

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. **Survey closes January 31.**

Selections 2020

Attention Senior Members...get your diaries ready! Selections 2020, taking place May 1 - 4 in Olds, is now open for [registration](#).

We believe that youth are the key to their own success, and to the success of those around them. What Selections does is simply give senior members a few more tools for helping them to realize their full potential at school or in the workforce upon graduation from high school. This short program offers all of this in a dynamic and fast-paced atmosphere, with plenty of time for making friends and having a great time – dancing included! 4-H Alberta Ambassadors, the Premier's Award Recipient and various travel award recipients are also selected at this program.

Your 4-H Diaries should be received by your 4-H Specialist no later than February 15.

Provincial Archery Competition

Indoor Mailmatch is a provincial competition shot in the comfort of your own club! Due to the vast geography of our province it can be difficult to attend a provincial archery competition, but the desire to see where you stand against other 4-H'ers is still there. Mailmatch allows for this to happen without having to travel further than your local club. Each month, over the span of four months, an archer can submit one score and the highest of the four scores shot throughout the designated time period will be used to determine your final placing. This competition is open to all ages and equipment types.

Members can submit scores in January, February, March, and April with the winners being announced shortly thereafter. The cost to enter is \$10 and the registration **deadline is December 31**. To take your archery project to the next level simply visit <https://www.4habregistration.ca/> and sign up today!

For more information click https://www.4h.ab.ca/downloads/documents/4HAlberta_Mailmatch.pdf or contact Jody at 4hleaderjody@gmail.com.

4-H Alberta Events & Opportunities

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Date: May 1 - 4, 2020
Registration Deadline: March 5, 2020
Early Bird Registration Deadline: February 15, 2020

4-H Alberta Magazine

We'd LOVE to share your story with other 4-H'ers by publishing it in the 4-H Alberta Magazine - Spring/Summer Edition. Simply send us the details (with pictures) to magazine@4h.ab.ca.

Submission Deadline: January 20, 2020

4-H Alberta Pheasant Project

It is time for a brand new year of our partnership with the Alberta Conservation Association, with the 4-H Pheasant project!

Registration Deadline: February 7, 2020

Other Events & Opportunities

Senior 4-H Member Ski Trip

Senior members join the 4-H Alberta Alumni group for a weekend of carving the slopes at the Panarama Mountain Resort.

Dates: March 6 - 8, 2020
Registration Deadline: February 1, 2020

4-H Canada Events & Opportunities

Discover Science

4-H Canada's #4HDiscoverScience initiative encourages 4-H'ers to explore STEM through hands-on activities with their 4-H club!

Application closes January 5, 2020

4-H Canada Science Fair

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.

Registration closes: January 16, 2020

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.

Applications close January 13, 2020.

Find Your 4-H Wings

Find Your 4-H Wings is an exciting campaign that encourages 4-H'ers to get active outdoors and learn about their winged friends!

Registration opens December 4 and closes January 26, 2020

Careers on the Grow Internships

With Careers on the Grow internship placements, you can take advantage of hands-on learning opportunities within companies, on farms, with social enterprises, and in rural and urban communities across Canada and abroad.

Applications close January 30, 2020

2019 Alberta Agriculture and Forestry 4-H Alberta Hall of Fame Inductees

Two outstanding Albertans are being recognized for their longtime service to 4-H and their communities. **Sally Barkwell** and **Leora Carothers** are the 2019 inductees into Alberta's 4-H Hall of Fame.

The 4-H Hall of Fame recognizes exceptional 4-H leaders for their exemplary service, mentorship and volunteerism in their communities. Candidates are nominated by their 4-H peers and are evaluated based on their demonstrated leadership qualities, community references and contributions to 4-H, agriculture and their local communities.

Biographies

Sally Barkwell, from Peace River, is a passionate and avid supporter of the 4-H program and values the skills it teaches members, especially communication and leadership. A 20-year volunteer, Sally has worked tirelessly with 4-H Alberta to ensure that the needs of the Peace are met and that it is not forgotten!

