

Summer Camps and Programs Registration is STILL Open!

That's right! We've extended our summer camp registration until **May 15**. So join us for a summer to remember by registering for one of our many camping programs throughout the province. Whether you it be an adventure at our gorgeous Alberta 4-H Centre or a regional getaway your camping memories are only a click away at www.4h.ab.ca!

Just in case you need a gentle nudge to attend be sure to check out our [4-H Alberta Camp video](#).

Provincial Camps and Programs

- Counsellors-in-Training (CIT): June 30, July 1, 2, 3, 4
- Leader-in-Training (LIT): July 1 – 4 * **NEW**
- Junior Camp: July 7 – 11
- ~~Combined Camp: July 14 – 18~~ **FULL**
- Combined Camp: August 11-15
- Intermediate Camp: July 21 - 15
- Club Week: July 21 - 26
- AIM Camp: July 28 – 31, August 1 - 2



4-H Alberta Beef Heifer Show

Interested in the cattle industry and networking with peers and industry experts? Take the opportunity to broaden your skills in showmanship, judging, grooming and beef knowledge - plus show off your prized project animal in a series of conformation classes by attending the 2019 4-H Alberta Beef Heifer Show, July 8 - 11 in Olds. Register at 4h.ab.ca by June 1.

4-H Alberta Sheep Show

The program is designed to sharpen your husbandry, judging, marketing, showmanship and trimming skills by taking in educational sessions and participating in various competitions. The added opportunity is to be at the fore front of the industry. As more producers enter the into the Alberta sheep industry, more members are entering into the sheep project. The 4-H Alberta Sheep Show is a great steppingstone to be part of an industry that is thriving in Alberta at the ground floor. Expand your knowledge base and be a part of a growing industry in Alberta. Join us July 11 – 14 in Olds! Register at 4h.ab.ca by June 1.

Do you like the outdoors, camping and the midnight sun? If so, here's a great CHAPERONE OPPORTUNITY.

We are looking for three amazing individuals to join the road trip of a lifetime with 24 senior 4-H members through northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories. You will travel, August 13 - 22, 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.

For more information and application visit <http://www.4h.ab.ca/4hweb/public/calendar/eventDetails?id=5300&returnUrl=calendarView>

May 2019

COMING SOON...

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MORE INFORMATION

Highway Clean Up

Date May 4, 2019

4-H Alberta Scholarships

Application Deadline: May 15, 2019

By completing one online application, 4-H members will be considered for all of the 4-H Alberta Scholarships for which they are eligible. Applicants can only receive one (1) 4-H Alberta Scholarship (up to \$2,500!), but may also receive a region or district scholarship in the same application year.

Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Fund Scholarship

Application Deadline: June 30, 2019

In 2019, another \$80,000 will be awarded to ten (10) successful scholarship applicants. Applicants must be Alberta rural farm youth (25 years of age and younger), have completed high school, and must be enrolled as a first-year student at an acknowledged post-secondary institution. The scholarship is designed to help rural farm youth who must leave home to pursue a post-secondary education or trade. The following monetary amounts will be awarded in 2019:

- First place: One (1) \$20,000 scholarship
- Second place: One (1) \$15,000 scholarship
- Third place: One (1) \$10,000 scholarship
- Fourth to tenth place: Seven (7) \$5,000 scholarships

4-H Canada Leadership Excellence Awards of Distinction (L.E.A.D.)

Application Deadline: May 31

L.E.A.D. honours the accomplishments of four special 4-H senior youth members and showcases the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members across Canada in the area of leadership excellence. Through the generosity of CN, four scholarships – with an overall value of \$20,000 each over four years – are available to 4-H members who have demonstrated personal values, leadership and community involvement within one of 4-H's Leadership Development Pillars.

John Deere Canada 4-H Scholarships

Application Deadline: May 31

Fifteen scholarships – valued at \$1,000 each – are available to 4-H members across Canada. Opportunities such as this help support 4-H members who will pursue post-secondary education at a Canadian college or university in a degree, certificate or trade-based program

TD 4-H Agriculture Scholarships

Application Deadline: May 31

Twelve, \$2,500 scholarships are available to 4-H members who are pursuing post-secondary education in agriculture, ag-science or agri-business at a Canadian university or college in September 2019.

Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers 4-H Scholarships

Application Deadline: May 31

Two scholarships - each valued at \$500 – are available to 4-H members planning to attend a Canadian university or college in September 2019 in an agriculture-based program, ideally with a focus on sheep related studies.

Weston Family 4-H Agricultural Scholarships

Application Deadline: May 31

Full-year tuition scholarships are available to 4-H members who will be attending a Canadian university pursuing an agricultural-based degree. Successful applicants could be undergrads, graduate students or completing their post-grad program.

June 2019

4-H Alberta Beef Heifer Show

Registration Deadline: June 1

Dates: July 8 – 11

Location: Olds Regional Exhibition, Olds AB

4-H Alberta Sheep Show

Registration Deadline: June 1

Dates: July 9 – 12

Location: Olds Regional Exhibition, Olds AB



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

What's Happening In The West Central Region

4-H clubs are starting to wind down the year with year-end activities, achievement days and other events. Good luck to all members as they complete their 4-H year!

There are a number of summer camps and programs available to members of all ages. Check out the online registration system for these opportunities!

Communication competitions are complete for 2019. Congratulations to the following members:

Regional Intermediate Public Speaking

1st: Kolton Hoogland, Ponoka District
2nd: Janna Bruggencate, Lacombe District

Regional Senior Public Speaking

1st: Catharina Brosinsky, Lacombe District
2nd: Katherine Gabert, Red Deer District

Regional Presentations:

Juniors: 1st: Theo Persson, Red Deer District, 2nd: Langdon Salisbury, Lacombe District

Intermediates: 1st: Holly Bickley, Red Deer District 2nd, Rhealee Humphrey & Aidyn Thomas, Red Deer District

Seniors: 1st: Faith Salisbury, Lacombe District, 2nd: Robyn Overgaard, Rocky Mountain House District

The **West Central Regional Horse Show** is at the Westerner Park in Red Deer, May 30 to June 2nd. Everyone is welcome to come and watch equine members demonstrate their skills.

Calling all members with beef female projects! **The West Central Regional Beef Female Show** is being held on Sunday, June 9th at the Lacombe Ag Grounds.

West Central Regional 4-H Centennial Cookbooks are still available! These would make great judge's or year-end gifts. Cost is \$20. To purchase, please contact Sherry Wardley at wardley@xplornet.com.



4-H Fabric is available for purchase! The cost is \$15 / meter + shipping. To purchase fabric, please contact: Sylvia Axley at czarlimo@telus.net.

New for the 2019-20 club year, the West Central Regional 4-H Council will be offering **Intermediate Camp** at the 4-H Centre in January 2020! Watch for more details starting in the fall.

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GRAMA SHIRLEY'S HORSE CAMP

Deadline: April 17, 2019 4:00 PM

Start Date: May 17 - 20, 2019

Location: Donalda Riding Arena

Regional 4-H Horse Show

Date: May 30 June 2, 2019 10:00 AM

Location: Western Park, RED DEER AB

Regional 4-H Beef Female Show

Deadline: May 27, 2019 4:25 PM

Date: June 08 - 09, 2019 6:00 PM

Location: Central Alberta Agriculture Society Grounds Lacombe

Light Horse Committee Meeting

Date: June 11, 2019 6:30 PM

Location: Kozy Korner (5024 53 St), Lacombe AB

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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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!

What's Happening In The Calgary Region

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12th Annual Spring Spectacular Schooling Horse Show

Deadline: May 17, 2019 4:00 PM

Date: May 26, 2019 9:00 AM

Location: Lazy S Arena (approx 17.5 km west of Airdrie on HWY 567)

4-H on Parade

Date: May 30 - June 02 2019 12:00 AM

Location: Calgary Stampede Grounds, Calgary AB

Regional Council Meeting

Date: June 05, 2019 7:00 PM

Location: Sheep Centre, Airdrie Agriculture Building, AIRDRIE AB

Regional Horse Committee Meeting

Date: June 20, 2019 7:00 PM

Location: Theatre at the Airdrie Ag Building, AIRDRIE AB

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rounded 4-H experience!

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the 4-H Alberta website.



What's Happening In The East Central Region

4-H clubs are starting to wind down the year with year-end activities, achievement days and other events. Good luck to all members as they complete their 4-H year!

