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December 2023

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Message From the CEO

Dear 4-H Alberta community,

It's exciting to see so many people across Alberta registering for this 4-H year! Although it's still early to make precise predictions, it seems we'll have slightly fewer 4-H clubs this year, but a similar number of members. On a positive note, we've been receiving a substantial number of club supply orders, and feedback about the system has been overwhelmingly positive, indicating smooth operations. Our partnership with Staples has proven to be highly successful, with club supplies being delivered promptly after submission. In fact, our success has inspired several other provinces to follow our lead and partner with Staples for their provincial 4-H program.



When 4-H Alberta was established a few years ago, we inherited various systems, including our main online registration system. Unfortunately, this system had gone without significant upgrades for many years, which is far from ideal in the ever-evolving world of technology. We immediately addressed any security concerns discovered during our investigation and then focused on enhancing the system as a whole. Over the past few years, we've been diligently upgrading the system. However, despite our best efforts and ongoing improvements, some glitches persist. For example, there have been instances where individuals complete a task, only to find it still marked as incomplete when they log back in. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and are actively working to resolve this issue.

However, the issue we face is our inability to recreate this problem for our developers, making it difficult to pinpoint and rectify the issue. If you encounter such a bug and can provide insight on how to reproduce it, please reach out to me directly. Your assistance will help us eliminate any remaining bugs and improve the experience for everyone.

As we enter the festive Christmas season, I hope our amazing 4-H community is able to take a small breather and enjoy some time with family and friends!

Best regards,
Kurt Kinnear CEO,
4-H Alberta



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WE WILL BE
CLOSED
FOR THE
Holidays!

FROM DECEMBER 25 TO JANUARY 1

May your holidays be merry and your heart be light.
Happy holidays!

4-H Alberta Summer



Registration
opens soon!

Programs



Peace

Northeast

Summer Staff Hiring
Info Coming Soon

Click anywhere on the page to visit the Programs
Page and check out the 2023/24 Program Guide

we are seeking
VOLUNTEERS
for the 4-H Alberta Board of Directors

4-H Alberta is recruiting for diverse leaders to fill Board of Director vacancies:

Details coming soon!

Available positions will be posted on the 4hab.com website


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To learn more, visit 4hab.com and search volunteer board

UFA Funds 4-H Alberta Clubs and Districts



**HELPING YOUTH
REACH HIGHER.**

The UFA Funds 4-H Alberta Clubs program is reaching even higher as we invite 4-H Saskatchewan Clubs, in the areas that we serve, to apply for funding.

We have seen the positive and inspiring impact that 4-H brings to our communities and we are honoured to be able to help clubs and districts reach even higher.

YOUR CLUB CAN APPLY FOR UP TO \$300.
Click to find out more at [UFA.com/4H](https://ufo.com/4h)



Application deadline is January 31, 2024.
Applications for 2024 are processed on a first come, first served basis.


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4-H Saskatchewan

4-H Alberta provides lifelong leadership and learning skills to the youth in UFA's communities and they are excited to once again support this grassroots growing and learning through the UFA Funds 4-H Program.

Up to \$70,000 in funding is available to 4-H Alberta Clubs and Districts. Interested clubs and districts are invited to submit their application starting December 8, 2023 until January 31, 2024.

For more information and to submit your application, please visit:
<https://coop.ufo.com/4h-clubs>.

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A message from our valued sponsor, FortisAlberta:

Too High of a Price to Pay?

The cost of contacting a power line may be far greater than you realize. Nobody plans to contact an overhead or underground lines. Incidents happen when work pressures are greatest. But taking the extra time to look up for lines and locating underground lines, can save you money, time and personal costs.

- Contacting a power line can cost thousands of dollars in damage to your equipment by blowing out tires or wrecking sensitive electronic equipment, or you could ignite and start a fire in the area. You are also responsible for damages to power poles, lines and other facilities.
- There are social costs to contacting a line because it usually results in a power outage not only to your service, but to everyone who is served from your line. This might include livestock operations and other businesses and services.
- Or, you could pay the ultimate price. Electricity can seriously injure or kill you and devastate your family. Electrical shock or burns are always a severe injury requiring immediate specialized care and, in many cases, have resulted in the loss of limbs.
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So what's your bottom line? Is the risk of contacting a power line more than you can afford? We hope you agree that it is important to take a moment to stop and think, Where's the line. At FortisAlberta, safety is everything and we want to extend our safety culture to our customers.

