H Colours Day**, I hope you are sporting a beautiful shade of green for 4-H!

November 18th is the **Annual General Meeting** of the Northwest Regional Council. This year's meeting will be held at the **Cherhill Hall** (change of venue) starting at 9:30 am. Following the council's meeting we will have leader recognition of those with 10+ years of service, lunch, and discussion with the "**Operations Committee** of 4-H Alberta" made up of Diane McCann-Hiltz from the 4-H Section, Leah Jones from the 4-H Foundation of Alberta, and Susann Stone from the 4-H Alberta Council. As always, when the speakers are done, **the regional project committees** will be meeting as well. Be sure to come and have your say in what the region is offering, in general and for your project specifically. Agendas and other information have been sent directly to every family.

Club registration in the region is moving along very quickly, with half of the region's clubs either approved or in progress. I'm very excited to have two brand new clubs forming, as well as one that is being revived after a year off. It is looking like another good year for the region.

Leaders Conference is coming soon. The Radisson Hotel **Edmonton South** will be hosting 250-300 leaders from around the province on **Jan. 19-21, 2018**. Registration is open now! Come and refresh your leader skills, learn new ones, and share with others from a variety of clubs.

The **Archery project** is increasing in numbers across the province. A committee has been formed to review resources for the project. The 4-H Saskatchewan Archery Members Manual and Leader's Manual are available through the Club Supply order for the 17/18 club year. A new record book will be available in the Fall of 2018. A **leader workshop** is being planned for **Sunday, November 26th** in the Airdrie area – stay tuned for more details!

Senior Members: Selections may seem like it is a long way off yet but remember that in order to attend you will need to submit your 4-H diaries for marking at the regional level as part of your application. This process can take some time, especially if you have questions once I've gone through them. I am happy to mark your diaries before you apply if you submit them early.

As well **December 8th is the deadline to order your Edmonton Oil King Tickets for the game on January 3rd at Roger's Place**. This is always a great event so don't miss the deadline to be part of the action! Tickets should be purchased as a club. For more information please contact Stacy Murray at the Regional Office.

Finally, a thought on the next piece of the pledge:

HEART: We pledge our heart to greater loyalty. Loyalty allows you to be kind, sympathetic, and true to those around you. Show loyalty to the 4-H program and enjoy all it has to offer. Participate fully and encourage those around you. Treat members, parents, and leaders with kindness and respect. Everyone working together can make this a wonderful year full of positive experiences for all!

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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.

4-H Day at Farmfair International

Date: November 11, 2017

Location: Northlands Expo Centre, Edmonton AB

Regional Council and Project Committee Meetings

Date: November 18, 2017 starting at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Cherhill Hall, Cherhill AB

Edmonton Oil Kings Annual 4-H Club Night

Date: January 3, 2018

Deadline: December 8, 2017

Location: Roger's Place, Edmonton AB

Reminder: Regional fees and the names of regional communication judges are due from each district by January 15, 2018.

Remember, that dates (and generally registration information) can be found on the 4-H website calendar (<http://www.4h.ab.ca/4hweb/public/calendar/calendarView>) for all the events happening in the region and province! You can filter the events you see with the checkboxes at the top of the calendar.

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



What's Happening In The Peace Region

We are on the tail end of celebrating our Centennial year and the Peace Region enjoyed their celebration on October 21 in Grimshaw. Approximately 50 people from across the region enjoyed a roast beef supper with all the fixings as well as entertainment by Liam Wark. A silent auction was held to help off-set some costs. Among the items was a beautiful t-shirt quilt made by our Regional Council President Sally Barkwell which included shirts from past regional events. I would like to thank everyone who attended the celebration as well thanks to all who brought items for the silent auction. A special thank you to Liam Wark for providing some musical entertainment for all of the guests.



Frosty Fest planning will be on 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 have been sent to all leaders are also 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.... Please sign up early!

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Frosty Fest

Date: November 18, 2017

Deadline: November 3, 2017

Location: Whitelaw Community School

A day of learning designed for junior and intermediate members to learn more about 4-H! This event is brought to you by your Key Members and 4-H Ambassadors.



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 West Central Region

The **West Central 4-H Region's Leader Recognition Night** is being held Sunday, November 19, 2017 at the Lacombe Memorial Centre (5214 50 Ave, Lacombe). Doors open at 5 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm with the awards to follow.

The West Central Region hosts this event and will be honouring leaders from the 2016-17 club year. 4-H members who have received their Platinum Award of Excellence medallions will be recognized, along with the Friend of 4-H Award will be presented.