Leora Carothers, from Stettler, has been a tireless 4-H leader and volunteer for more than 30 years. A constant source of tireless energy and enthusiasm, Leora has always combined her wealth of knowledge and leadership to ensure 4-H members got the best possible experience from the 4-H program. Every community Leora has lived in has benefited from her giving, caring nature to make the world a better place.

Congratulations to two very deserving individuals. Leora and Sally will be recognized for their long-time service to 4-H and their communities and officially inducted into the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry 4-H Alberta Hall of Fame in the spring of 2020. For more information on the Hall of Fame click [here](#).



Sally and Leora met Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Minister Devin Dreeshen on November 28.

Member Development Opportunities

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 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 - 5 months) 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 and more information: [Click here](#)

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What's Happening In The South Region

Happy New Year! Together we can "see" that 2020 will be a great year!

Consumer Decision Making took place in Vauxhall on the last day of November, so results were not featured in December's Scoop. Congratulations to 77 members, from 8 out of 10 South 4-H Region districts for participating in a very fun day, and thanks to the organizing committee and slate of volunteers needed to make the day run smoothly! This year's event featured Horse Blankets, Dog Food, Electric Fencers, Sunglasses and Gaming Chairs – something for everyone!

Top placing members were:

Juniors: 1st – Rylen Guitton, Claresholm 4-H Beef, 2nd – Alysha Siewert, Stavely Parkland 4-H Beef, 3rd – Katherine Delanoy, Retlaw Prairie 4-H Beef, 4th – Clare Lewall, Medicine Hat 4-H Multi, 5th – Riley Van Zeggelaar, Turin 4-H.

Intermediates: 1st – Rayann Campmans, Turin 4-H, 2nd – Kourtney Serfas, Turin 4-H, 3rd – Georgia Gorzitza, TNT 4-H Multi, 4th – Lauren White, Claresholm 4-H Beef, 5th – Wyatt Lehr, Seven Persons 4-H Beef

Seniors: 1st – Heinrich Klassen, South Slope 4-H Beef, 2nd – Jessie Ferguson, Retlaw Prairie 4-H Beef, 3rd – Brett Niznik, South Slope 4-H Beef, 4th – Lammert Wildeboer, Hays 4-H, 5th – Clayton Lehr, Seven Persons 4-H Beef.

Winding up 2019 was a spectacular **Farming Smarter Conference** featuring great 4-H speakers on both days of the conference including: Kiara Porteous (MC), Lucy Woolf and Abbey Slorstad on December 11 and Brooklyn Niznik (MC), team of Charles and Lauren White, Anna Lundgren and Ellie Stauffer on December 12. The positive response from the conference attendees was an indicator of how strong our 4-H communications program is, and a tribute to these wonderful members who represented the South 4-H Region well!

The **4-H Auction** at the conference was another huge success, raising over \$10,000 to use towards various 4-H programs within this region. Clancy Holthe, auction chairperson was all smiles as he said "Thank you to our speakers and thank you to everyone who helped by donating or getting donations or helping out over the conference! Plus a special thank you to Perlich Bros Auction Market for auctioneering at the live auction on December 11th. And a really big thank you to Farming Smarter staff, for their continued support of our 4-H program, by allowing 4-H members to experience speaking at the conference, and hosting the auction! This was fantastic."

As we move into January, **Communications** is once more coming up quickly on the schedules of 4-H clubs, districts and the South 4-H Region as they prepare to hold their competitions and provide opportunities for members to speak about almost any topic. A reminder that the South 4-H Region's Communications competition will take place at the Lethbridge College on Saturday, March 14 with competition starting at Noon. Please note the location for 2020.

The Host district for 2020 will be 40 Mile District. The rooms will be the responsibility of the districts as follows: Junior Public Speaking – Warner, Intermediate Public Speaking – Taber, Senior Public Speaking – Newell, and Presentations (3 rooms) – Cactus Country. These districts are responsible to seek out officials for their room(s), and by February 28, complete and return the provided form listing all of those volunteers.