Visit www.fortisalberta.com for information on farm safety, to request a presentation or to download a farm safety plan that you can customize for your operation.

Accidents happen. Know what to do if you do contact a power line:

1. Stay calm and if possible, break contact with the line by driving 10 metres away.
2. Stay in the cab and assume the line on the ground is energized. Keep others back.
3. Contact the electric utility or local emergency services and wait for the line to be de-energized.
4. Only if the vehicle is on fire, exit safely by jumping clear **WITH YOUR FEET TOGETHER** and without touching the cab or equipment. Keep your feet together and shuffle slowly away for 10 metres.



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, New Horizon 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 above 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 December 15, 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**



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!

There is still funding available through the 4-H Alberta Financial Assistance Program!

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 continue to offer the **Financial Assistance Program for the 2023/2024 Club year and will be able to increase the number of youth we can serve!**

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.

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.

Please [click here to apply](#). The deadline to submit your application has been extended to **December 15, 2023**.

Pheasant Project

It's that time of year to prepare for the upcoming Pheasant Project season. Please remember to submit your Project Agreement Forms and Leader Talley Sheets to [Tracy](#). These documents are essential for tracking your progress and ensuring a successful project.



We've updated valuable resources in the Pheasant Project Section on our website, covering pheasant care, project timelines, educational materials, health, safety, and record keeping. Explore them here: [Pheasant Project Resources](#).

We're here to support you, so don't hesitate to reach out with questions or to share your progress. Let's make this year the best one yet!

Keep an eye on our website and your inbox for more updates.

To check out other exciting projects, please visit our [Project page](#).

AFSC 4-H Alberta Grassroot Fund

The online application for the AFSC 4-H Alberta Grassroot Fund is OPEN!

The online application for the AFSC 4-H Alberta Grassroots Fund opened on 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.



Members / Parents

4-H Alberta Mailmatch Competition

Indoor Mailmatch is a provincial competition shot in the comfort of your own club! Due to the vastness of Alberta, attending a provincial archery competition can be difficult. Fortunately, Mailmatch allows you to see where you stand against other 4-H'ers without having to travel further than your local club! Each month, 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.

Any 4-H member registered in the archery project for the 2023/2024 Club Year can participate.

Register at www.4habregistration.ca/signin

The cost to participate is \$15 per archer. Members have until December 31 to register through the online 4-H registration system. Clubs or archers registered after this date will be asked to pay a \$25 late fee on top of the archer's registration fee. The latest archers may register is January 15, 2024.

For more information and FAQs, please visit [the website](#).



Olds College Scavenger Hunt

Olds College, a longtime supporter of 4-H Alberta, has an exciting virtual technology website scavenger hunt to share with you.

Explore your options at Olds College of Agriculture & Technology for a **chance to be awarded a \$500 scholarship!** Find your match and turn your career goals into reality with hands-on programming at the Top 10 Research College in Canada!

Visit: <https://oldscollege.ca/scavengerhunt> to get started!



Scavenger Hunt

Win a \$500 Scholarship to Olds College!



Scan to Start



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Three (3) scholarships of \$500 will be awarded to participants, based on correct answers and response to long answer question. Scholarships will be valid for students who begin their attendance at Olds College of Agriculture & Technology in the July 2023- June 2024 academic year. Students who have begun studies at Olds College prior to June 2023 are not eligible, with the exception of dual credit high school students. Scholarship will be applied to student accounts after the last day to add or drop classes in their first term, and have no cash value.

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For more information, please contact Recruitment@oldscollege.ca.

Thank you, Olds College, for the continued support of 4-H Alberta's youth!

Tell Your 4-H Alberta Agri-Tale: The Ultimate Contest for the Youth of 4-H Alberta!

