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Message From the CEO

Dear 4-H Alberta Community,

I am thrilled to announce the beginning of our new club year in 2023! It is with great excitement that we embark on this year's journey together. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort to support our youth members across Alberta. Your unwavering commitment and passion for our youth is something to be proud of and is truly appreciated.



As we gear up for the new year, I am pleased to let you know that a full overview of the entire year of provincial programs will be provided to each club supplies order. This overview will serve as a valuable resource to our parents, enabling everyone to plan and prepare for the upcoming provincial events and activities.

Additionally, I would like to encourage our senior members to register for the Senior Symposium, Project in a Weekend, or apply for the Premier's Award by October 10th. These are wonderful opportunities not to be missed.

With the collective efforts of our nearly 3,000 dedicated volunteers across Alberta, I am confident that we will have an excellent year ahead. Let us continue to work together, inspire one another, and create lasting memories for our youth. Thank you once again for your invaluable support.

Wishing our community a successful and fulfilling club year!

Best regards, Kurt Kinnear CEO, 4-H Alberta

Don't Miss Out! **Registration Deadline Dates Ambassador Application - Oct 2** Fall Senior Symposium - Oct 10 Premier's Award Application - Oct 10 Project in a Weekend - Oct 10

4-H Alberta Hall of Fame

4-H Alberta will once again be celebrating the induction of an esteemed member of 4-H in Alberta into the Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place at the 4-H Centre on November 18, 2023. **Our 4-H community is welcome to join via Zoom by clicking here** or visit the 4-H Alberta website and search for Hall of Fame.



Details available on the 4-H Alberta website.

CO-OP Growing Leaders New Membership Program

Do you know of someone who wants to participate in 4-H Alberta? Want to invite a new friend to join your 4-H Club?

We are thrilled to announce that 4-H Alberta has partnered with Federated Co-operatives Limited and Arrowwood Co-op, Central Alberta Co-op, Cornerstone Co-op, Pembina West Co-op, Pincher Creek Co-op, and Westview Co-op, as generous sponsors of the new CO-OP Growing Leaders program, an exciting initiative that will fund new 4-H Alberta members. Each of these Co-op locations will be supporting 4-H Alberta by funding new member registration fees. This application is open to anyone who has not previously been involved with 4-H Alberta. Please visit one of those Local Co-op stores for more information or apply below.

Application Guidelines:

- You must be a **new** member to 4-H Alberta with **no previous involvement**
- Please contact one of the Local Co-ops mentioned above to talk about the 4-H Alberta New Member Registration Program; a complete list of participating Co-ops can be found below in the application
- Please fill out all questions in the application form below

Information Required:

- The name of the Club you wish to join
- The name and contact information of the General Leader of the Club you wish to join

Process:

- Please reach out to one of the participating Co-op locations below and let them know you are interested in joining 4-H Alberta
- Complete the new member application form to get your registration fees waived
- Once 4-H Alberta has received all the information, we will connect with the new member's club and confirm registration
- Once confirmed, your information will be shared with your designated Co-op for approval, then the club will receive the registration fees

Click here to apply!

The deadline to apply is November 20, 2023

If you have additional questions, please contact **development@4hab.com**.

CO-OP Growing Leaders



Supporting new 4-H Alberta Members

CO-OP Growing Leaders program, an exciting initiative that will fund new 4-H Alberta members



Intro Clubs

Intro Clubs is a taste of 4-H. This 4-H Alberta pilot starts this fall in the Calgary area. In just 6-8 weeks, this initiative incorporates lifelong 4-H skills such as leadership, public speaking, and critical thinking as well as introduces key parts of the 4-H experience such as record books, community service, running a meeting, and project work.

This is not a traditional 4-H club. Current members with a diary will get one point for attending the duration of an Intro Club.

This club year, Intro Clubs will run several project options in the Calgary Area as a pilot. Small changes will be made before it is expanded into other areas of the province.

This fall, Intro Clubs is offering Explore 4-H in NW Calgary. Check out our website or the Online Registration System for more information.

Information: Member Programs - 4-H Alberta
Information and Registration: Online Registration
System





LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW?

Get ready to explore a variety of 4-H projects and develop practical leadership and life skills with our NEW 6-week Intro Club: Explore 4-H!

INTRO CLUBS: EXPLORE 4-H

WEDNESDAYS

October 11 - November 15, 2023 @ Dalhousie Community Association

Choose from

OR 6:30 - 8:30 pm

This club is for youth ages 9 - 18 and is 6 weeks long- perfect for families with a lot on the go!

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4-H Alberta Risk Management

4-H Members and Leaders and volunteers who are registered with 4-H Alberta are covered by 4-H Alberta Insurance for sanctioned 4-H activities and or events. Please be aware that any activities, events and projects that include one or more of the following require an activity plan to be completed (min 2 weeks prior to the event) and approved prior to proceeding. 1. High Risk 2. Interclub activities or events 3. Overnight activities

Be aware that some projects and activities may have limitations that are excluded from being covered by 4-H insurance. Prior to participation in new, projects you are unsure of or projects listed below please reach out to discuss limitations, exclusions or best practices related to the project or activity.

- Tobogganing and winter fun activities
- Snowmobiling
- ATVs and large vehicles must follow rules of the law
- Races using a motorised vehicle
- Shooting Sports (guns)

Contact Susann Stone susann.stone@4hab.com or 780-898-4223 to discuss your project limitations or exclusions.

More information about 4-H insurance can be found in the 4-H Alberta Reference Guide.

