

4-H Learning Days

Join us for a riveting day of 4-H learning!

Uncover the Leader in You is a one-day learning event that focuses on helping you maximize your 4-H leadership potential. 4-H learning day will give you the opportunity to learn about the 'positive youth development' model, what to expect during your first year in 4-H, all things communications related, balancing a multi club, plus a whole lot more.

Uncover the Leader in You is open to leaders, parents & members (Grande Prairie – all members/Drumheller – senior members only) across the province.

Register at <https://www.4habregistration.ca>.

Registration Fee: \$25

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

How is 4-H impacting you?

4-H Canada wants to hear from 4-H members directly! Are you a club member in grades 4 to 12 who can share your ideas on how to make 4-H even better than it already is? Do you want to let us know about your favourite 4-H programs, initiatives and events in Alberta? The survey will take about 30 minutes and is easy to fill out. It is one way to share your voice while giving back to 4-H.

Visit <https://survey.search-institute.org/s3/dapv3-16567> to participate in 4-H Canada's Youth and Program Strengths Survey.

4-H Canada Hands-On Science Training is coming to Alberta

Are you interested in learning about how to spark science and cultivate curiosity in your members? Join us for the Hands-on Science training, where leaders will learn how to introduce the Steps to Inquiry, improve your science knowledge and experimentation skills, and learn how to highlight the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math that already exists in many 4-H projects. Upon completion of the training, you will be a Science Champion, and will work to promote and champion science in your 4-H club and greater community. To learn more click [here](#).

Dates: December 7 - 8, 2019

Registration Cost: None

Location: Edmonton Area

Registration deadline: November 15, 2019 *only 20 spots available

4-H Alberta Events & Opportunities

2019/20 4-H Club Year Registration is Open

The 2019/20 4-H Club Year is here! Online Club Registration closes December 1, 2019. Clubs must have a minimum of eight (8) members and at least one volunteer leader who is 18 years of age or older. In addition, a club must offer at least one 4-H approved project.

For more information on starting your club click [here](#).

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Dates & Locations:

November 16 - Grande Prairie

November 23 - Drumheller

Registration Deadlines: November 1 (Grande Prairie)/November 8 (Drumheller)

Hands-on Science Training

Dates: December 7 & 8

Registration Cost: None

Location: Edmonton Area

Only 20 spots available. Registration deadline is November 15.

Steer Carcass Competition

With the growing popularity of the carcass beef project, this year, members will once again have the opportunity to compete in a province-wide carcass competition.

Deadline: December 1, 2019

CLICK EACH EVENT TITLE FOR MORE INFORMATION
Always check the calendar of events on the 4-H Alberta website for a full list of updated events.

Other Events & Opportunities

4-H Family Day & Judging Competition at Farmfair International

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.

Date: November 9, 2019

4-H Canada Events & Opportunities

Show Your 4-H Colours

Join us in celebrating **#ShowYour4HColours** Day this November! Wear green, celebrate and give back! Get involved today at showyour4hcolours.ca.

Date: November 6, 2019

Club to Club Exchanges

Club to Club Exchanges are all about meeting new 4-H'ers from across the country! You and your 4-H club will be matched with a club elsewhere in Canada, and together you'll learn about each other, your communities, other provinces, and all of Canada.

Apply for 4-H Canada's Club to Club Exchanges and get to explore Canada next summer by visiting

Applications close January 13, 2020.

Going Global Exchanges

Travel and discover the United Kingdom, Finland, Taiwan, Kosovo, Costa Rica or Argentina with a #4HGoingGlobal Exchange next summer! Applications close November 30 at <https://4-h-canada.cagoingglobal>

Hands to Larger Service

Next summer, 4-H Youth Service Leaders will be selected to travel, lead and promote the values of community engagement, volunteerism and service across Canada. Will you be one of them? Apply today at <http://bit.ly/2DXMzMZ>.

Application Deadline: December 29, 2019

What's Happening In The South Region

Fall fell hard – and winter was trying to get in on the action already, but I know that this has not held back the new 4-H year!

General club leaders are busy with their registration, members are getting into the routine, weigh-in days will be coming up in November, and lots of people will be attending the Leader Learning Day in Drumheller or Grand Prairie! Uncover the Leader in You is a one-day learning event that focuses on helping you maximize your 4-H leadership potential. 4-H learning day will give you the opportunity to learn about the 'positive youth development' model, what to expect during your first year in 4-H, all things communications related, balancing a multi club, plus a whole lot more. To learn more or to register visit <http://4h.ab.ca/Programs/ForLeaders/Develop-Personally/Conference.html>.