Are you a passionate 4-H Alberta member with a story that can inspire? Whether it is raising your first animal, learning a skilled trade, or attributing to community engagement, we want to hear YOUR 4-H Alberta Agri-Tale.

Why Share?

Because every 4-H Alberta project and its story deserves to be told, and yours could be the inspiration someone needs! Plus, there are amazing prizes awaiting.

How to Participate:

Share the stages of your project from December 1 to March 31 with Photography or Videos of your 4-H Alberta Agri-Tale.

Submit each entry at mcsnet.ca/4habcontest with a short 25-100 word description periodically to keep us updated on your 4-H project's developments from now until March 31, 2024 at 23:59:59.

Post your submission publicly on social media with the hashtag #4HABContest and tag @MCSnet and @4-HAlberta.

Prizes Galore:

Each age group, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior, will be awarded with a Grand Prize and Runner Up cash prize. Periodically, we will award prizes for inclusion on social media platforms using the contest hashtag.

Grand Prize: \$500

Runner Up: \$100

Additional prizes on social media and many special mentions!

So, to the young agriculturists of 4-H Alberta, grab your camera and let's showcase your passion! Take us on a deep dive of your farming or agricultural journey and share it with a community that understands and celebrates every milestone.

Ready to share your 4-H Alberta Agri-Tale? Don't wait! **Stay tuned to mcsnet.ca and its social media channels starting on December 1st.**



4-H Alberta Scholarships

We are thrilled to confirm that all successful scholarship applicants of the 2023 4-H Alberta Scholarship program were notified in October and November.



We will officially announce the scholarship recipients on the 4-H Alberta website in the coming weeks.

Thank you, [AgCall](https://agcall.ca) for the continued support during this scholarship season and for the redevelopment of our online application system!

We also want to thank our donors who make these awards possible. We could not do it without their support!

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>.



CALGARY SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CORPORATION

4-H Canada Science Fair

The 4-H Canada Science Fair is an opportunity for youth to explore, experiment, and discover as they plan, research, complete, and submit a science project either independently or with a partner! Youth will be judged virtually in the hopes of moving to our in-person round and ultimately, the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

How Does the 4-H Canada Science Fair Work?

Either by yourself or with another 4-H'er, you'll complete and submit your science project to be judged virtually in the hopes of moving on to our in-person second round, and ultimately to the Canada-Wide Science Fair!

Entry Deadline: January 8, 2024

Timeline

Phase 1 - Virtual Judging: January 17-24, 2024

Phase 2 – In-person Judging: March, 2024

Phase 3 – Canada-wide Science Fair, Ottawa, ON: May 25 – June 1, 2024



[Enter Science Fair Here](#)

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!

[Viterra](#) and [AFSC](#) are proud supporters of this amazing program and we truly appreciate their generous support and investment in Alberta's youth!

We always love to see what our Cleaver Kids are up to, so feel free to send us a few pictures of your completed activities and projects! Pictures can be sent to development@4hab.com.

You Asked For It...

In the past two months, we've had fantastic leader sessions where engaged leaders asked questions and shared their successful strategies. It was great for the 4-H Alberta Program Team to connect with these dedicated leaders.

As requested, here's a **list of 4-H Alberta Advisory Committee Representatives** for you to reach out to. If you require further assistance, don't hesitate to contact us at programs@4hab.com. We're here to help!

Region	Equine Committee Reps	Sheep Committee Reps
Peace	Jenn K.	Brandy D.
Northwest	Kelly W.	Jackie S.
Northeast	Kelsey T.	Erin Y.
East Central	Bernie M.	Shane D.
West Central	Taylor R.	Laverne S.
Calgary	Sharon S.	Joan H.
South	Kristine C.	Niki P.
At Large	Connie K.	Arlene G.

Region	Beef Committee Reps	SALTT Committee Reps	Communication Committee Reps
Peace	Emma L.	Stuart A.	Cath B.
Northwest	Jocelyn T.	Lorna P.	Donna Z.
Northeast	Andrew Y.	Lisa F.	Lyle A.
East Central	Vacant	Janet N.	Heather B.
West Central	Kyley D.	Tanya R.	Chris P.
Calgary		Jody W.	Shirley S.
South	Jay G.	Marie L.	Dorthea M.