There are a number of [summer camps and programs](#) available to members of all ages. Check out the online registration system for these opportunities!

[Communication competitions](#) are complete for 2019! Congratulations to the following members:

Regional Public Speaking

Juniors: 1st: Malenna Olsen, Drumheller District, 2nd: Kylar Cornelssen, Stettler District, 3rd: Jenna Fryer, Stettler District

Intermediates: 1st: Abby Fuller, Coronation District, 2nd: Brady Mappin, Drumheller District, 3rd: Ryley Mappin, Drumheller District

Seniors: 1st: Raegan Holben, Flagstaff District, 2nd: Kira Axley, Provost District, 3rd: Bailey Musgrove, Stettler District

Regional Presentations

Juniors: 1st: Kate Hadwin, Coronation District, 2nd: Andrea Glasier, Flagstaff District; 3rd: Aryann Haustein, Stettler District

Intermediates: 1st: Kennedy Mouly, Coronation District, 2nd: Layton Perry, Coronation District, 3rd: Ranier Bernard, Flagstaff District

Seniors: 1st: Hannah Turner, Provost District, 2nd: Tyra Ehnes, Flagstaff District, 3rd: Bryson Haustein, Stettler District



4-H Fabric is available for purchase! The cost is \$15 / meter + shipping. To purchase fabric, please contact: Sylvia Axley at czarlimo@telus.net.

The East Central Regional Beef Committee has been hard at work planning a **Regional Beef Female Show** for Sunday, June 16th! The show will be at the Coronation Rodeo grounds and includes various skills classes of marketing, team grooming, judging and showmanship. Conformation classes will round out the day. Entry forms will be available soon.

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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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Grama Shirley's Horse Camp

Date: **May 17 - 20, 2019**
Location: Donalda Riding Arena

Horse Event - Rodeo

Deadline: **May 14, 2019 6:00 PM**
Date: **May 24 - 26, 2019 10:00 AM**
Location: Big Country Riding and roping Club, Hanna

Horse Event - Rodeo

Deadline: **June 05, 2019 7:00 PM**
Date: **June 08 - 09, 2019 9:30 AM**
Location: Tees Rodeo Grounds, TEES AB

Horse Event - Rodeo

Deadline: **June 02, 2019 6:00 PM**
Date: **June 16, 2019 10:00 AM**
Location: Stettler Ag Grounds, STETTLER AB

Horse Events - Rodeo

Deadline: **June 10, 2019 6:00 PM**
Start Date: **June 23, 2019 10:00 AM**
Location: Castor Rodeo Grounds

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



What's Happening In The Northeast Region

From the Desk of Shelly Ann!

May is here! Hope everyone had a great Easter break, NOW bring on the sun, campfires and ACHIEVEMENT DAYS!!

Western Canadian Judging Competition

March 8th was a great day!! Thank you to the Lakeland College and the Judging Team for hosting this event. There were over 55 individuals judging. Congratulations to Kailey Wirsta who was awarded the TOP 4-H Member and the St. Paul Multi Club for winning TOP 4-H Club.

4-H Alberta Scholarships – Deadline 3:00 PM May 15th

For all scholarship opportunities and application information visit <http://www.4h.ab.ca/scholarships.html>

NE Regional Beef Heifer Show

Saturday JUNE 8, 2019 (St. Paul Ag)

DETAILS online!! Entry Deadline is **May 24th**

NE Moose Lake Summer Camps – Online Registration

Junior Camp - August 7-11th Intermediate Camp - August 11-15th

NE 4-H Regional Horse Camp Stoney Lake Community Grounds

August 16-19, 2019

Registration Fee: **\$125.00 (Early Bird Deadline: June 1, 2019)**

\$150.00 (Deadline: July 1, 2019)

4-H Alberta Beef and Sheep Show Deadline – June 1st

More information about anything 4-H - register online at www.4h.ab.ca

Keep 4-Hing!!
Shelly Ann

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NE Regional Items

<p>NEW!!! Toques</p> <p>\$12.00</p> 	<p>Cleaver Shape 2GB Memory Stick</p> <p>\$12.00</p> 	<p>Travel Mug \$10.00</p>  <p>Selfie Stick. \$13.00</p> 
<p>NE Pullover Sweaters Youth</p> <p>\$20.00</p> 	<p>Pull Apart Key chains</p> <p>\$0.75</p> 	<p>Also: Fleece Blankets \$15.00 (very few left)</p> <p>Please email your suggestions and orders to: linalta@xplornet.ca Subject: Promotion Orders</p>
 <p>CANADA 4-H Alberta</p>	<p>We are trying to move old stock to order NEW stock.</p>	<p>Make Check Payable to: NE Regional 4-H Council Box 24, Provincial Building 4701-52 St. Vermilion. AB</p>