To purchase tickets for the Leader Recognition Night, please contact Lisa Hendrickson at l.t.hendrickson@hotmail.ca before November 10th. Hope to see you there.

The **West Central Regional 4-H Council** will be meeting on Saturday, November 4th at 10 am. Following the meeting, the **Record Book Competition** marking will take place.

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.

4-H Club Registration is well underway! There are 20 clubs that are registered and many more that are working on their club profile. **Welcome to the Blindman Valley 4-H Multi Club** at Bentley in the Lacombe District! The club will be offering the Small Engines, Poultry, Craft projects, along with few others!

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Regional Council Meeting and Record Book Marking

November 4, 2017

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

Leader Recognition Night

November 19, 2017

Location: Lacombe Memorial Centre

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



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

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Members who participated in the West Central Regional Horse Show 2017



CANADA
4-H Alberta

Dear Cleaver - Question of the month

- submitted by a Regional Specialist

Dear Cleaver,
I have received a question to put to you. A club had a leader who never completed

screening in year 1 (2015-2016). In year 2 (2016-2017), the club elected this individual to be the club's general leader. Again, he/she didn't complete screening and was moved over to volunteer status. Currently, this individual continues to act as general leader and likely will be elected again by the club. How many years can a person, now that we have this new volunteer category, start as leader and have to be removed, if not completing screening back over to volunteer? How will this be managed? Thanks!



Thank you for that great question! 4-H Alberta leaders are in fact considered to be volunteers until the leader screening process is completed. This is true for all leaders, whether they are new or due for re-screening. No 4-H leader is considered to be a leader until the screening has been completed and, until then, these volunteers must have a screened leader present whenever working with members or in any other positions of trust within 4-H Alberta. In this case, this individual may again be elected but, until the screening is finished, he/she is considered to be a volunteer. For leaders such as this one, who has not completed the screening over 2 years, further extensions of time, beyond the December 15 deadline for leader screening, will not be allowed. On December 15, 2017, leaders, such as this one, will be moved to volunteer status again. The Club's General Leader and/or Registrar as well as the Regional Specialist will be advised of the change in the leader's status. If the leader in question is the general leader and/or club registrar, we will advise the screened leaders of that club and the Specialist that the club must elect a new general leader. If no leader in the club is screened, we will advise the Regional Specialist that this is the case and leave it to Specialist to resolve the club's status. Should the individual be elected yet again, steps will be taken to remove them to volunteer status before the December 15 deadline.

Screening must be completed within the time allowed and cannot be carried over from one year to the next. Extensions may be granted in rare cases where fingerprinting is required and this will require a letter from the police detachment verifying that the individual has submitted fingerprints and the Police Check is in progress.

Best mascot regards, Cleaver

CLEAVER KIDS Lesson Planning & Ideas

Cleaver Kids resources for leaders are available online at <http://4h.ab.ca/Partners/council.html#CleaverKids>. There, you will find the *Cleaver Kids Leader's Guide*, a resource to help you set a successful stage for your Cleaver Kids group. We encourage you to download and review the Guide. It will help you to:

- understand the various characteristics of this age group;
- create positive learning environments;
- plan events and activities;
- provide guidance and discipline.



Also available online, the Cleaver Kids Quick Reference Guide and Resources sheet should be posted to the website soon. Please contact us directly for copies of the 2017-2018 versions of these two documents if the new ones do not yet appear there. You can contact us at (780)682-2648, 1-877-682-2244, susann.stone@4hab.com or leaderscreening@4hab.com and we'll be glad to forward the current 2017-2018 versions

Over the coming months, we'll be offering some ideas for activities and mini projects that are appropriate for this age group. And, if you think you have a great activity, please send it along to us and we may feature it in a future edition of SCOOP. You could win a prize!

When planning your own lessons for Cleaver Kids, here are some suggestions for planning activities and events:

- The name or title of the lesson/activity should reflect the concept.
- Determine what you wish to accomplish / your objective.
- Estimate the time required.
- Determine how many helpers you require to supervise the activity.
- List all materials, equipment and resources you will need.
- Determine what background information to share with the children to add meaning to the lesson.
- Find creative ways to prepare the children and provide the background information they need.
- ORGANIZE and plan ahead.
- Welcome the children, individually if possible, and tell them all what activity has been planned.
- When shifting activities, give the children a few minutes' notice of the coming change.
- Focus on activities that can be finished in a single meeting.
- Always remain flexible; be prepared for minor disasters or for children to finish early or lose interest.
- Incorporate time for children to think about and share observations, experiences and new knowledge.
- Consider questions to ask the children to help gauge the success of the activity and its objective.
- Plan future activities that build on this one and/or provide parents with suggestions for follow up.
- Recognize each child's effort or accomplishment and provide some positive reinforcement. This can be a positive comment, a sticker or other small item; even an opportunity for each child to talk about his/her own work can provide positive reinforcement.

