

Summer Camps and Programs Registration is Still Open!

We are still hopeful we can provide you with some great summer camps! Whether it be an adventure at our gorgeous Alberta 4-H Centre or a regional getaway your camping memories are only a registration away!

Registration closes May 1.

Visit www.4h.ab.ca. Your Summer Adventure Awaits...

4-H Alberta Beef Heifer Show & 4-H Alberta Sheep Show

We are still hopeful these two great shows can still take place. If you are interested in the cattle or sheep industry these two events provide a great opportunity to showcase your project, broaden your skills in judging, showmanship, marketing, etc., all the while increasing your beef and sheep knowledge. This year's events are scheduled to take place July 7 - 10 at the Olds Regional Exhibition in Olds.

Registration opens April 1 at www.4h.ab.ca.

At Home with 4-H

During this time of in-person program suspension, 4-H Alberta is continuing to create resources and explore ways for our members, volunteers, stakeholders to feel supported by our organization.

Let us introduce [At Home with 4-H](#) – a webpage full of fun, simple and educational activities for 4-H members to do while social distancing practices are in effect. What a great time to build a bird feeder, make some yummy yogurt pops, or delve into the world of science. We will frequently add new and exciting activities so be sure to return to this page often!

Selections 2020 (postponed indefinitely)

What does this mean for Selections 2020?

We hope to still run Selections 2020 later in the summer, but this will be dependent on how the COVID-19 situation evolves.

- Forms (Confirmation of Attendance and Diary Points) – These will be kept on file in the event we are able to hold Selections at a later date and if you choose to re-register for the program.
- Diary Scores – There is no need to re-submit your diaries to your Regional Specialist, we have your scores on file.
- Registration Fee – All fees will be refunded. You will need to re-register for Selections if we are able to hold the program at a later date. An email will be sent to all delegates letting you know when registration is open.
- Delegate Package – Hold onto your package! The documents will still apply if the program takes place.

Pheasant Project Update

We are connecting almost daily with the Alberta Conservation Association as we continue to try to work out a process moving forward. To date, the plan is for the project to proceed. We will be connecting directly with pheasant project members and leaders with more information as it becomes available.

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's 4-H Hall of Fame

The Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's 4-H Hall of Fame honours Albertans who have made exceptional contributions to the 4-H programming this province through outstanding leadership and/or have made a significant impact on 4-H youth and/or leaders. Groups or individuals are invited to submit a nomination by 4:00 p.m. on August 1. Please click [here](#) to view criteria and the application.

CCI Wireless 4-H Family Discount

CCI Wireless has been a generous and passionate supporter of 4-H in Alberta and our 4-H families since 2018. CCI is an internet service provider based out of Calgary that specializes in providing connectivity to rural or remote areas across Western Canada. We are very proud of this strong and supportive partnership and are thrilled to let you know about an exciting CCI Wireless offer, exclusive to our 4-H stakeholders:

CCI Wireless is offering a **4-H Family Discount!** Households with a 4-Her can save 10% on their rural internet with proof of current membership. In addition, until April 30, 2020, CCI is offering up to 50% off all of their rural internet plans. That's up to a 60% monthly savings for 4-H Families if they combine the 4-H Discount with their Spring Sale offer! To learn more about this amazing opportunity, please visit <https://ccewireless.ca/4hab/>.

Thank you, CCI Wireless, for your support of our youth and here is to another great year of this successful partnership!

4-H Alberta Events & Opportunities

All in-person 4-H sanctioned event and activities have been suspended until May 31. For more information please visit <http://4h.ab.ca/About/COVID-19.html>.

4-H Canada Events & Opportunities

Please visit 4-H Canada's [website](#) for an update on the suspension of their programs and events due to COVID-19.

Other Events & Opportunities

Check back next month.

Connect with @4halberta on Social Media





4-H Council of Alberta

Screening for Leaders & Volunteers

Screening is required for all adults working in any positions of trust within 4-H Alberta. Did you complete volunteer / leader screening? If so, thank you! If not, then please go ahead and do it now. **We are still open.**

Screening and training for 4-H Alberta leaders and volunteers carries on and we encourage you to complete all screening and training components. Although we do have a deadline near the start of each 4-H year, screening may proceed year-round and now is a fine time for our valuable volunteers to be proactive and complete the online screening components as well as all online training.