4-H Alberta's Alumni & Friends Membership Program

4-H Alberta is capturing success stories from our Alumni & Friends membership to share and inspire our community. If you have an inspirational story about success in your life and/or career that you would like to share, or if you would be willing to volunteer to provide an educational session in your area of expertise, please complete the form and we will be in touch. Please click the link to fill out the [online form](#).

If you have not already signed up as an Alumni please visit www.4hab.com/alumni



Introducing the Insights from the 4-H Alberta Intro Clubs Program!

We're thrilled to share the valuable insights we've gained from the brand-new Intro Clubs program. This program has already completed one successful cycle, and we're excited to highlight one key element that truly worked wonders: Music.

Insights from Intro Club

What worked: adding music into club meetings!

Liven up the room with music!

After our first Intro Club meeting we decided we needed to liven things up with some music. We brought a speaker and had the tunes going when families arrived, during games and while we had our snack.

Let members create the playlist!

When members heard "their song" come up, they started smiling and talking with each other about the music. It was a great way for all ages to connect. Some would even start singing or moving to the music. *PS - as leaders we were allowed to skip songs if needed*



Music and mental health!

It is proven that music can improve our mood, help us cope with stressful or challenging situations, build confidence and self-esteem, and help create social connections. Music plays a powerful role in mental health and well-being for many people.

Will you try this in your club?

We would love to hear your results:
introclubs@4hab.com

[Click image to view/download](#)

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, Westeros, AB T0C 2V0

ORDER ONLINE

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.

Important

Please note that due to the overwhelming volume of orders, the shopping cart has a limit of 20 items. If your club needs more supplies for start-up, feel free to place two separate orders. Ensure that you use the same shipping address for both and diligently track each order for timely pick-up or delivery.

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.

Regional News



All Regions

4-H Alberta Holiday Office Closure

Please note that the office is closed from **Monday December 25 to Monday January 1, 2024** inclusive. The office will reopen Tuesday January 2, 2024. *May the Christmas season bring only happiness and joy to you and your family!*

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 [Youth Safety Refresher course](#)
- 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 leaderscreening@4hab.com or click [HERE](#)
- Leader Training questions? Contact leadertraining@4hab.com or click [HERE](#)

4-H Alberta Reference Guide

What is it?

The [4-H Alberta Reference Guide](#) 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 February 2024 and July 2024 this coming year, if changes are required. If changes are made, a summary will be in the Scoop that month.

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South Region



As the Christmas and Holiday Season approaches, I wish each of you: good health, quality time with those near and dear to your hearts, and time to enjoy the wonder and merriment of this season. However you choose to celebrate this season, I wish you a healthy and happy holiday!

From my home to yours - Merry Christmas!

Thank you all for a fantastic first few months of 4-H - it has been both a pleasure and privilege working with you! I look forward to seeing you at upcoming programming and events in the South Region!

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"

December 2, 2023	South 4-H Region Council AGM, 10:00am Horizon School Board, Taber, AB
February 14-15, 2024	Farming Smarter, Lethbridge, AB
March 7, 2024	South 4-H Region Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Zoom
March 16, 2024	South Region 4-H Communications Event, Location TBD

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

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

South 4-H Region Information

The South 4-H Region is one of the largest in 4-H Alberta! We operate with 10 Districts and in 2023-2024 47 Clubs! Stay tuned to the next edition of The Scoop to see a list of amazing projects and member numbers in the South 4-H Region!

Club Welcome Emails:

Haven't received your 2023-2024 Club welcome email? Your club may not be approved. To be approved, all leaders need to be trained and screened and all volunteers need to be screened. Please reach out to your Area Coordinator if you have questions!

South 4-H Region Fees:

\$20 / Member. Due as a District. Please watch for your invoice to arrive in December / January.

\$10 / Member for all members enrolled in a Horse Project. Due to the South Region LightHorse Committee. Please watch for your invoice to arrive in December / January.