If your club activity requires a certificate of insurance with a facility listed as an added insure please complete <u>this form</u> a min of two weeks prior to your event.

AFSC 4-H Alberta Grassroot Fund

The online application for the AFSC 4-H Alberta Grassroot Fund will open on October 3, 2023!

Starting October 3, 2023, clubs are invited to complete this application to receive up to \$300 in funding from Agriculture Financial Services (AFSC).

AFSC cares about connecting with 4-H in local communities in ways that clubs find meaningful, which is why we have the 4-H Alberta Grassroots Fund. All sponsorship requests related to 4-H clubs are directed to and distributed through this fund.

Applications are reviewed and for each successful application, AFSC provides up to \$300 for 4-H clubs in Alberta, on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are allotted.



Clubs registered and that are verified with 4-H Alberta to be in good standing are eligible to apply.

To learn more, visit https://afsc.ca/about-afsc/community/4-h-alberta-grassroots-fund/

Deadline for applications is December 13, 2023.

Farmfair International – Nov 8 – 11, 2023!



Discover Your Future in Ag aims to bring employers in the agriculture industry together with Alberta's youth to discover career opportunities. With future demands on producers, it's important to shine a light on future jobs available to today's youth. The event will take place during Farmfair International as a career fair event that will allow employers to educate about their business and interact with participants. "Discover Your Future In Ag" is brought to you by Farmfair International, in partnership with CAREERS. 4-H Alberta is thrilled to participate for the second year in a row!"

4-H Alberta Financial Assistance Program

It's back for the 2023/2024 Club Year!

Thanks to the generosity of our community, the McCall MacBain Foundation, and UFA the program is back and able to help even more youth than last year!

The Financial Assistance Program will return for the 2023/2024 Club Year!

In late 2022, 4-H Alberta secured initial funding from the McCall MacBain Foundation to roll out a financial assistance pilot to 4-H Members who may not have the financial means to participate in 4-H Alberta but would love to join.

Due to the high demand on the pilot program and thanks to the generosity of our community, the McCall MacBain Foundation, as well as UFA, we are excited to announce that we will once again be offering the <u>Financial Assistance Program for the 2023/2024 Club year and will be able to increase the number of youth we can serve!</u>

Our goal is to ensure that those who are in financial need are able to access provincial programs offered by 4-H Alberta.

Any Member(s) who are considering opting out or may not be in a financial position to join the 4-H Alberta program due to financial constraints/ limited financial resources, are strongly encouraged to apply.

Approved financial assistance recipients may either prepay their provincial club registration fees and then get reimbursed (to protect their anonymity), or if approved financial assistance recipients do not have the funds to pay their club registration fees in advance, we ask them to connect with the Fund Development Team at development@4hab.com to explore a suitable solution.

<u>Please note that Clubs are not responsible to carry the unpaid dues since the review and approval of financial assistance is completed on an ongoing basis until available funding has been depleted or the application closes.</u>

Please click here to apply. The deadline to submit your application is November 30, 2023.

Members / Parents

Project in a Weekend: Discover the Game Changer

Seniors Only - Complete Your Project and Record Book in One Weekend and Focus on Other Club Requirements

- **Time efficiency** Complete your 4-H project and record book in record time, freeing up time for other commitments.
- Balance Unlock more time for your studies and sports, helping you excel in multiple areas.
- Certification & Scholarship Readiness Earn a certificate of completion & become a candidate for 4-H scholarships.
- Enhanced Focus & Quality Concentrate deeply on your project without the stress of long-term commitments.
- Community & Mentorship Connect with like-minded senior members and benefit from hands-on guidance.
- **Explore New Horizons** Not sure about a new project topic? Use 'Project in a Weekend' as a risk-free way to dive into new areas of interest.
- Family & Social Life Completing your project in a weekend means you can spend more time with family and friends.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to make the most of your time as a Senior 4-H member!

Project in a Weekend PDF Document

Register Here

Senior Symposium

The Senior Symposium is a program for current 4-H Alberta Senior Members province-wide. The 2023 Fall Senior Symposium offers engaging and hands-on programming focusing on future planning and career development. The registration fee includes all food, accommodation, programming and delegate packs. Registration is \$190.00. Spaces are limited. This year, we will be at the beautiful Alberta 4-H Centre at Battle Lake, AB.

The Fall Senior Symposium will host a variety of activities and workshops with specialists covering topics including, but not limited to: financial independence, resume building, scholarships, career opportunities, and future planning. The Symposium also allows delegates to network and connect with other Senior Members from across the province.

During the Symposium banquet, the 2023/24 Ambassadors will be announced along with the Premier's Award Winner. The application to become a 4-H Alberta Ambassador closes Monday, October 2nd, 2023. If you are interested in applying, you can learn more and check out the application here.

2023 Fall Senior Symposium Schedule

Friday, October 20 th				
6:30 pm	Arrival and Check-in			
7:30 pm	Welcome Activities & Refreshments			
10:30 pm	End of Day 1			
Saturday, October 21 st				
8:00 am	Breakfast			
9:00 am	Morning Activities & Workshops			
12:00 pm	Lunch			
1:00 pm	Afternoon Activities & Workshops			
6:00 pm	Banquet			
8:00 pm	Evening Activities			
~11:00 pm	End of Day 2			
Sunday, October 22 nd				
8:00 am	Breakfast & Pack Up			
9:30 am	Wrap Up Activities			
12:00 pm	Lunch & Final Speaker			
1:00 pm	Check-out and Departure			
2:00 pm	End of Day 3			

^{*}Please note that the exact times listed on this schedule may change to accommodate the needs of the program. However, delegate arrival and departure times are set and will not change.