NE Promotional Items

Check them out on the website or call the Regional Office for a Brochure and order form

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



What's Happening In The Northwest Region

First, I have to say a huge **"Thank you!"** to the NW region's executive and committees for the extra work they took on this fall/winter/early spring while I was in and out of the office dealing with my cancer. I am happy to report that I'm cancer free and feeling good! The support of the region has been wonderful, and knowing that so many good people surround me makes my life even fuller.

Congratulations to all of the 2018/19 **scholarship** winners! Regional scholarship winners were Kelsey Haggerty, Jayden Calvert, Rachael Dodds, Tanysha Van Hecke, Lisa Scrag, and Ryan McLaughlin. The **May 15 deadline** for the 2019/20 scholarships is fast approaching. Please remind any students you know that may be applying that:

1. There are provincial scholarships available for all years of study.
2. There are three regional scholarships (NW 4-H Scholarship (x3), NW Region 4-H Safety Scholarship (x3), Tony Lefebvre Memorial NW 4-H Scholarship (x1)). They are only available for those students in their 2nd year of student and beyond. An essay is required for each and it is important not to exceed the indicated length. First year student's essays will not be considered.
3. The essays each year must be original. A re-used or plagiarized essay will be disqualified (unless it was not read because you were in your 1st year).
4. You can win each of the three regional scholarships (any amount) only once.
5. The Melvin Clark 4-H Legacy Scholarship is available to those students attending Lakeland College. Students attending other schools will not be considered.

The Northwest Region will NOT have a regional **summer camp** this year. Members are encouraged to attend one of the other regional camps (Peace, Northeast, South) or a program at the 4-H Centre. We look forward to hosting a regional combined camp in the summer of 2020.

By the time you read this the **NW Regional 4-H Fair, NW Regional Consumer Decision Making, NW Regional Multi-Species Livestock Judging, and 4-H Alberta Selections** will have taken place. Congratulations to all of the participants and winners. Watch for announcements of all the winners later this month.

Finally, **achievement activities** have started around the region. Remember to have fun, even if you are trying your best to win. Whether your club holds a display day or a competition; goes on a week-long club trip or holds an afternoon tea – thank you and good luck! Thank you members for working hard and sticking with it! Good luck as you take the opportunity to showcase all you've learned and accomplished this year. Thank you to the leaders for helping your members and clubs meet their goals for the year! It is appreciated! Thank you parents for supporting your kids in so many ways, and for supporting their volunteer leaders as they do their best to help your kids succeed. In so many ways, 4-H is a family activity.

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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It's Time to Focus

Let's talk about a unique opportunity for you, and your fellow 4-H members, to experience what many Northwest region 4-H'ers call the best weekend of their year.

Focus on 4-H is programmed to be in "non-stop regional show" mode but it's much more than that. It's project showcases, bench shows, workshops, lip sync and club mascot contests, and an iron member decathlon. It's animal costume classes, dog, pony and goat races, a musical ride, camp fires and of course a rockin' dance. But maybe more than all that, it is a time to hang out with fellow 4-H'ers – rekindling old friendships and meeting your new bestie.

"There's so many great things I can say about Focus... it's hard to put into words but Focus on 4-H has always been one of the highlights of the 4-H year, not only for me but for my entire club!" – Amanda Hardman, 4-H Member – Stony Riders 4-H Club.

Not from the Northwest Region? No problem! All 4-H Alberta members, no matter where they are from, are invited to experience Focus on 4-H first hand!

This year's event takes place July 4- 7 in the community of Thorhild. We look forward to seeing you there!

Register online today at www.4h.ab.ca. Deadline: May 15

For more information contact Stacy Murray, 4-H Specialist – Northwest Region at stacy.murray@gov.ab.ca.