The recent regional event **Ring in the 4-H New Year** was deemed a success by those in attendance. Thank you to the organizers, and congratulations to all of the leaders and scholarship recipients recognized, along with 2018-2019 Regional Friend of 4-H, Teresa Russian. I hear that a few new dance moves were the hit of the evening for many members! Well done and keep up the good work.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2018-2019 Southern 4-H Region Horse Record Book Competition. This is the only regional record book competition in the south, and it has been held annually for over 20 years. Accolades will be formalized by the committee at an upcoming, yet to be determined date, but in the meantime, congratulations to:

Juniors – 1st – Zac Slorstad, Dusty Plains 4-H Multi Club, 2nd – Autumn Klaiber, Saddles & Spurs Lighthouse 4-H Club, 3rd – Keira Virostek, Retlaw-Prairie 4-H Beef Club (horse project)

Intermediates – 1st – Abbey Slorstad, Dusty Plains 4-H Multi Club, 2nd – Brett Niznik, Bow River Riders 4-H Light Horse Club, 3rd – Cassidy Virostek, Retlaw-Prairie 4-H Beef Club (horse project)

Seniors – 1st – Brooklyn Niznik, Bow River Riders 4-H Light Horse Club, 2nd – Bryanne Peltzer, John Ware 4-H Beef Club (horse project), 3rd – Alexis Judge, Saddles & Spurs Lighthouse 4-H Club

Note that all of the 4-H horse books presented in the competition, will be returned to the club leaders at the November meeting of the Southern 4-H Regional Horse Committee. Watch for an email regarding the date and location.

November is set to be busy all the way through, so don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Southern 4-H Region Consumer Decision Making Competition**, taking place at the Vauxhall Elementary School on Saturday, November 30th. Following registration at 9:30 am, there will be a workshop, so that newbies can gain some introductory skills, and returnees can continue to perfect their skills! Lunch will be provided and the competition is sure to be interesting, as chairperson Clancy Holthe and his committee always have great ideas to make it a fun competition (with some learning too). If you have questions, please contact Clancy at clarenceholthe@yahoo.ca. He is also seeking some additional adult reason takers, card markers and office staff, and training will be provided – and it is quick and easy too!

November leads into December, as we all know and a reminder that once again our South 4-H Region is looking forward to being involved with our longtime supporter, **Farming Smarter** during their annual conference at the Lethbridge Exhibition on December 11th and 12th! Some of the region's top 2019 4-H speakers will be appearing to present their winning speech or presentation at the event, either day.

This popular industry conference also provides the venue of our 4-H region's main fundraising opportunity through the **4-H Auction!** A letter is available so that you (members, leaders, parents, districts) can assist in the fundraising endeavors by donating an item yourself or approaching local businesses that may wish to offer up items for the 4-H auction. Keep in mind that cash donations are welcome too! For a copy of the "seeking donations" letter, please contact Auction chairperson Clancy Holthe at clarenceholthe@yahoo.ca or your regional council representative from your district as they all have copies as well. It only takes a few minutes to ask for a donation – and the benefits go a long way to assist the 4-H region.

Help is needed at the event to set up the auction items, and at the end to distribute items to the winning bidders. All proceeds will go towards provide a few scholarships to 4-H alumni pursuing post-secondary and towards producing regional events and programs for our members, keeping costs low for participation in these events. Remember too that you can proxy bid on items as well (a great way to do Christmas shopping!) – watch for more information about all the great items that will be available at the 2019 auction and bid, bid, bid! Your help is needed to make this another successful event!

Your District Key Leaders will be attending a Key Leader Café in November, so remember to connect with them to gain up to date information, and new tools to help everyone continue to succeed in our 4-H program!

PLAN AHEAD...

Click each link for more information

Consumer Decision Making Workshop and Competition

Date: November 30, 2019

Location: Vauxhall Elementary School, Vauxhall

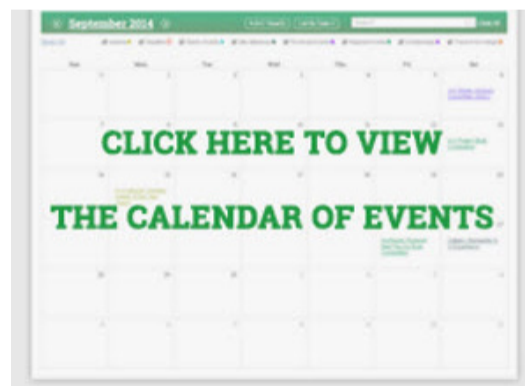
Farming Smarter Conference & Trade Show

Date: December 12 - 13, 2019

Location: Exhibition Park, Lethbridge



Ring in the 4-H New Year



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!