Leaders and volunteers can [download](#) the [Tip Sheet for Leaders & Volunteers](#). It helps you to navigate the 4-H Alberta Online Registration System where you can update your profile, check on your screening progress, register for programs, and more. If you note that your references did not all respond, the tip sheet shows you how to send out the reference link. Another helpful, downloadable document is the [Leader Screening Instructions and Tips sheet](#). If you can't find your log in data, need a current police check letter or assistance, please email leaderscreening@4hab.com or call Bernadette directly at 780-898-3037.

A few things to remember:

- You must mail in your **original** police check. *Please note that police detachments may not be providing this non-essential service at this time. However, do proceed with the other screening and training components. Once you have a police check, we recommend that you first send an image via email. Mail original police checks to **4-H Council of Alberta, RR 1 Site 7 Box 1, WESTEROSE, AB T0C 2V0**. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want the original returned.
- While you can download the police check letter while you are within the online application form, that version may be outdated. Email Bernadette at leaderscreening@4hab.com for a more recent copy of it. The letter is not available as a general download as it cannot be used for any purposes other than volunteering 4-H Alberta. Any use for other purposes, such as employment, jeopardizes our membership with Volunteer Alberta, the organization that subsidizes the free or reduced fee acquisition of the police check for our volunteers.
- Fingerprinting is not uncommon and occurs if you share a name, birthdate or other similarity with a known offender. If your police check was delayed due to fingerprinting or other reasons, do remember to follow up with the police detachment and email leaderscreening@4hab.com to have the extension noted to your file.

Thank you for being diligent and for working together with all of us in 4-H Alberta to provide superior, safe programming and meaningful mentorship to our 4-H youth!

4-H Supervision Policy

Rule of Two - the purpose of this policy is to protect youth members, leaders, volunteers, and staff in potentially vulnerable situations. The goal is to achieve the "Green Standard" for all 4-H programming.

What is the "Green Standard"? The standard which is our goal is to always have 2 (two) trained, screened leaders present whenever interacting with 1 (one) or more 4-H youth.

While, at this time, we may not be meeting with members or others in person, please remember that the 4-H policies and rules still apply to all contact with members, whether the contact is with one or more members. All communications and online contacts with one or more 4-H members require that there be a minimum of two adults present. Communications may include phone calls, emails, texts or any other online or other methods of contact. **Ideally, two fully screened and trained leaders would be present and/or included for ALL communications.** If that is not possible, then one trained, screened leader and a screened volunteer would be a good option. Finally, one trained, screened leader along with a guest, such as a parent, will suffice. So, to all 4-H Alberta leaders in contact with one or more members:

- when emailing and/or texting and/or any other online communicating, make sure to copy another leader and direct member(s) to "REPLY ALL" when responding;
- when conducting any online meetings, ensure that another leader, volunteer or parent is also present throughout the communication;
- phone calls must also include another leader or adult so conference calling, calling the parent(s) and having them remain on line, or placing the calls while on speaker with the two adults present is required.

For more information or, if you have questions, please contact Susann Stone at susann.stone@4hab.com or 780-898-4223. Of course, you may also call Bernadette at 780-898-3037 or email sereda@4hab.com.

Commit to Kids Training for Leaders & Volunteers

Commit to Kids training is required for all adults working in any positions of trust within 4-H Alberta.

Did you complete Commit to Kids training? If so, thank you!! You rock! If not, then please go ahead and do it all now. Online training is still open.

In partnership with 4-H Canada, 4-H Alberta offers key training in **Abuse Prevention** and **Duty to Report**. The training is **now** mandatory for all 4-H Alberta staff, leaders and board members and must be completed in addition to the screening process. We encourage every leader and volunteer to access this training now if you have not already done so. The training is optional for volunteers but is strongly encouraged. 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. Commit to Kids training becomes mandatory across Canada in May, 2021.

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 helps 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. 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.

Commit to Kids training has already been completed by many and successful completion of the training is recorded in leaders' and volunteers' profiles in the online registration system. Right now, leaders and volunteers can find further details and instructions for accessing the training via the 4h.ab.ca website and can [download detailed instructions here](#). For more information, contact Susann Stone at susann.stone@4hab.com or 780-898-4223. Of course, you may also contact 4-H Council of Alberta office at 1-877-682-2244 or Bernadette at 780-898-3037. We'd be happy to send you the information package and answer any questions.

4-H Alberta Store News & Offers

Do you have one of our 4-H AB Store gift cards? Now may just be the best time ever to cash it in!!