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

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Peace Regional Combined Summer Camp

Deadline: May 1, 2019

Date: July 21 – 25, 2019

Location: Camp Artaban, Lac Cardinal, Alberta

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

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What's Happening In The South Region

Spring has sprung and soon Achievement Days will be sprouting up everywhere! Now is a good time to make certain that your member requirements including participation are up to date and on-track, so check with your club leader if you have questions.

The South 4-H Region Communications competition was another great success! Hats off to all of our talented young 4-H speakers, and to those who achieved top marks in every age category!

Public Speaking: Junior – 1st – Boeden Nickel, Lethbridge District; 2nd – Taylor Broderson, Willow Creek District; 3rd – Lucy Woolf, Warner District. **Intermediate** – 1st – Waylan Watson, Cactus Country; 2nd – Anna Lundgren, Vulcan; 3rd – Parker Krauss, Cactus Country. **Senior** – 1st – Ellie Stauffer, Pincher Creek; 2nd Kiara Porteous, Cactus Country; 3rd – Bailey Steiner, Vulcan.

Presentations: Junior – 1st – Rylen Guitton, Willow Creek; 2nd – Ella Odland, Taber; 3rd – Britten & Lincoln Kurtzweg, 40 Mile. **Intermediate** – 1st – Charles & Lauren White, Willow Creek; 2nd – Vane Ferguson, Taber; 3rd tie – Abby Slorstad, Newell and Ella Davis, Lethbridge. **Senior** – 1st – Jessie Ferguson, Taber; 2nd – Jordan Kurtzweg, 40 Mile; 3rd – Spencer O'Hara, Newell.



Top 3 senior presenters at Regional Competition
Photo by Kristin Woolf



Top 3 senior public speaking competitors at the Regional Competition
Photo by Kristin Woolf

Congratulations to two skilled South 4-H Region speakers who attained the highest honors in the province at the recently completed **2019 4-H Alberta Communications Competition** in Wetaskiwin! Public Speaking winner was **Ellie Stauffer**, member of Foothills 4-H Beef Club in Pincher Creek District with her speech **"Strengthening with Glass"**. Presentation winner was **Jessie Ferguson**, member of Retlaw-Prairie 4-H Beef Club in Taber District with **"Mind your Melon"**. Both ladies will now have the opportunity to travel to Toronto in November to compete at the Canadian Young Speakers Competition, held in conjunction with the Royal Winter Fair. Congratulations and best of luck for your next adventure!!!!

Got some time on the long weekend? Consider some awesome 4-H fun and learning – regardless of what project you are registered in! The **South 4-H Regional Sheep Learning Day and Sheep Breeding Project Show** will be held at the **Taber Agriplex on Saturday, May 18th, 2019**.

Registration is at **9:30** with **learning sessions, open to everyone, at 10:30**. Sessions include rumen function, tools of the trade, carcass evaluation, and others with a stand-alone Cleaver segment.

Opening ceremonies of the **show** are at **12:30**. The show, alternating with beef classes, starts at **1:00pm**.

The show includes ewe classes, showmanship classes and a prospect market lamb class.

Show rules will be provided, once show entry is received. Stalling is provided. The show committee would like to invite Cleavers to the learning day and to show in a Cleaver ewe lamb class, showing as a split in the prospect lamb class.

The South 4-H Regional Beef Breeding Project Show will be held at the **Taber Agriplex on Saturday, May 18th, 2019**.

Opening ceremonies of the show are at 12:30. The show, alternating with sheep classes, starts at 1:00pm.

Members may be interested in attending the South 4-H Regional Sheep Learning Day, open to everyone – registration is at 9:30 with learning sessions, at 10:30.

Sessions include rumen function, tools of the trade, carcass evaluation and others.

A big welcome to the **newest regional 4-H sponsor! CF Industries** is a new Bronze Clover sponsor: one of the world's largest producers of nitrogen. Their mission it is to feed the crops that feed the world and to support a more sustainable future. The chemical processes they use ensure they have the nitrogen we need to support life on earth - from fertilizer that feeds the crops that feed the world to products that remove harmful emissions from industrial activities. Their target audience are agricultural and industrial customers, and in Canada, they are mostly located in the South Region, thus this is where they would like to be involved and recognized. They are looking forward to meeting many 4-H members, leaders and parents in the south 4-H region!