Register Here

Staples Discount Program

In the latest exciting partnership news, 4-H Alberta is thrilled to announce the Business Discount Program with Staples for all 4-H families! This amazing collaboration ensures all your printing needs are met with ease and affordability. Whether you're preparing project presentations, creating event invitations, or any other printing tasks, you can now enjoy exclusive discounts and offers at Staples stores.

Don't miss out! Join the 4-H Alberta Business Discount Program today and make all your printing projects a breeze!



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Staff Announcement

Sydney Walsh is a new addition to the 4-H Alberta team, stepping into the Summer Programs and Youth Development Coordinator role. Sydney brings with her over ten years of experience working with youth across Canada in various roles. She has been a Teen Expedition Coordinator and a paddling guide as well as managed a ski shop. She is passionate about providing a fun, safe and inclusive environment for youth to learn, discover and play. She is an active outdoors woman who when not working is out paddling, fly fishing, camping, skiing and biking.

Sydney can be reached at: sydney.walsh@4hab.com or programs@4hab.com.



4-H Alberta Carcass Competition 2022-23

The 4-H Alberta Provincial Carcass Committee will once again be hosting this exciting competition! With the growing popularity of the Carcass Beef Project, members will have the opportunity to compete in a province-wide carcass competition. We've added a few different slaughter locations to accommodate the growing interest. Members select and feed a beef animal to the finished weight, as they would a live market beef project. The animal is judged on the rail, providing members with an additional learning opportunity.

Please take the time to read the Carcass Competition Guidelines. There is a lot of important information that will make the competition much easier for you.

Cost: \$85.00 and includes a DNA test, federal grading, and a wind up.

Registration deadline is December 1, 2023.

Please check the programs page on the 4-H website for the most up to date information - Carcass Competition Guidelines – 2024

Please register at https://www.4habregistration.ca/signin



4-H Alberta Scholarships

We are pleased to share that the Provincial Scholarship Selection Committee reviewed and selected the 2023 provincial scholarship recipients on September 19, 2023. Successful provincial scholarship recipients were notified in September.



Additional 4-H Alberta Scholarships are still under review by their respective committees and successful applicants will be notified in October and November.

Thank you, <u>AgCall</u> for their continued support during this scholarship season and to all of our donors who make these awards possible. We could not do it without their support!

The Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Scholarship

The Selection Committee for the Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Fund Scholarship met on September 26, 2023 and selected the 2023 scholarship recipients. Successful recipients will be notified in early October.

Feel free to contact the scholarship team at scholarship@4HAB.com if you do have any questions.

Win Big with Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corporation

If you would like to sign up for exclusive ticket offers, giveaways, and draws for signed merchandise and prizes from the Calgary Sport and Entertainment Corporation, please click here: http://www.calgaryflames.com/4h.









Become a 4-H Alberta Ambassador!

ATTENTION ALL 4-H SENIOR MEMBERS: The Application to become a 4-H Ambassador is NOW OPEN!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY OCTOBER 3, 2023

Access the application form **HERE**

4-H Alberta Ambassadors are enthusiastic Senior Members that are driven to grow 4-H in Alberta through sharing their 4-H experiences and representing youth! 4-H Ambassadors will support 4-H in their region and across the province. Ambassadors will receive training and gain experience in areas they are interested in.



Two Ambassadors per region (14 in total) will be selected, through this application process, for a two-year term. Following the deadline, all applications will be reviewed, and potential candidates will be selected for a virtual follow-up interview.

Ambassadors Requirements:

- Has completed at least 3 years as a 4-H Alberta Member
- Is a current Senior Member in good standing
- Rossesses strong leadership, communication, and teamwork skills
- Passionate about growing and promoting 4-H in Alberta
- Attend the 4-H Alberta Fall Senior Symposium October 20 22, 2023
- 🕸 Attend the in-person Ambassador training at the Alberta 4-H Centre on Battle Lake November 17 19, 2023
- Attend virtual meetings for all Ambassadors (dates and times TBD based on Ambassador availability)
- Committed to fulfilling all Ambassador role requirements, as outlined in the Ambassador Terms of Reference.

To learn more about the 4-H Alberta Ambassador role, you can read the Ambassador Terms of Reference found at the bottom of the Ambassador page of the 4-H website here: https://www.4hab.com/ambassadors/

Successful applicants will be announced at the Fall Senior Symposium banquet!

If you have any questions about the 4-H Alberta Ambassador application process, please email: programs@4hab.com.

Premier's Award

To all Ambassadors - Application for Premier's Award is now open.

APPLICATION DEADLINE - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

Access the application form: https://forms.gle/hBf2RQUKN3sy6kYP7

The Premier's Award Recipient is selected and awarded the honour at the annual Fall Senior Symposium program. The Premier's Award was donated personally by Honourable E.C. Manning, Premier of Alberta, and first presented to an outstanding 4-H member in 1964.

The recipient represents Alberta 4-H members at a variety of events over the following year, that may include delivering a keynote address, attending events, MCing banquets and or events.

The recipient will also attend one event per region, at the request of 4-H Area Coordinators, as an MC or other designated role.

Other highlights include:

- Meeting Government of Alberta representatives.
- Being a guest speaker at various agriculture events.
- Opportunity to attend 4-H Canada's 2024 Citizenship Congress.
- Receiving the Ted Youck Outstanding Leadership in 4-H Alberta Award.

