



4-H Council of Alberta Update

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For circulation to Regional and District Councils and 4-H Clubs.

Thank you

The upmost gratitude goes out to Margaret Scott and Stacy Price for their years of service as directors on the 4-H Council of Alberta. They have dedicated countless hours to the council and serving on committees. Their knowledge and drive to represent the members and leaders for Alberta will be hard to replace. Thank you Margaret and Stacy, your personalities and skills will be missed on the Council. We wish you all the best and we-know we will see you down the 4-H road in the future.

Years of Service

2003-2014 Stacy Price

2009-2014 Margaret Scott

Also we would like to acknowledge Mark Sayers' service as council president for the past two years. His term as president has ended but will remain on Council as a director at large. Mark has been a great asset to the Council in the president role. "Big Picture, moving forward, empowering volunteers, passion for 4-H, and success of members" are all terms to describe Marks contribution to 4-H during his time as director and president. Thank you Mark for all you have done for 4-H locally as well as provincially.

Welcome

The 4-H Council of Alberta welcomes two new directors to Council starting in the 2014-2015 club year. Barbra Granigan has been elected by the Northeast region to join the 4-H Council of Alberta. We are excited to have Barb's knowledge and 4-H experience on Council.

For the first time since Council restructured the director at large position was up for election. Thank you to all those who applied, the response was great for the first year. Applications were received, the committee reviewed, interviews took place and the committee sent forward their recommendation for director to Council. Thank you to the committee made up of past council directors for taking the time to review the applications, conduct interviews and provide feedback on the process. We are pleased to welcome Tim Church of Red Deer as the new Director at Large. Tim's 4-H knowledge and out of the box thinking will be a great asset to Council.

4-H Council of Alberta Directors 2014-2015

Andy Pittman – President, South Elected

Lyanne Almborg – Vice President, East Central Elected

Cheryl Hardy – Secretary/ Treasurer, Calgary Elected

Dorothy Carlson – Northwest Elected

Tim Church – Director at Large

Barbara Granigan – Northeast Elected

Sherry Howey – Peace Elected

Christine Patten – West Central Elected

Mark Sayers – Past President, Director at Large

National Volunteer Week

April 6- 12, 2014

Since 1917, 4-H Alberta volunteers have been helping members to achieve excellence and to develop leadership, communication, technical, and life skills. Today, over 2,100 volunteers contribute their time, skills, and expertise toward enhancing 4-H Alberta.

Thank you 4-H Alberta volunteers for devoting countless hours, continuing dedication, meaningful contributions, and commitment to mentoring youth in Alberta! Your efforts will ensure a bright future for 4-H youth and the communities in our province.

4-H Leaders – 2193 volunteer leaders in Alberta X 142 hours = 311,406 hours

4-H Leader volunteer contributions 311,406 hours X \$20 = \$6, 228,120 = \$priceless

(142 hours statistic was obtained from Volunteer Alberta and we feel that is on the minimum side of leaders contributions to 4-H Alberta. 2193 Leaders- this does not include the countless hours of non leader volunteerism)

We encourage you to take the time during Volunteer Week to acknowledge and thank your 4-H leader, current or past, for all that they do for their club and community. Let them know how they have positively impacted your life – he or she will never forget your words of appreciation!

Regional Gathering 2014

The 4-H Council of Alberta held the 3rd Annual Regional Gathering at the Alberta 4-H Centre. Regional and Provincial Advisory Committee executives were in attendance March 29. The participants indicated that this is a very valuable opportunity to network and share with other regions and individuals in similar positions. Tentative Date for next year will be March 27-29, 2015.

4-H Council of Alberta Fees

The 4-H Council of Alberta is grateful for the support that Regional and District Councils, members and leaders have provided over the past years. The 4-H Council of Alberta fee has been \$10 per member for the past six years. This fee is utilized for Council operations. As we move forward we embrace new opportunities to enhance the 4-H program requiring your assistance. Please review the fee schedule for the 4-H Council of Alberta in the coming years. Thank you for your support.

2014-2015 - \$20 per Member

2015-2016 - \$25 Per Member

2016-2017 - \$30 Per Member

SPARC

4-H Council of Alberta has established a new committee by the name of SPARC.(Supporting Provincial and Regional Communities) Regions are encouraged to elect a representative for this committee. The Marketing Action Committee has been disbanded at this time. MAC representatives will be welcome on this committee. Meeting Dates: April 26 and July 27 at the Alberta 4-H Centre.

The purpose of SPARC is to:

- Provide lines of communication between 4-H regions
- Advocate, share ideas, event plans, from region to region
- Listen to members and leaders and communicate those needs and ideas to the 4-H Council of Alberta.
- Promote existing events, activities and opportunities at a regional level to encourage members and leaders to attend.
- 4-H Council of Alberta supports and receives recommendations of the innovative and engaging initiatives from SPARC.
- Brainstorm innovative methods to retain and recruit 4-H members and leaders.

Cleaver Kids

595 Cleaver Kids have chosen to be part of the 4-H Alberta Family this club year. Thank you to the 4-H Leaders and members for embracing Cleaver Kids and welcoming them in your 4-H Clubs.

What's out there for Cleaver Kids and Leaders

- Cleaver Kid cards (Leaders Conference or Mail)
- Cleaver Kids Identity
- Cleaver Kid Leaders Guide has been sent out via email to Cleaver Kid Leaders.
- Cleaver Kids are NOW included in the UFA 4-H Loyalty Program.
- Join the 4-H Alberta Cleaver Kid Facebook page for updates.
- Watch for Cleaver Kids Leader Training in November 2014



If you would like more information on Cleaver Kids please contact 4-H Council of Alberta.

Leader Screening

We are gearing up for the new club year, please ensure that clubs that elect 4-H Leaders who are in a position of trust, complete 4-H Leader Screening. All 4-H activities require a screened 4-H leader and need to ensure that the ratio of member to adults is fulfilled. Contact council for more information about leader screening.

Insurance

At this time of year 4-H clubs are busy planning project related events, community engagement, yearend activities and/or achievement days. Ensure that when you are planning these events that club minutes document the schedule of events, location and those members, leaders, and volunteers who will be at the event. A friendly reminder: all accident and incident reports are to be sent to Council soon after they occur. If needed, a proof of insurance can be received by calling Council.

4-H Alberta

4-H Alberta is 97 years old and soon approaching the milestone of its 100th anniversary! What a great time to be a part of 4-H in Alberta as we embrace that highlight.

One year ago the 4-H Branch, 4-H Council and 4-H Foundation Partners Committee met and agreed to utilize a third party facilitator to review 4-H Alberta Governance Model. The process is moving forward and ongoing to plan for the future of 4-H.

Olds College - 4-H Partner of the Year

4-H Council Directors and Staff along with many 4-H representatives had the honor of attending the 2014 Olds College Gala on March 21. 4-H was honored with the Olds College Partner of the Year Award. This is the most prestigious award offered by Olds College. Thank you Olds College.

4-H Council of Alberta Engagement

The 4-H Council of Alberta prides itself on representing the 4-H members and leaders of Alberta. Please feel free to share your ideas, ask questions and/or express your concerns. We look forward to communicating with you!

4-H Council of Alberta Meeting Dates

July 25-27, 2014

October 24-26, 2014