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

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Please do not adjust your 4-H AB . . . !

The online registration system is experiencing technical difficulties with Leader Screening updates and changes and, perhaps, with a few other things also!

Well, it all worked just RIGHT and just as it should when tested in September but not so now.

Please bear with us while we have the online registration system brought back to its senses, sending out the correct emails, opening the leader application and so on. Apologies for the frustration when you cannot access the online leader application or when you completely fill it out and it goes missing! We are looking for the missing bits and hope to soon have everything back to where it ought to be. In the meantime, if you are having difficulties with screening, contact me, Bernadette, at 780-898-3037 or leaderscreening@4hab.com or sereda@4hab.com. I may have ways to circumvent this issue to get you on the way to screened asap!

Soon, we will go from 😞 to 😊 ...

This month's read is a recap of October's article for all of you who were too busy then or who are too new to have received the October SCOOP.

Fun and safety go hand in hand. It's all fun until someone gets hurt. As we strive to ensure the safety of the youth participating in 4-H Alberta and continue our work with 4-H Canada, we want you to become aware of a number of enhancements and changes to the leader screening process that are in place for the 2019-2020 4-H year. As well, throughout 2019-2020, we will be introducing further enhancements to the program – all focused on our mission to protect our 4-H youth. Here is a summary of changes that are now in effect and we will post updates throughout the year to prepare you for new initiatives to be launched in 2020-2021.

*** Important & new registration information for clubs and other 4-H groups such as Councils:** Volunteers are not eligible to serve as leaders until the entire screening process has been completed. All new and/or unscreened potential leaders are registered as volunteers and may only be assigned the role of leader after screening. Now, this may sound like the same thing we've been saying for a number of years but, in fact, a critical change will be enacted this year. For 2019-20, it will no longer be possible to assign the role of "leader" to an individual who is a new, prospective leader or to a previously unscreened volunteer (who may have been previously designated a "leader" but who did not complete the screening process).

In 2019-2020, clubs will only be able to add new volunteers and unscreened individuals to their volunteers lists. Once the screening process has been completed, clubs will be able to add these now screened volunteers to their lists of leaders and assign the appropriate leadership roles.

The leaders themselves may provide, to the club's general leader, a copy of their congratulatory email confirming that screening has been completed and then the general leader can add the individual to the club's list of leaders. Alternately, clubs can contact the Leader Screening Coordinator to advise on screening status and, of course, to assist with the process whenever and wherever needed.

4-H leaders with a current "screened" date can still be added to clubs' leaders' lists. This includes those leaders that may be due to rescreen this year (those with a 2014-15 screened date) and rescreening will have to be completed in a timely manner.

***** NEW Required training for leaders; also available to volunteers as optional:** In partnership with 4-H Canada, 4-H Alberta offers key training in **Abuse Prevention and Duty to Report**. The training is mandatory for all 4-H Alberta staff and leaders and is in addition to the screening process. The training must be completed within the 2019-2020 year for all screened leaders. The training will become mandatory across Canada in May, 2021 and that means that it will become mandatory across Alberta in the 2020-2021 4-H year. We encourage every leader and volunteer to access this training during the current 4-H year and 4-H Alberta can be well ahead when it becomes mandatory for all next year. The training is optional for volunteers but is encouraged.

This training includes the Commit to Kids training that many have already completed 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 or contact Susann Stone at susann.stone@4hab.com or 780-898-4223 or contact 4-H Council of Alberta office at 1-877-682-2244 and we'd be happy to send you the information package. More news and updates coming soon.



What's New at the 4-H Alberta Store

Leaders Learning Days!

Are you going to a 4-H Learning Day? If yes, not only will you be able to have a day full of learning, but you also get a FIRST LOOK at all the BRAND-NEW store items that we have brought in for the 2019-2020 4-H year! Keep an eye out for the email once you register to get your hands on the new merchandise. We encourage you to per-order your merchandise as there will only be a small number of the items at the Learning Days! To place your per-order call or email Amy at the 4-H Alberta Store @ 780-682-2648 or 4habstore@4hab.com.

Christmas Ornaments

The Christmas Ornaments are back this year, just in time for the holidays! Get this super cute penguin ornament for only \$10 from the 4-H Alberta Store! Only 250 available so get yours before they run out! Contact Amy at the 4-H Alberta Store @ 780-682-2648 or 4habstore@4hab.com.



Scholarships

The **2019 4-H Alberta PROVINCIAL Scholarships** and **2019 The Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Scholarships** were awarded in late September and scholarship recipients were notified by the end of September.