For the months of April and May, you can cash in your gift card for some great green merchandise and shipping will be just \$5! (Okay, it isn't all green, but you know what we mean; it is all 4-H AB branded, team!) This will apply for most, if not all, orders; the only exception **might** be a very large or very heavy order but, please, do check it out! Our goal is to to make it work for you and offer you the opportunity to cash that card in for some fine 4-H swag without spending too much of it on postal shipping fees.



The 4-H Alberta Store remains open for emailed and phoned in orders. Find the catalogue along with order forms for merchandise at 4h.ab.ca. Note that there is a separate order form for cookbooks. Email 4habstore@4hab.com or call 1-877-682-2244 or 780-898-3037.



Foundation News & Opportunities

Scholarships

4-H Alberta Scholarships

The 2020 4-H Alberta Scholarship online application is open as of March 1, 2020, closing on **May 15, 2020 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

The 2020 the Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Scholarship application will be available as of May 1, 2020 and additional application information will be posted on the 4-H Alberta and Alberta 4-H Centre websites prior to launching the 2020 application. The following scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- One (1) scholarship in the amount of \$20,000 scholarship;
- One (1) scholarship in the amount of \$15,000 scholarship;
- One (1) scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 scholarship; and
- Seven (7) scholarships valued at \$5,000 each.

Growing Alberta Scholarship

The recipients for the Growing Alberta Scholarship were selected at the beginning of March and all applicants were notified. The 2020/ 2021 Growing Alberta Scholarship application will be posted on December 1, 2020.

Please feel free to contact Karina Altvater at scholarship@4hab.com if you have any questions.

4-H Foundation of Alberta

Club Fundraisers

What a better way to start off a new decade than cleaning up our environment! We can all do our part, and one way is to participate in Tire and Electronics Recycling. Your Club is not only cleaning up the environment, but they are being paid to do it! Last fall the Alberta 4-H Foundation and ARMA teamed up to host a Recycling Webinar. This webinar covered all the program details and is now available to any Club that wishes to view it. Please remember you must register your Club every quarter. Register your Club today!

If you have any questions or would like the link for the Webinar you can contact Tricia Johnston at admin@4hab.com or call 1 877 682-2153.

Alberta 4-H has other approved Fundraisers available to Clubs

- **Phil's Fudge and Jerky Fundraiser** – 100% Alberta based company! \$5.00 profit to Clubs for every unit sold!
- **Meadowbrook Greenhouses** – Spring is on its way! Great gift for Mother's Day! If you are interested in participating in this Fundraiser, please contact Marcia directly @ 1-888-886-4769
- **Battery Recycling**

If you are interested in the Alberta Highway Clean-up, please contact Moh Ashraf with Alberta Transportation at 780.415.1030 or Moh.Ashraf@gov.ab.ca and register.

Information for all these Fundraisers can be found on the 4-H Alberta website or contact Tricia Johnston at admin@4hab.com

Recognition



The 4-H Foundation of Alberta is thrilled and proud to receive the 2019 Canadian Nonprofit Employer of Choice (NEOC) Award: Hilborn Charity eNews and CCEOC Inc has named The 4-H Foundation of Alberta as a recipient of the Small Canadian Nonprofit Employer of Choice. Under the guidance of 4-H Foundation of Alberta's former CEO, Leah Jones, the 4-H Foundation of Alberta showed strong leadership qualities, particularly in the areas of employee engagement, and personal enjoyment.

We would like to thank Leah Jones for her leadership, guidance, mentorship, and making the Foundation of Alberta a great place to work.

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!

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Silver Clover



4-H Foundation Staff Update

We are thrilled to let you know that **Karina Altvater** has accepted the position of Fund Development Coordinator with the Foundation. Karina will help us with our scholarships, securing sponsors and donors, our sponsor/ donor recognition and engagement program, as well as marketing and communications.



APPLY FOR \$500 FOR YOUR 4-H ALBERTA CLUB



CANADA
4-H Alberta

Like 4-H we believe it's vital to support agricultural skill growth in our youth.

Your 4-H club could be eligible for \$500 toward:

- 1** Opportunities for learning and building career skills
- 2** Tools, supplies and support needed to help your club with volunteer activities

Learn more and apply at your nearest branch or online at:
Mountviewfinancial.com/4H or at **Chinookfinancial.com/4H**

This grant program is run in partnership with 4-H Foundation of Alberta.