The next **South 4-H Regional Council meeting** will take place on Thursday, June 13 starting at 5:15 pm. The agenda will be shared closer to that time, along with confirmation of the location. Representation from each of the 10 districts is required please.

Happy Spring!

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Sheep Learning and Breeding Project Show - Beef Breeding Project Show

Date: May 18, 2019 9:30 AM
Location: Taber Agriplex TABER AB

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4-H Council of Alberta

Attention: 4-H Alberta Clubs with Cleaver Kids

Clubs with Cleaver Kids, this is an important memo for you. *In order for Cleaver Kids to have the best experience possible, they need to be engaged in unique, age appropriate ways.*

Any club breaching the Cleaver Kids policy and requirements is at jeopardy of not being able to continue with Cleaver Kids in their club.

Please see the below frequently asked questions.

Can Cleaver Kids participate in Club, District, Regional events, shows, and or activities?

Cleaver Kids participate at club, district and region levels in a manner that is pre-determined and approved.

Clubs incorporating Cleaver Kids must have stand-alone activities, sessions, workshops, and so on.

“Stand-alone activities” means that Cleaver Kids have separate activities and do not participate in regular 4-H Project activities. Cleaver Kids are like “mini-members”. They undertake activities designed to prepare them to be future 4-H Members. This allows for “progression”.

Progression is a key component when planning. For Cleaver Kids to be excited about becoming Junior Members that progression must exist or repetition may lead to boredom and disinterest.

Why can't Cleaver Kids be part of a horse show or rodeo like older 4-H members?

There are two areas to be aware of:

1. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Cleaver Kids may participate in shows, gymkhana events, activities and events. **HOWEVER, activities and events must be stand alone at a separate, designated time of the day.**

I.e.: Cleavers can show or participate with livestock, including horses, if all their activities are together and not spread throughout the day.

Classes CANNOT be running in the following fashion at any event: Cleaver Kid, Junior, Intermediate, Senior members participating all together in the same class with the same instruction. Cleaver Kids cannot be combined with other age groups in project related activities or events. All Cleaver Kid activities must be completed at a separate, designated time of day with adequate supervision.

In the event that something were to happen and Cleaver Kids were not participating in a stand-alone activity with livestock, including horses, the liability insurance will be void.

2. Cleaver Kids do not undertake 4-H projects, nor are they required to complete a record book. To participate in 4-H Sanctioned shows and rodeos, Cleaver Kids must declare their mount via their project book. Project policies must be followed at all times.

Cleaver Kid requirements and policy can be found at http://4h.ab.ca/Partners/documents/AB4HC_CleaverKids_Reference.pdf

For further questions please call Susann Stone 780.898.4223.

Commit to Kids Training

- taking 4-H leader/volunteer screening and training to the next level

4-H Alberta and 4-H Canada share a priority to ensure that all children and youth who participate in 4-H programs and activities are safe and protected from harm. **Commit to Kids** is a program that can help organizations create safe environments for children. It provides policies, strategies, and step-by-step plans for reducing the risk of child sexual abuse, encouraging organizations to take an active, participatory role in protecting children in their care. 4-H Canada initiated this program last year and it will soon become mandatory for all 4-H volunteers, leaders, board members and staff.

Commit to Kids was developed by the **Canadian Centre for Child Protection**. The online training provides best practices to increase the personal safety of children and youth. While each province has its own plan to phase in this training over three years, 4-H Alberta has already piloted the program. This past year, 4-H Council of Alberta Directors and staff, Regional Specialists, Operations Committee, Programming Staff and West Central Regional 4-H Council executives and West Central Key Leaders completed the training or are currently in progress. Although there is normally a cost for this training, 4-H Canada, in partnership with each provincial 4-H association, has arranged for this training to be free in 2018-2019, for all 4-H leaders, volunteers and professionals.

Now, all 4-H leaders can access this valuable training. We invite you to participate now to increase your awareness and to learn how to take a proactive role in ensuring that our 4-H children and youth remain safe and protected. The training is **free** to all 4-H volunteers, leaders, staff and board members.

For more information about **Commit to Kids**, see the [FAQ sheet here at 4h.ab.ca](#). After successful completion (80% or above) of the knowledge validation quiz, you will receive a certificate and your name will be added to 4-H Council of Alberta's list of those who successfully completing training.

Do not delay. Learn to do by doing . . . today.