This month, with Remembrance Day just around the corner, you may want to check out **Take Time To Remember**, at <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/information-for/students/take-time-to-remember>. There you will find easily downloadable activity booklets for young children. Even if the resource is being used by your local schools, you can find the booklets from past years there also or you can just browse for some ideas to incorporate remembrance into your Cleaver Kids lesson plan. From the website: "Take Time to Remember is an activity booklet for young children that introduces concepts of remembrance in an accessible and fun manner. Brightly illustrated, it contains six activities: Remembrance Maze; Connect the Dots; Let's Colour; Remembrance Count; Word Search; Animals in War."

Above all, incorporate a bit of FUN!

MYTH BUSTING MINUTE

- brought to you this month by 4-H Council of Alberta

Council's Heritage Families project was a highlight of the Centennial year for us. Reviewing the stories of 4-H multigenerational families was interesting and the photos were great, especially the vintage ones!

One 4-H Alberta "myth" did pop up in several of the submissions and we are on a mission to bust it and get the truth out there. Several Heritage Families' stories made reference to the Alberta 4-H Centre, which is also celebrating an anniversary this year. It has been 40 years since the 143 acre property on Battle Lake was purchased from Grant MacEwan. That's right! The land was purchased. It was not donated to 4-H Alberta. The book, **4-H and Alberta: 75 Years of Growing Together**, states: "On September 4, 1977, Council President Dorothy Rigney presented Dr. Grant MacEwan with a cheque for \$95,000 for his Battle Lake property."

There's the truth! Spread it around! And, if you can think of other myths that need busting, let us know and we'll broadcast the truth. We all know it's out there.





Foundation News & Opportunities

Partner Appreciation Event

The 4-H Foundation of Alberta held its 7th annual Partner Appreciation Event on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the Alberta 4-H Centre. The annual gathering recognizes and celebrates the generosity and support of 4-H Alberta supporters and partners.

As every year, it was an evening filled with inspiring conversations, laughter, and an opportunity to connect 4-H Alberta supporters and enthusiasts with our spirited 4-H members and alumni. Cara McNaughton did an excellent job capturing the evening's most memorable moments as the designated event photographer.

Lois Schultz as the emcee and Dulcie Turner as the 4-H youth speaker presented alongside Keith Luft - Chairman of the 4-H Alberta Foundation Board of Directors, Leah Jones – CEO of the 4-H Alberta Foundation, and Ed Toupin - Municipal and Community Relations Manager with AltaLink.

A special thank you goes out to the 4-H Alberta clubs who braved the weather to support us during this important celebration and to show our guests what 4-H Alberta has to offer: Round Hill Multi Club, Alder Flats Multi Club, Central Lacombe Beef Club, Innisfail Nails, Needles and Noses 4-H Club, Lakedell 4-H Lighthorse Club, 4-H Alberta Alumni Club, and Western Multi-Talented Club. Thank you for joining us and making this evening an incredible experience for our guests!

And last but not least a big thank you to all our 4-H Alberta partners and supporters – we would not be able to provide Alberta's youth with outstanding 4-H Alberta programming without your continued investment and support. Thank you!

2017 4-H Alberta Partner of the Year

We are thrilled to recognize and celebrate AltaLink as 4-H Alberta's 2017 Partner of the Year.

This award is given to a 4-H Alberta partner in appreciation of their outstanding and ongoing support, commitment, and partnership.

As a partner of 4-H Alberta for more than 10 years, AltaLink proudly invests in 4-H Alberta's more than 5,600 members as the title sponsor of all communications programs.

Thank you, AltaLink, for your all you do!

Scholarships

The scholarship review meeting that awards provincial 4-H Alberta scholarships was held on the 28th of September, 2017. Successful candidates were contacted on October 20, 2017. Please note that not all regional scholarships have been awarded yet so there is still an opportunity to receive a regional scholarship even if you have not received a confirmation email yet. Feel free to contact Bianca von Nagy at scholarship@4hab.com if you have any questions.