Ambassadors can apply for the role by filling out the online application and participating in the interview process.

4-HAB Projects Updates for 2023/24

4-H Alberta is thrilled to unveil our updated projects list for the 2023/24 year! As part of our mission to develop responsible, caring, and contributing young leaders, we've added several new project categories. These additions are designed to better reflect the interests of our members and align more closely with 4-H Canada's Leadership Development Pillars.

Important Note for Registration

When registering this fall, please take the time to review our entire list of project names. Select the one that most closely matches your project before opting for a more general category. If your project was previously under Creative Options, you may now find that it has its own designated space!

New Projects for 2023/24

Creative Options	Range / Soil Management	Astronomy
Other Agriculture	Fish / Aquaculture	Computer Sciences
Lego/Building Blocks	Safety	Mathematics & Accounting
Drones - Engineering	Shooting Sports	Community / Civic Engagement
Robotics - Engineering	Sports & Recreation	Careers / Work Readiness
Rocketry - Engineering	Other Skilled Trade	Project in a Weekend

For a complete list, check our <u>2023/24 PROJECTS LIST – ALPHABETICAL</u> or <u>2023/24 PROJECTS LIST – BY PILLAR</u>, on our website.

Hello 4-H Alberta Cleaver Kids' Parents!

Don't forget to register your youngest 4-H members for the 2023/2024 Club Year!



Cleaver Kids is an early introduction to 4-H Alberta through fun and hands-on learning appropriate for youth aged 6 to 8 years. Those 4-Hers in the making engage and participate in their local clubs, alongside 4-H Alberta members. We hope to see you again - or for the first time!

<u>Viterra</u> and <u>AFSC</u> are proud supporters of this amazing program and we truly appreciate their generous support and investment in Alberta's youth!

Pictures can be sent to <u>development@4hab.com</u>. Please let us know if we have permission to use these photos in our publications and on social media.



Leaders

Leader Virtual Project Sessions

We are excited to announce the schedule for the **Fall 2023 Leader Virtual Project Sessions.** Be prepared to enhance your 4-H experience! Join us in these one-hour interactive virtual sessions hosted by the 4-H Alberta Programs Team to dive deep into various project areas.

Here's what to expect during the session:

- **Insight into 4-H Alberta Standards:** Learn what 4-H Alberta Standards are, their purpose, and understand how they positively influence all 4-H members.
- Introduction to the Provincial Advisory Committee: Find out who the committee
 members are, understand the election process, and explore the vital role they play in
 shaping our organization.
- **Resource Availability:** Understand what resources are available and explore the many possibilities that you, as leaders, can undertake. Take a virtual tour on Google to discover new ideas and the most up-to-date resources to aid your projects.
- **Q&A Segment:** Seize this opportunity to ask questions and gather valuable information about the projects you are passionately involved in.

Fall 2023 Session Details:

- Platform: Virtual Registration on ORS
- Time: All sessions begin at 7:30
- Schedule:
 - o Beef Leaders October 17
 - Equine Leader October 24
 - o SALTT Leader October 26
 - Sheep Leaders November 14
 - Communication November 16
 - Cleaver Kids November 22

Here is your chance to enhance your expertise, share concerns, and bond with fellow leaders. Let's unite to make the 4-H journey more enriching and memorable for every member. Your contribution and enthusiasm are crucial for building a robust 4-H community in Alberta.

Together, let's learn, grow, and lead!

Register Here

4-H Alberta's Alumni & Friends Membership Program

New volunteer opportunities have been posted on the Alumni & Friends website. For more information please visit www.4hab.com/alumni

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Alumni & Friends program please email <u>alumniandfriends@4hab.com</u>.





Ordering Your 4-H Alberta Club Supplies Has Never Been Easier!

We hope your new 4-H year is off to a fantastic start! As the leaves turn golden and we embrace the crisp autumn air, it's the perfect time to start planning your 4-H activities for the upcoming year. And what better way to set the stage for success than by equipping your club with all the essential supplies?

Please look for some new things that we have added to the resource list - some are old resources that we have brought back but some are **NEW** that we want to share with you.

- Livestock Stall Card
- Communication Certificate
- Achievement Certificate
- Thank you cards
- Family Orientation Booklet This is for new families joining 4-H
- Code of Conduct Poster
- Alta Link Communication Poster

Important Dates and Guidelines for Supply Orders

We're pleased to announce that **General Leaders and club registrars** can begin the 4-H Alberta Club supply ordering process **starting October 1, 2023**. If your club's registration is in 'pending' or 'approved' status, rest assured that your supply orders will be given the green light.

The approval process is swift, with orders typically being approved within three business days, in the order they have been received.

How to Place Your Order

All resources can be ordered using the Staples e-print site: 4-H Alberta Club Supplies Ordering.

Existing Users

• If you've used the Staples e-print site before, simply log in using your existing username and password.

New General Leaders or Registrars

• New to the Staples e-print site? Click on the "need a log in" option to receive your personalized username and password.

Plan Ahead for a Successful Year

We encourage you to plan ahead and **limit your club's supply order to once annually**. This will not only help us manage our resources more effectively but also ensure that all clubs get a fair share of the available supplies.

Have Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the club supply process or need more information about the available resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at **4hsupplies@4hab.com**.

Let's make this 4-H year the best one yet, equipped with all the supplies you need for a fulfilling and impactful experience.

Screen 4 Green

Now is the time to screen or rescreen!

Are you planning to return as a leader or putting your name forward for the first time this club year? All leaders and volunteers must be screened within 30 days for clubs to be approved.