2019 4-H Alberta Scholarships: even if you were not selected for a Provincial Scholarship - Regional ('additional') 4-H Scholarships are still under review and we will contact you as soon as we are notified of the successful candidates.

The application for the 2019/ 2020 **Growing Alberta Scholarship** will be posted on December 1, 2019.

Please feel free to contact Nicole Kaczowski at nkaczowski@4HAB.com if you have any questions.

Fundraising

Has your Club thought of fundraising yet?

We will be hosting another webinar on November 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. to address the most common mistakes involving recycling. This webinar will also include:

- A quick overview of the fundraisers available to 4-H Clubs in Alberta
- A new national fundraising opportunity - Vesey's Seeds – there is limited space available, so make sure to sign your Club up today!

For more information go to 4-h-canada.ca/fundraising.

Ongoing opportunities:

- Phil's Fudge and Jerky Fundraiser – jerky is made with 100% Alberta Beef!
- Meadowbrook Greenhouses – beautiful flowers anybody? Great opportunity for your spring fundraising!
- Tire and Electronics Recycling – not only are you positively impacting our environment, but you could fund your Club for the entire year! Remember to register your Club each quarter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Recycling or Fundraising please contact Tricia Johnston @ 800 682-2153 or e-mail admin@4hab.com.

Announcements

UFA remains committed to supporting 4-H clubs in Alberta

Watch for more details this fall, about the "UFA Funds 4-H

Clubs" program!



Sponsors

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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[Gold Clover](#)



2019 Annual Partner Appreciation Event

The 4-H Foundation of Alberta hosted a very successful and well attended 9th Annual Partner Appreciation Event at the Town and Country Centre, in Airdrie on Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

We would like to express our sincerest appreciation to the following clubs who participated in the event, hosted our guests, and helped us spread our 4-H Alberta spirit:

- Cremona 4-H Club
- Silversage Riders 4-H Horse
- Midnight Express 4-H Horse Club
- Prairie Winds 4-H Club
- Arrowwood River Wranglers 4-H Horse
- Legendary Flatlands 4-H Club
- Airdrie 4-H Beef and Sheep Club
- Kneehill 4-H Multi Club
- Golden Rod 4-H Multi Club
- Balzac 4-H Beef Club

A special thank you also goes out to the **Lakedell 4-H Beef Club** who joined the event and accepted the 2019 Philanthropists of the Year award. Great job, MacKenzie Denschikoff, representing your club and telling the story of your group's amazing donation.

We received so much great feedback and our guests loved being able to meet you all and welcomed the opportunity to talk with you in person!

We were thrilled to present **Alberta Recycling Management Authority** with our Partner of the Year award! Alberta Recycling has been a strong and supportive partner of 4-H Alberta for many years. They help us take care of the environment while supporting the 4-H Foundation of Alberta's recycling program and providing funding for our clubs.

Thank you for taking the time to participate! We are so grateful and proud of all you do within 4-H in Alberta!

What is 4-H Canada's Positive Youth Development Formula?

In 2014, 4-H Canada began to articulate its Positive Youth Development (PYD) vision. PYD is a globally-recognized and heavily-researched approach to working with children and youth that is strengths-based and focuses on building assets in youth.

Within this approach, there are 40 developmental assets that young people can build and develop, depending on a variety of internal and external factors. Out of all 40 assets, 4-H Canada has identified six that best fit with the programming and experiences offered across Canada. 4-H Canada's Positive Youth Development Formula focuses on measuring these six assets that lead to the development of responsible, caring and contributing youth:

1. Positive Values
2. Responsibility
3. Skill Mastery
4. Leadership Development
5. Planning and Decision-making
6. Sense of Purpose

In addition, 4-H Canada's programming has three core "Essential Elements" in place, that help to ensure that PYD outcomes can be achieved:

1. A safe, fun, inclusive environment
2. Youth members are supported by caring adults
3. Programming is based on experiential learning or the Learn to Do by Doing motto

The 4-H Section of the Government of Alberta, the 4-H Council of Alberta, and the 4-H Foundation of Alberta are working closely with 4-H Canada to create awareness of the PYD model and outcomes in Alberta. They are also building 4-H programs in Alberta that align with and support these outcomes.

4-H Canada's Positive Youth Development Formula



Member Development Opportunities

U.S. National 4-H Conference

The annual U.S. National 4-H Conference is the premiere civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members across the U.S. Conference delegates choose an important societal topic and in round table groups prepare a formal briefing. Briefings are presented to U.S. federal officials from around the Washington, D.C. area. In addition to the conference activities, 4-H Canada delegates have a chance to tour Washington, visit some of the nation's famous cultural and political sites, including the Lincoln Memorial and Capitol Hill, and visit the Canadian Embassy. *One 4-H member from each province forms the Canadian delegation. See application for age requirements. Click [here](#) to apply.