Here are 7 easy steps to complete the training. It takes about 2.5 hours to complete. You need not complete all modules in one sitting but we recommend that you not leave it too long between sessions.

1. Go to 4-H LEARNS at 4h-learns.org and sign up or log in.
2. Under LEARN tab, select VOLUNTEER TRAINING. Note: you won't see this option until you log in.
3. Under the eLearning checklist, select Commit to Kids Training and click on the link that is specific to our province, Alberta. You will be redirected to the Canadian Centre for Child Protection's Virtual Training Academy website (vta.c3p.ca).
4. Create your personal password for your account.
5. You will be asked to click a box to accept the End User License Agreement and release of your training progress to 4-H Alberta and 4-H Canada.
6. You will receive a verification email. Click on the link in the email to complete your account sign up.
7. Once your account is created, you can bookmark the link vta.c3p.ca in your browser to easily access the training during your period of training access.

If you have any questions, please contact Susann Stone at susann.stone@4hab.com or 780.898.4223.

Thank you for taking time to complete the Commit to Kids training, for taking this important step to learn more about keeping kids safe and for working together in 4-H Alberta to minimize risks to our Members and Cleaver Kids.



NEW - April 2019 Certificate of Insurance

4-H Council of Alberta purchases insurance policies that protects cleaver kids, members, leaders, volunteers and approved guests while involved in registered, pre-planned 4-H activities or events.

This year, a new 4-H Insurance certificate became available after April 1, 2019 so be aware that you may need this recent document.

Insurance coverage for clubs is effective when clubs register and pay the applicable 4-H Alberta registration fees. **Remember** that 4-H Insurance covers people and not livestock, project animals or multi projects. While Council recommends that additional project insurance be considered, this is not mandated. Members, clubs, districts and families should consider their own needs for additional insurance for project animals and project items. Clubs and districts may purchase additional insurance so do check. **Take precautions, mitigate all risks, document all participants and activities and report all incidents and accidents to 4-H Council right away.**

Reporting: Following an incident or accident, immediately take down all details of any injury and/or property damage along with the names and addresses of all those involved and any witnesses. An incident report, with full details, must be submitted to 4-H Council of Alberta as soon as possible. [Report forms can be found on the 4-H Alberta website here.](#)

To receive a copy of the updated insurance certificate or for more information, contact 4-H Council of Alberta at 4habstore@4hab.com or susann.stone@4hab.com or sereda@4hab.com or call 780.682.2648 or 1.877.682.2244.



Foundation News & Opportunities

Scholarships

4-H Alberta Scholarships

This is a gentle reminder that the 2019 4-H Alberta Scholarship online application will close on May 15, 2019 at 3:00 pm. When completing the application, please carefully read the instructions which can be found in the online application. To access the application, click on the following link: <https://registration.4hab.com/Login.aspx>

The Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Scholarship

As of 2018, the 4-H Foundation of Alberta will award ten (10) Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Fund Scholarships, worth a total of \$80,000! The scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- First place will receive a \$20,000 scholarship;
- Second place will receive a \$15,000 scholarship;
- Third place will receive a \$10,000 scholarship; and
- Fourth to tenth place will receive seven (7) scholarships at \$5,000 each.

We are thrilled, honoured, and proud to continue the Hansen/ Ness Legacy in such a meaningful way!

The application was posted on the 4-H Alberta website on May 1, 2019. The following rules and criteria apply:

- Applicants must complete and submit the application, as posted on the 4-H Alberta website (as of May 1, 2019), no later than June 30, 2019
- Applicants must be Alberta rural farm young persons
- Applicants must be enrolled as first year students at an acknowledged post-secondary institution and not have previously started or completed a post-secondary program
- Applicants must have graduated from high school and be no older than 25 years of age
- Applicants must need to leave home to pursue a post-secondary education or trade
- This grant is open to all rural farm youth and 4-H experience is not mandatory to qualify for this award

If you meet these criteria, you are encouraged to start your application come May 1, 2019 and to submit it no later than June 30, 2019.

You are welcome to forward this information to a youth who matches the criteria outlined above and may not have received this information because he/ she is not a 4-H member.

Please feel free to contact Bianca von Nagy at scholarship@4hab.com if you do have any questions.

4-H Foundation of Alberta

Thinking about spring fundraisers...