Screen 4 Green Process Document download

For assistance with screening, email <u>leaderscreening@4hab.com</u> or call Bernadette at 780-898-3037. Thank you to those who have completed their screening or are currently doing so.

New for clubs and leaders in 2023-2024

To be Approved as a Club:

- All Leaders* in the Leader Tab must be screened and trained
- All Volunteers in the Volunteer Tab must be screened

*Leaders = General Leaders, Club Registrars, Assistant Leaders, Project Leaders, Assistant Project Leaders, and Cleaver Leaders.

The 30 days is initiated when the "Screening Required" email is sent from 4-H Alberta. If the screening and training items and steps are not submitted to 4-H Alberta by the Leader/Volunteer within the 30 days, the Club's membership will be contacted to vote in a new Leader/Volunteer.

Check out your profile to see if you are due for rescreening

• If you screened in 2020-21 (or before) you will need to rescreen for this Club year (2023-24)

Screening requirements for both Leaders and Volunteers are:

- Police check including vulnerable sector
- 3 references for new individuals, 1 reference for rescreening
- Application

If you are becoming a leader this year, the training requirements for all Leaders are:

- Abuse Prevention and Duty to Report (includes Commit to Kids)
- Youth Safety
- Details are here or on our website under Leaders > 4-H Leader Training

Alberta Recycling and 4-H Alberta

Clubs **MUST** register for recycling **EACH QUARTER**. If you wish to register for Q3 (October 1, 2023–December 31, 2023), please fill out the **new online registration** form here: https://forms.gle/YKGQPPLf67GjPsCz9

More information on the recycling program can be found on the website here.

A gentle reminder that tires and electronics are not to be stockpiled, and forms are due in the quarter the recycling is picked up. Any pickups from one location with more than 250 tires must be pre-approved. If you have any questions, please email admin@4hab.com.

Recycling forms for Quarter 3 (October 1, 2023–December 31, 2023) are due no later than December 31, 2023.

Please mail forms to: 4-H Alberta, RR1 Site 7 Box 1, Westerose, AB TOC 2V0

Regional News



Club Registration

Club registration is open October 1 to November 15, 2023.

Club fees are due November 15.

If you need support with Club Registration please reach out to your Area Coordinator.

Adult & Youth Registration forms are found on our website under: Resources > Downloads>Club Operational Tools

Good Standing

Important dates:

Members in Good Standing: complete all required forms online by January 30, 2024

Clubs in Good Standing: requirements are due January 15, 2024

Districts and Regions in Good Standing: requirements are due December 1, 2023

Check out the Good Standing section in the 4-H Alberta Reference Guide.

Screening & Training

- If your last training and/ or screening date was 2020/2021, you are due to be rescreened in the 2023/2024 year and take the <u>Youth Safety Refresher course</u>
- To be a LEADER in 4-H, you need current screening (within the last 3 years) PLUS completion of Youth Safety Training and Commit to Kids training.
- To be a VOLUNTEER in 4-H, you need current screening (within the last 3 years).
- If you have a new leader to your club, please put them in touch with your Area Coordinator to fill out forms and get started on leader screening!
- Leader Screening questions? Contact <u>leaderscreening@4hab.com</u> or click <u>HERE</u>
- Leader Training questions? Contact leadertraining@4hab.com or click HERE

4-H Alberta Reference Guide

What is it?

The <u>4-H Alberta Reference Guide</u> is a living document that provides operational processes, procedures, and definitions for province-wide consistency when required. The 4-H Alberta Reference Guide has replaced all non-governance related policies and procedures as of October 1, 2022. A living document is best viewed online to ensure the information is up to date.

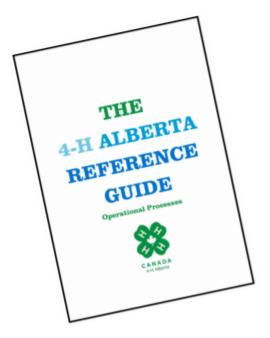
Where can I find it?

On the 4-H Alberta Website at https://www.4hab.com/4-h-reference-guide/.

How do I find what I am looking for?

Option 1: The Table of Contents: find the section you are looking for in the table of contents. Click on the section you want and it will take you there.

Option 2: Press "Control F" and search for keywords (On your keyboard: press the control button and the "F" button at the same time, a text box will appear in the top right corner of your screen, and you can search or "Find" what you are looking for).



What if I have feedback?

Submit change requests here: 4-H Alberta Reference Guide Feedback

This document will be updated in <u>February 2024</u> and <u>July 2024</u> this coming year, if changes are required. If changes are made, a summary will be in the Scoop that month.

Provincial Membership Fees

Effective September 2023

- Full Refunds are provided until December 15 of that club year.
- No refunds are offered after that date.
- Contact your Area Coordinators for support or questions.

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South Region



"Traditions of giving thanks long predate the arrival of European settlers in North America. First Nations across Turtle Island have traditions of thanksgiving for surviving winter and for receiving crops and game as a reward for their hard work. These traditions may include feasting, prayer, dance, potlatch, and other ceremonies, depending on the peoples giving thanks... As the story goes, in 1578, English explorer Martin Frobisher and his crew gave thanks and communion was observed, either on land at Frobisher Bay, in present day Nunavut, or onboard a ship anchored there. The explorers dined on salt beef, biscuits, and mushy peas and gave thanks through Communion for their safe arrival in then Newfoundland.