More information will be sent via email directly to all district communications contacts so that they can check out their responsibilities and utilize the correct form for recording results, with a copy to the district key leaders so that they may provide assistance. **Questions about the regional competition** can be addressed to one of the committee members – Lorelei Bexte (lorelei.bexte@gmail.com), Wendy-Ellen Nittel (wendyellennittel@gmail.com), Shari Wehlage (cswehlage@mrcable.ca) or Karla Porteous (karla@lplrocks.com).

Please keep in mind that all **10 district communication competitions** must be completed no less than 2 weeks prior to March 14, and those results must be sent immediately to Tracy Snortland (tsnortland@gmail.com) of the 40 Mile district so that the volunteers within the host district may complete all of the required forms and materials in preparation for the regional event.

A favorite winter event for Junior and Intermediate members between the ages of 9 and 14, put on each year by the South 4-H Region Council is **Snowfest**. The delegate and counselor applications will be available soon, so please keep an eye on the 4-H calendar for registration information. The program dates are February 18 - 21, at the Whispering Pines Campsite in Elkwater.

A suggestion from Arlene Good, chairperson of the region's sheep committee to **4-H members in the sheep project** – "When thinking about a buddy for your market lamb, why not consider a ewe lamb? That way "ewe" will have another learning and fun opportunity too! And don't forget to keep May 16, 2020 in mind for **Eweniversity** combined with the Beef Learning Day and the **BEEP Show** at the Taber Agriplex." More details and times will be forthcoming.

Remember that deadlines for the **Scoop** are approximately the 20th of every month, to allow for preparation before the release on the 1st of the following month. The Scoop is a great place to stay up to date, and see the latest news. Also check out the calendar. 2020 is going to be busy!

PLAN AHEAD...

Click each link for more information

Snowfest

Date: February 18 - 21, 2020

Location: Whispering Pines Bible Camp, Elkwater

Registration Deadline: February 1, 2020

Senior 4-H South region members may wish to try out **SMILE** January 31 to February 2 in Seven Persons. More information available from Shirley Elliott at shirleyjago@live.ca.



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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Leader & Volunteer Screening

Please do not adjust your screen....ing. We are experiencing a few technical difficulties...

Wondering about your volunteer or leader screening progress and approval? We are experiencing unusually high volumes of volunteers screening this year and that is a very good thing! However, the increase in numbers has set the review and approvals process a bit behind. Please rest assured we will get to your screening and/or your messages just as soon as we can. If you have completed the screening components and mailed in a current, original police check, your final approval email will be sent just as soon as it all entered and reviewed. Phone calls will not be answered until the new year. For help, emails to leaderscreening@4hab.com are recommended but, again, please be patient as there are many and emails are responded to in the order in which they were received.

A few things to remember:

- **You must mail in your original police check.** Mailing in a copy or simply sending an image via email/text is not sufficient and will delay screening approval. 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.
- If your club was just recently approved and you just received your screening email, you have a bit more time to get it all done but **please don't delay**. Find that email, click on the links and complete the online application. Remember to download the police check letter while you are within the online application form. Forgot to download it? Email Bernadette at leaderscreening@4hab.com for a copy of it.
- If your screening was delayed or stalled for other reasons, such as **references not responding**, please carry on with other components of screening. Acquire that police check and mail it in as soon as possible. Email leaderscreening@4hab.com if you need help resending reference requests.
- If your **police check will be delayed due to fingerprinting or other reasons**, email leaderscreening@4hab.com to have an 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!** Screening is one way in which we all work together to keep our 4-H youth safe and learning to do by doing! Email leaderscreening@4hab.com for more information.

Stay warm and enjoy this wintery, holiday season.