Remember we have some great fundraisers making perfect gifts for Mother's Day, teachers or just a thoughtful gift for someone special.

Phil's Fudge is now offering their very own Jerky made from 100% Alberta Beef along with their tasty fudge... sure to impress any sweet tooth.

Calahoo Meats is always a great addition and appreciated by all.

Alberta Recycling Tires and Electronics: Clubs participating in the recycling program please be sure to register your club

Go to 4-H website for forms and further information.
http://www.4h.ab.ca/News_Events/fundraisers.html

Sponsor Recognition

We would like to express our sincerest appreciation to our partners and supporters for their continued investment and support.

Thank You!!! We could not provide first-class youth programs without your help!

Emerald Clover



Gold Clover



Please be sure to update our mailing address:

4-H Foundation of Alberta
RR1, Site 7, Box 10
Westerose, AB, T0C 2V0

Alberta 4-H Centre

RR1 Site 7 Box 10, Westerose, Alberta, T0C 2V0
Bookings: 1-780-682-2153 or centre@4hab.com



Recording Community Service for your club

Getting involved in the community has many benefits for 4-H members, families and the community. Members will develop an appreciation for the people and organizations in their community, while learning many new skills. The community will benefit from the efforts of the club and view the club as a strong contributor to the community. **One of 4-H Alberta basic requirements for a member to receive credit for a club year is to complete a community service.**

Community projects are not fundraising projects. The projects should be volunteer and include all members of your club. Projects can range from one event to a program that requires ongoing commitment. The important thing is that there is some benefit to your community

4-H Members are required to be involved in a club activity that is a benefit to your community. Please record your community service for your club as it occurs.

What did other 4-Hers do? They planted trees, volunteered at fundraisers, collected for the food bank, helped out at shelters, visited senior centers, cleaned-up after rodeos, picked-up garbage, and even baked cookies!

If you are the club's General Leader and/or Club Registrar sign into <https://www.4habregistration.ca/~login.php> with your username and password.

1. Click on "Club Admin" then select your club's name.
2. Select "Club Details"
3. Find the section "Community Service"
4. Enter your club's Community Service activity.
5. Clubs can add up to 5 community services by clicking on the plus + sign

Each 4-H Club is required to submit their Community Service on line by June 1st in order to be a club in good standing.

Pheasants

A reminder to all 4-H Alberta pheasant project members, parents and leaders – the pheasants are coming! Yet to be pointed to the one particular day, the pheasant chicks will be arriving from Wisconsin USA and distributed to many different "stops" across the province by dedicated Alberta Conservation Association staff – one of the days between May 21 and 24. There will be an **email forthcoming pinpointing the exact day**, once it is confirmed. There are a lot of eggs to be coordinated for hatching – about 10,000 of them – so this is quite a process. Stay tuned!

Netting – new members are to receive 1 net at no charge, supplied by ACA. Once they have arrived, you will be notified of the distribution plan. Beak bits will be supplied again, and will be distributed in time for installation at about 4 to 6 weeks of age.

ACA and 4-H Alberta are working together towards trying something new to share all sorts of good pheasant information - the production of a webinar. Details will be shared when completed.

Thanks for being part of an ever-changing and growing project!



- In order to chaperone with 4-H Canada, these individuals must be screened leaders in good standing with 4-H Alberta.
- Club to Club participants who are already screened leaders/volunteers in good standing with 4-H Alberta do not need to re-screen with 4-H Canada. However, screening completed for 4-H Canada is specific to the program and cannot be applied towards screening with 4-H Alberta.

- Clubs seeking to participate in 4-H Canada's club outreach initiatives (Proud to Bee a 4-H'er, Steeped in Soil and Discover Science) must be confirmed to be in good standing with 4-H Alberta before participating.
- Clubs are considered to be in good standing when clubs adhere to 4-H policies, have sufficient members and screened leaders and have paid all member registration fees that are due. See policies for more details.
- Clubs must be in good standing in order for 4-H Insurance to apply.
- Clubs must be in good standing to all levels of 4-H before any member may participate beyond the club.
- For more information about screening and other things relevant to good standing, contact your Leader Screening Coordinator / Club & Program Payments Administrator, Bernadette Sereda, at sereda@4hab.com or 780.898.3037.

Connect with 4-H Alberta on Social Media