From left to right: Keith Luft - Chairman of the 4-H Alberta Foundation Board of Directors, Dulcie Turner - 2017 Presentation Winner, Ed Toupin - Municipal and Community Relations Manager with AltaLink, Lois Schultz - 2017 Public Speaking Winner, and Leah Jones – CEO of the 4-H Alberta Foundation

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 Equipment Expo – Free Admission for 4-H Alberta Members when you show your card!
November 8-11, 2017, Red Deer, AB

\$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 e-blast. 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 club fundraiser.

Centennial Raffle

The Centennial Raffle date has been extended to November 11, 2017. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/4-h-alberta-raffle-tickets-38880703230> . If you'd like to sell a book or buy a ticket, please contact Lisa Patzer at 780-352-1148 or patzer@4hab.com



Alberta 4-H Centre

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

4-H Financial Best Practices...

4-H Funds at any level within 4-H (club, committee, district, region) are looked at as public funds. These dollars are not “owned by the members or leaders of the club, but are owned by the club or the committee. The 4-H treasurer is responsible to the executive of the 4-H group, and responsible to the members of the group and the public. Club funds should be used as a tool for 4-H members to learn about money management.

A person elected as treasurer has a great learning opportunity and will develop skills that assist in ensuring the 4-H group has a high standard of accountability, integrity, and record keeping. All 4-H groups have the responsibility of helping the 4-H treasurer to protect the organization, him/herself, and the 4-H program from conflict by encouraging and practicing careful, responsible and accurate handling of the finances.

- * All funds should be held in a public financial institution and a chequing account should be established and maintained.
 - ◇ Cheques should require 2 signatures.
 - ◆ Two members from the same family should not be co-signers.
 - ◆ Cheques should not be made out to “cash”
 - ◇ A 4-H Club/group should only have one bank chequing/savings account
 - ◇ If cash is required, cash should be taken from the bank and the reason for withdrawal documented
- * All financial transactions should be managed by cheques and not cash to ensure accountability
 - ◇ The 4-H Club should vote on all expenses that are over \$25.00 or that are not mentioned in an approved 4-H budget.
 - ◇ Payments should be made only when the treasurer has a written bill or invoice. The treasurer is responsible for keeping all invoices/bills paid and should record the cheque number that was issued on each.
 - ◆ Cash register tapes that identify the purchase along with an bill can be sufficient
- * All funds collected by the treasurer should be deposited promptly whether it is cash or cheques.
 - ◇ All funds received should be acknowledged by a written receipt and a copy of the receipt kept by the treasurer
 - ◆ Receipt should include what the funds were collected for/include the date and who provided the funds.

The treasurer has the responsibility of providing reports to the membership at meetings. Each meeting should provide a report that details:

1. The bank balance at the last meeting
2. Listing of all income generated and deposited
3. Listing of income generated but not yet deposited
4. Listing of all expenses that have been invoiced and paid
5. Listing of invoices/bills that have been received but not yet paid
6. Balance at the time of the meeting.

All Treasures must, at year end, provide an annual financial statement . This financial statement must be reviewed and signed off by both the treasurer and one or two other unrelated person(s) who reviews all transactions for accuracy. This review will prevent misunderstandings and protect both the outgoing and the incoming treasurer.

- * Income and expenses should be categorized into sections such as dues, fundraising, donations, sponsorships, investment income, events, etc.



4-H Alberta Steer Carcass Competition 2018

After a successful first year, we are pleased to offer this opportunity once again! The 4-H Alberta Steer Carcass Competition provides a unique opportunity for 4-H members learn about carcass quality, meat grading, genetics and the science and technology associated with aspects of the Beef Industry. We were very fortunate to receive sponsorship and support to run DNA tests and gather a Carcass Trait Profile. Thank-you to our 2017 sponsors: Genome Alberta, Alberta Angus Association and Southern Region 4-H Council.

Watch for further details and registration announcements!

PHEASANT

The 2017 project is coming to a close with the release of the hens complete and the rooster release in process. Thank you again to the **Alberta Conservation Association** for all they do for this project! Remember to ask your club leader or contact Ginny for more information about registering for this interesting and rewarding project for 2018.



At publication date, during our 4-H Alberta 100th year, with a goal set of 100 4-H members to take on 10,000 chicks – both of these were surpassed!

105 4-H members received 10,121 chicks (7810 females) into their care. Following approximately 14 weeks, of the 7810 chicks, 5149 mature hens were successfully released across the province – which is recognized as a strong success rate this year. Numbers are still coming in for the Peace region rooster release.

While you are out on your autumn adventures – those pheasants you see, may have some 4-H roots!