Date: March 28 - April 2, 2020

Location: Washington D.C.

Cost: \$400

Alberta Girls' Parliament 49th Session - 2020

Join Alberta Council Girl Guide members, out-of-province Rangers, Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT), as well as female members of Association of Junior Forest Wardens of Alberta (AJFWA), Scouts Canada and 4-H at the Alberta Girls' Parliament. Increase public speaking and debate skills; learn about the parliamentary process; meet interesting motivational speakers chosen by the elected delegates; have fun with participants from all over Alberta and beyond. Also you will be able to complete your Duke of Edinburgh Residential requirement; shop at West Edmonton Mall; tour the Alberta Legislature Building; find out about different political careers; make lasting friendships; receive the exclusive AGP pin and crest; and so much more. Click [here](#) to apply.

Date: March 18 - March 22, 2020

Location: Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton Alberta

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2019

Cost: \$375

4-H Standardbred Project

The 4-H Standardbred Yearling Program coordinated by ASHA in a joint effort between Alberta Standardbred breeders and 4-H Alberta. Successful applicants to the S4-standardbred 4-H Project will be matched with a Standardbred breeder. The breeder and the member will arrange for a weanling to be delivered to the farm or acreage where the weanling will remain until the ASHA Yearling Sale is held in the fall of 2020. During the project period (4 - 5months) the member will learn how to responsibly care for, feed, manage health requirements and the economics of raising a horse. With this project, the members will gain valuable knowledge and expertise relating to raising a Standardbred yearling. The Standardbred Project culminates at the 4-H member's Achievement Activity and then at the sale of the yearling at the ASHA Yearling Sale.

Who can Apply? Open to 4-H members who are 12 years of age or older and have completed Rider Level 3 Dismounted who have the permission of their parent(s) and a recommendation from their 4-H leader. Participants must be a member in good-standing of a 4-H club. Applications must demonstrate adequate stabling, feeding and grazing facilities. Applicants will be expected to have horse experience, knowledge and adult assistance. Application form and more information available [here](#).

Steer Carcass Competition

With the growing popularity of the carcass beef project, this year, members will once again have the opportunity to compete in a province-wide carcass competition. Members select and feed a beef animal to the finished weight, as they would a live market beef project, however the animal is judged live and on the rail providing members with an additional learning opportunity. Members' carcass project animals will be slaughtered at one of several designated facilities across the province and judged by the same judges for consistency. To learn more click [here](#).

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2019

4-H Canada Science Fair

Do you have a curiosity about the world around you? The 4-H Canada Science Fair is an opportunity for you to explore, experiment and discover! As part of our 4-H Canada Science Fair, 4-H youth plan, research, complete and submit science projects, independently or as pairs, to be judged virtually, in the hopes of moving to our in-person round and ultimately to the Canada-Wide Science Fair. The 4-H Canada Science Fair is open to 4-H'ers in grades 7 to 12.

Registration for the 4-H Canada Science Fair closes January 16, 2020. To learn more click [here](#).

Chaperone Opportunities

4-H Canada Citizenship Congress

Chaperone 4-H Alberta's seven (7) participants at the 4-H Canada Citizenship Congress. While at the program, participants will deepen their understanding of governance and public policy, nurture your communication skills, and expand their horizons as they discover some of what it means to be Canadian in the nation's capital. Workshops will culminate with the annual debate where 4-H members will construct insightful arguments, and practice skills of persuasion and public speaking.

Dates: May 5 - 10, 2020

Location: Ottawa ON

Application Deadline: December 1, 2019

Interested in applying? Please fill out the application form found on the 4-H website: <http://www.4h.ab.ca/About/documents/LeaderChaperoneApplicationForm.pdf>. You can list all opportunities you wish to be considered for. You will also need two references to submit the following form: <http://www.4h.ab.ca/About/documents/LeaderOpportunityReferenceForm.pdf>

U.S. National 4-H Conference

Here's your chance to chaperone a delegation of 10 senior youth members from across Canada to this fabulous conference. Over four days, delegates discuss topics affecting youth and 4-H programming nationwide, engaging in personal development experiences that increase their knowledge, resources, and skills. Delegates not only learn while at the conference: they are also empowered to create positive social change in their communities and have the opportunity to practice and apply their skills in a real-world setting.

Dates: March 28 - April 2, 2020

Location: Chevy Chase, Maryland

Application Deadline: October 31, 2019

How to apply: <https://apply.4-h-canada.ca>

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