What's New at the 4-H Alberta Store

How is it possible that it is Christmas already? It is crazy how time flies! Now that the New Year is right around the corner it is time to start thinking about public speaking! If you are struggling to find the right gifts for your judges take these two packages into consideration!

1. Our **spiral notebooks** make a wonderful gift for judges, not only are they easy to write in they also have a slot on the inside to keep your pen safe. As well they contain sticky notes and a place for business cards. For the month of January if you buy 8 spiral notebooks, you get 1 free, for \$64.00 you can have your judges gift taken care of.
2. Or the other option is our **ceramic coffee cup and thank you tea set**. This makes a perfect little gift for your judges with the mug, tin and 4 different flavours of tea, your judges are going to be thrilled to receive this. With the purchase of 8 gift sets you also get 1 free! For \$120.00 you can have the perfect thank you gift!

These deals are only going to be here for the month of January, contact Amy at the 4-H Alberta Store at 780-682-2648 or 4habstore@4hab.com to order yours.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Scholarships

The 4-H Foundation of Alberta sent scholarship payments via cheques in late December and scholarship recipients should have received their cheques by now if they provided their complete scholarship recipient information by the requested deadline.

2019/2020 Growing Alberta Scholarship

This is a gentle reminder that we are now accepting applications for the Growing Alberta Scholarship. The application deadline is January 31, 2020. For more information such as eligibility and to access the scholarship application, please click here.

Please feel free to contact Bianca von Nagy at scholarship@4hab.com if you do have any questions or visit <https://www.alberta4hcentre.com/index.php/scholarships-3/> or <http://www.4h.ab.ca/About/scholarships.html>.

Club Fundraisers

It is hard to believe that we are almost in 2020! What a better way to start off the New Year than cleaning up our environment! Has your Club thought about Recycling?

You can find all the information for the Tire & Electronics Recycling program by clicking [here](#). Register your Club today! If you have any questions or would like to register your Club, you can contact Tricia Johnston at admin@4hab.com or call 1 877 682-2153.

Ongoing 4-H Alberta fundraising opportunities are:

- **Phil's Fudge and Jerky Fundraiser** – 100% Alberta based company! \$5.00 profit to Clubs for every unit sold!
- **Meadowbrook Greenhouses** – With Spring just around the corner this would be a great option! Also makes a great Mother's Day gift!
- **Battery Recycling**
- **Alberta Highway Clean Up**

Information for all these fundraisers can be found [here](#) or contact Tricia Johnston at admin@4hab.com.

Calgary Flames/ Roughnecks Game Poll

Great news! Our partners at the Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corp. are proud and thrilled to offer us 4-H Nights at one Calgary Flames game and one Calgary Roughnecks game. For every ticket sold, the Flames/ Roughnecks will donate \$5.00 to benefit 4-H in Alberta.

Here are the dates and price points:

Flames 4-H Night

- Monday, February 17th @ 2PM – FAMILY DAY – Anaheim Ducks; \$40 per ticket
- Friday, March 6th @ 7 PM – Arizona Coyotes; \$40 per ticket
- Sunday, March 8th @ 5PM – Vegas Golden Knight; \$52 per ticket

Roughnecks 4-H Night

- Friday, March 13th @ 7:30 PM – Saskatchewan Rush (St. Patrick's Day game); \$30 per ticket
- Saturday, March 28th @ 7:30 PM – Vancouver Warriors; \$30 per ticket
- Friday, April 17th @ 7:30 PM – Saskatchewan Rush (last game of the season); \$30 per ticket

We are also currently working on pop and popcorn vouchers for the Roughnecks game.

Please follow this link: <https://doodle.com/poll/73wsrg57dd4hpbyj> and vote for the Calgary Flames game as well the Calgary Roughnecks game that works best for yours and your family's schedule; the most popular dates will be offered as our 2020 Calgary Flames/ Calgary Roughnecks 4-H Nights.

We will see you then!

Sponsors

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

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2. Tools, supplies and support needed to help your club with volunteer activities



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