This is now accepted as the first "Canadian" Thanksgiving, forty-three years before the first "American" Thanksgiving. Today Canadian Thanksgiving is held on the second Monday of October every year, or at least it has been since Canadian Parliament declared it so on January 31, 1957. Before this, Thanksgiving in Canada had been held sporadically, often coinciding with other major events and anniversaries." https://www.canadashistory.ca/explore/arts-culture-society/the-history-of-thanksgiving-in-canada

Upcoming Regional Programming & Events (Check out the 4-H Alberta Calendar)

Please check regularly and register for open programs in your online account under "programs"

October 28, 2023 South 4-H Region Council Meeting, Taber, AB

Important Information Deadlines: Please consult the Reference Guide for more information.

October 1, 2023 Club Registration Opens

October 15, 2023 Club Registration Closes. Club Fees Due.

December 1, 2023 District/Regional Council Good Standing Information Due to Area Coordinator

January 15, 2024 Club Good Standing Information Due to Area Coordinator

January 30, 2024 Member Online Forms Signed Deadline

Leader Learning Day



Some of the 75 delegates representing the South, Calgary, West Central and Northwest Regions) attending the 2023 Leader Learning Day in Claresholm, Alberta, hosted by the South Region.

This full day event featured information on 4-H Alberta, tips on having a successful 4-H year in 2023-2024, "new" features



This full day event featured information on 4-H Alberta, tips on having a successful 4-H year in 2023-2024, "new" features and deadlines for the 2023-2024 club year and multiple networking opportunities with Provincial Advisory Group Representatives and 4-H Alberta Staff. Leader feedback included, "I really appreciated that we had this connection available in our south region". Delegates took home packages full of Club / Leader information, Social Media Guidelines, Scholarship and Program Information. CEO Kurt Kinnear delivered a positive message of membership status in 4-H Alberta as well as a reminder of the importance of Positive Leadership within our clubs.

The day started off with welcome messages from Andrea Hanson, South/Calgary Area Representative, 4-H Board of Directors, followed by a thought provoking workshop on Inclusivity and Diversity in the Workplace and Community with a feature discussion on Microaggression by Dr. Sinela Jurkova of the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society. Following a roast beef

dinner, Willow Creek Immigrant Services of Claresholm led a newcomer youth sharing circle, where newcomers shared their memories and thoughts on what it's like to be new in rural Alberta. Leaders asked the youth and their parents how 4-H Alberta could serve them in their communities, providing some great insight on how to actively include newcomers in our community.

The 2023 Leader Learning Day hosted by the South Region was sponsored by PEMBINA and the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta.



South Region Reminders (Click on Active Links for More Information)

PROJECT STANDARDS - UPDATED

<u>Beef Standards</u>, and <u>Sheep Standards</u> have been updated by your Provincial Advisory Committees. Please ensure your clubs and district / regional committees are aware of all changes for the 2022 year!

Club Start Up

★ If you have any questions about starting a club, or a new project, leaders training or deadlines - please contact your Area Coordinator - we'll be happy to help direct you and your group through a successful club / project launch!

Screening

★ If you last screened in 2020-2021 or sooner, you are DUE TO RESCREEN! If you need any help doing this, please call or email Connie. New police detachment letters are available.

Activity Plans

- ★ Activities beyond the club level require an approved activity plan.
- ★ If you club has a high-risk activity planned, it too will need an activity plan.

Being in Good Standing

- ★ It is important to be in good standing at every level of 4-H Alberta
- ★ If you have any questions about what you need to do (as a Member, Club, District etc) to be in good standing, please consult the 4-H Alberta Reference Guide.

South Region Consumer Decision Making – HELP WANTED

★ The South Regional Council is seeking senior members and leaders to help organize the South Region Consumer Decision Making event. If you are interested, please contact Connie Harder.

Calgary Region

Calgary Region 4-H Horse Committee AGM: October 19 @ 7 pm, Airdrie Ag Building

All 4-H clubs in the Calgary Region with Horse projects, while in good standing, are members of the Calgary Regional 4-H Horse Committee. All clubs with horse projects must attend this meeting.

Portfolio Competition Marking: Oct. 21, 2023

4-H on Parade Meeting: October 30/23 @7pm Balzac Hall

Calgary 4-H Regional Senior Fun Day – November 24-26, 2023

<u>Registration is now open</u>. This will be a weekend of fun and learning leadership skills at Camp Chestermere. Come meet new friends and meet up with some "old" ones too! You must be registered as a Senior member in the 2023/24 club year. The cost will be \$120 for the weekend.

Friday November 24: arrive at 6:30pm (after supper)

Saturday November 25: Breakfast, Lunch and Supper plus programs & a dance in the evening

Sunday November 26: Breakfast plus program, members leave before lunch

Register through your online 4-H account.

View/Download Senior Fun Day Weekend Camp Poster (PDF)

4-H on Parade Meeting Dates: Oct 30, 2023, Jan 29, 2024 & Apr 22, 2024

Calgary Region AGM: Nov 1, 2023

Calgary Region 4-H Horse Committee Meetings: Jan 25, 2024, Mar 28, 2024, May 9, 2024

Winter Bonanza: January 5-7, 2024 (tentative - to be confirmed)

Regional Communications Competition: Mar. 23, 2024

Mountainview District Multi-Judging Competition: April 20, 2024





The 4-H Alberta Office is closed & the 4-H Alberta Area Coordinator, Calgary Region is off Friday October 6 to Monday October 9, inclusive. Hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving weekend! The 4-H Alberta Area Coordinator, Calgary Region is off the afternoon of Friday October 20.



Questions?

You will find many answers to your questions in the <u>4-H Reference Guide</u>. If you can't find your answer, please contact your 4-H Alberta Area Coordinator, Calgary Region, Jane Ellen Forbes at <u>calgary@4hab.com</u>.

If you have questions regarding Calgary Region events or programs, please contact the Calgary Regional Council at calgaryregional4hcouncil@gmail.com.

For all regional news, click here

East Central Region

Coming Up for the Fall (Click on Active Links for More Information)

Nov 17, 2023	EC Region Council Meeting	Coronation Hall 6:30pm
Nov 24-26, 2023	EC Intermediate Camp	Circle Square Ranch
Jan 6, 2024	EC Regional Fun Day	Stettler Middle School



Regional Fun Day

Mark your



A day full of crafts and fun for all ages - including parents!

When: Saturday, Jan 6, 2024 Where: Stettler Middle School

Time: 9 am registration; Ask your leader for more information

Cost: FREE

Lunch provided: ice cream social to close the day!



For all regional news, click here

East Central Region Calendar

East Central Region Page

West Central Region

Coming Up for the Fall (Click on Active Links for More Information)

Oct 13, 2023	WC Regional 4-H Dance Register in the ORS	The Centennial Hall, Lacombe
Oct 15, 2023	WC Equine Leaders Fall Fun Workshop \$30, Register in the ORS	Lakedell Ag Society Arena
Oct 21, 2023	WCR Council AGM & Record Book Competition Marking	Lacombe Memorial Centre, 10 am
Nov 19, 2023	WC Communication Workshop	4-H Alberta Centre, Battle Lake, AB



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WC Regional Dance - Oct 13, 2023

Join us for this fun evening - refreshments, games, and door prizes.

WHO: EVERYONE WELCOME!

WHERE: Lacombe Memorial Centre, Lacombe, AB

WHEN: Friday, October 13, 2023

REGISTRATION: Register via your ORS Profile

COST: \$5 per member, paid at the door

For more information contact: westcentral.ambassadors@4hab.com,

403-963-9446.

WC Equine Leaders Fall Workshop - Oct 15, 2023

~hosted by the WCR Horse Committee~

Join West Central Equine Leaders for a fun day of riding at Lakedell arena on Sunday, October 15, 2023. We are seeking out all equine leaders who would enjoy networking with other leaders in our Region while refreshing 4-H equine skills from the basics to more advanced such as:

- Saddling & Bridling, Checking Tack, Proper Helmet Fit, Mounting and Dismounting, Body Position, Warm up, Emergency Stop, Gaits, Rider Focus, Rein Effects, Aids, Riding a Circle, Riding and recognizing Diagonals
- Turn on the Forehand, Turn on the Haunches, Transitions and Half Halt, Halting Rein Back, Leg Yield, Two Track, Sidepass, Lope Departure, Counterbend and Countercanter.

We are asking any confident leaders to step forward and facilitate a session(s) of their choice (this is not mandatory, you are welcome to attend without being a session facilitator).

The more leaders we have to facilitate sessions, the more skills we can cover!

Auditors are also welcome to attend. Cost is \$30.00 for the day (10:00 am - 5:00 pm) and includes lunch!

Watch the ORS and your email for registration details. Deadline for registering is October 1, 2023.

Contact Connie Kluczny at cmkluczny@gmail.com for further information or if you would like to facilitate a session.

The WC Ambassadors' have a Newsletter!

The WC Ambassadors have launched their very own NEWSLETTER. Click <u>here</u> to read the Spring edition and find out who they are and how they can help out.

Eager to connect with the WC Ambassadors? Feel free to reach out: <u>westcentral.ambassadors@4hab.com</u> or follow on Instagram @4hwestcentral_ambassadors.

For all regional news, click here

Northeast Region

NE Regional Council

- Next Meeting November 4, 2023.
- Our current NE Region Executive Council
 - President: Jason Boorse (Elk Point 4-H Multi Club; Elk Point 4-H Beef Club; St Paul District)
 - Past President: Carmen King (Regional Volunteer)
 - Treasurer: Sandy Smith (Lakeland Longriders; Bonnyville District)
 - Secretary: Georgia S. (Member) (Hidden Creek 4-H Multi Club; Vermilion River District)
- NE Approved 2023-24 Program Plan found on our NE Regional Page Here
- Hosting Rotation for 2023-24
 - Fall Fling Nov 24-25: St Paul District
 - You Be the Judge Feb 3: Minburn District
 - Communications Competition Mar 23: Lac La Biche & Wood Buffalo
 - Beef Learning Event/Regional Female Beef Show: Vermilion River
 - Spring Fling: Wainwright District
 - Horse Camp: Lamont & Smoky Lake District

NE Committee News

Register Here

NE Beef Show Committee Meeting: Fall 2023

• NE Horse Camp Committee Meeting: TBD

NE Horse Committee Meeting: TBD

• NE SALTT Committee Meeting: TBD

NE MEMBER PROGRAMMING

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS ON OUR UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

NE Senior Member Camp: October 13&14

NE Region NEW Senior Member Camp

October 13 & 14

Ecole Notre Dame High School, Bonnyville AB October 13 Check in: 6:30-7:00 pm October 14 Check Out: 5:30 pm Open to NE Region SENIORS 15+

\$50 per Member (etransfer only to the NE Region Treasurer)

20 Member Minimum 60 Member Maximum

Registration Deadline

NOON on October 6, 2023

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT CRYSTAL 780-573-6699 CRYSTAL.DECHAINE@4HAB.COM

Any NE Region Youth Leaders interested in volunteering at this event please register in the YLEAD Senior Member Camp Program

We have 10 YLEAD Spots Available on a first come first serve Prerequisite: Must have completed YLEAD Training

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NE Region NEW Senior Member Camp



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October 13

6:30 - 7 pm Check In / Drop Off

7:00 - 7:15 pm Welcome - House Keeping - Group Photo

7:15 - 7:30 pm Small Group Ice Breakers 7:30 - 8:00 pm Snack and Networking

8:00 pm - 12:00 am Dance 12:30 am Lights Out

October 14

7:30 am Wake up

8:00 - 8:45 am Breakfast and Networking

8:45 - 9:00 am Alive Awake and Enthusiastic Ice Breakers

9:00-10:00 am Group Activities

10:00-10:30 am Snack and Peer Networking 10:15-11:00 am Speaker

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Group Session

 12:00 - 12:45 pm
 Lunch and Networking

 12:45 - 2:00 pm
 Bonnyville Swimming Pool

 2:00 - 3:30 pm
 NE Region Program Planning

 3:30-3:45 pm
 Snack and Peer Networking

3:45 - 4:45 pm Small Group Work

4:45 - 5:15 pm Large Group Activity with Small Breakout Groups

5:15-5:30 pm Wrap Up & Evaluations 5:30 pm Check Out / Pick Up

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NE Junior Fall Fling: November 24 & 25, 2023

- Hosted by St. Paul District
- Location: Glen Avon School

NE LEADER & MEMBER PROGRAMMING WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS ON OUR UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

NE Beef Committee Virtual Learning Event



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HELPFUL RESOURCES: Located on our website www.4hab.com

- Club Meeting Pack to help you as your Club & District reorganize: located on the website under
 - Resources>Downloads>Club Operational Tools: https://www.4hab.com/downloads/
- Activity Plans must be completed for any high risk or overnight club activities and any interclub, district and or regional events: located on the website under
 - Resources>4-H Alberta Activity Plan and Incident Report Form: https://4-h-canada.i-sight.com/external-capture?lang=en_US#



TO ALL OUR 2022-23 NE Leaders, Volunteers, & Supporters for sharing your time and talents with our Members

Reminders

Please reach out to your local Area Coordinator for help if you need it: crystal.dechaine@4hab.com

- Awards of Excellence Forms can be submitted for 2021-22 year; Forms can
 be found on the website <u>www.4hab.com</u> under <u>Members>Member</u>
 Awards & Trips; based on 4-H Diary Points
- NE Cleaver the Beaver is available for events!
 - To make arrangements for a Cleaver Appearance Contact Crystal for details!



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Northwest Region

NE Committee Meeting Dates

Get involved - Committees are in need of volunteers to help provide & support programming for our youth! Please contact me at pam.gitzel@4hab.com if you are interested in volunteering or the Committee Chair:

- NW Horse Committee Leslie Majeau majeau4@gmail.com Fall 2023 TBA
- NW Beef Committee Jocelyn Toronchuk ditoronchuk@gmail.com Fall 2023 TBA
- NW Judging Committee Colleen Whittal colleen.whittal@gmail.com Fall 2023 TBA
- NW SALTT Committee Donna Zons donnazons@gmail.com Fall 2023 TBA
- NW Camp Committee Dorothy Carlson <u>nicbar@telusplanet.net</u> Fall 2023 TBA

NW REGION - RECORD BOOK COMPETITION - NOVEMBER 18, 2023

REMINDER that the Northwest Region Record Book Competition is running for the 2022-2023 Club Year. All Record Book Competition Guidelines and Marking Guides are found on the Northwest Regional Page - REGIONAL FORMS TAB.



RECORD BOOKS advancing to REGIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION are to be handed in at the NORTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING & LEARNING LUNCH on NOVEMBER 18, 2023 @ the Onoway Heritage Centre.

The 2022-2023 Marking Districts are:

- JUNIOR Record Books > Barrhead District
- INTERMEDIATE Record Books > Lac St Anne District
- SENIOR Record Books > Yellowhead District

 $\hbox{\it 4-H Alberta and the Provincial Advisory Committees want your FEEDBACK on RECORD BOOKS:}$

https://www.4hab.com/forms-surveys/

Upcoming Dates:

October 4 & 5, 2023 Regional NW Region Casino – St. Albert

November 18, 2023 Regional Meeting & Learning Lunch – Onoway Heritage Center



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Peace Region

Coming Up (Click on Active Links for More Information)

October 1, 2023 Club Registration Opens

November 4, 2023 Regional Meeting

Friedenstal Hall, Fairview

November 15, 2023 Club Registration Closes

November 18, 2023 Frosty Fest

Greenview Multiplex, Valleyview

For Upcoming Events

https://4habregistration.ca/signin.

Frosty Fest Member & Leader Learning Day November 18, 2023

Registration Opens October 1st, 2023 & closes November 5th.

- **Member Sessions:** Livestock Feed Seminar, Survive Outside Presented, Games, Judging Workshop & Competition, Art Class, Equine and Veterinary
- Leader Sessions: Planning a Communication Event, Livestock Feeding Seminar, Overview of Equine Levels, Cleaver Leader Info Session, Outdoor Projects Safety Consideration, Supporting New Members & Families, Conflict Resolution, Diaries from a leader's perspective, Succession Planning & Leader Burnout



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Reminders:

Interclub, District & Regional Events please remember to fill out an activity plan 4-H Canada Activity Plan Form.

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