Cleaver Fees: There are no Regional Fees in the South Region for Cleaver Members.

Volunteer at the Regional Level:

Volunteers are ALWAYS appreciated at the Regional Level - please reach out if interested.

Member Forum

The South 4-H Region is hosting its first ever Member Forum!

We want to hear from you; Some things to think about:

- What regional programming interests you?
- What locations would like to have host programs or events?
- What fun or social activities would you like to see as part of the program?
- What learning opportunities would you like to see offered?
- Other ideas?

Parents – you are welcome too!

Calling All South 4-H Region Members



Please join our very first

MEMBER FORUM

Zoom Breakout Session in January / February 2024

Date to be announced by email in December

We want to know what you want to attend for
Regional Programming in 2024!

Some things to think about:

Locations

Timing

Fun / Social Activities

Learning Opportunities

Parents - you're welcome too!

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

PROJECT STANDARDS - UPDATED

[Beef Standards](#), and [Sheep Standards](#) 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 your 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.

For all regional news, click [here](#)

[South Region Page](#)

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

Please note that the email address for the 4-H Alberta Area Coordinator, Calgary Region has changed to accalgary@4hab.com Please update your address book with the email address.



4-H on Parade Leader Meeting Dates:

Jan 29, 2024 & Apr 22, 2024

Calgary Region 4-H Horse Committee Meetings:

Jan 25, 2024, Mar 28, 2024, May 9, 2024

Regional Communications Competition:

Mar 23, 2024

4-H on Parade:

May 30 – Jun 2, 2024

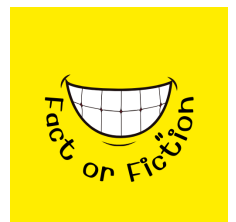
The 4-H Alberta Area Coordinator, Calgary Region is off Friday December 1, 8, and 22nd.



Wishing you a season full of light and laughter for you and your family!

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Fun Fact: The tradition of Christmas trees goes all the way back to the ancient Egyptians and Romans, who decorated with evergreens during winter solstice to signify that spring would return. Evergreens reminded them of all the green plants that were to grow once the sun returned..



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



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East Central Region

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

Jan 6, 2024	EC Regional Fun Day	Stettler Middle School
Jan 27, 2024	4-H Hockey Night as the Red Deer Rebels host the Brandon Wheat Kings!	Peavey Mart Centrium, Red Deer, AB

EC Fun Day 2024 – January 6, 2024

Stettler, AB.

This day will include craft sessions, games, swimming and lots of fun.

Registration Process New this year - we will not be using the club forms to register. Adults and Members/Cleavers will be registering online by going into their online profiles and clicking on the Programs button. If you don't have an online profile, please contact your Area Coordinator at aceastcentral@4hab.com to ask for a guest link.

Last day for everyone to register online is December 14, 2023.



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4-H NIGHT

Join friends and family from 4-H on January 27 as the Red Deer Rebels take on the Brandon Wheat Kings!

4-H Group Discount: \$11 Youth tickets and \$15 Adult tickets

Option #1 - Promo code

- www.reddeerrebels.com
- Click on TICKETS/Promo Code Entry at the top of the page
- Type in 4-H into the promo code entry field
- Click on FIND TICKETS
- Select section (highlighted in red) & seats
- Checkout

Option #2 - Contact Red Deer Rebels

- Shaun Richer, sricher@reddeerrebels.com, 403-341-6000

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th

Doors open at 6:00 pm | Puck drops at 7:00 pm

Country & Western Night

Tickets may be purchased online up until 5:00 pm on game day.
All children must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 2 do not need a ticket for entry, but do not get a seat.
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New Club Kick-off

The Crafty Crew 4-H Multi Club kicked off on November 1.

After holding an exciting round of elections, new positions are held by: Logan (President), Stella (Vice President), Sorcha (Secretary), Rylie (Treasurer), Landon (Club Historian), Kiera (Club Reporter).

Multi Club projects this year include things like pigs, art, chickens, rabbits, crafts, goats, and more!

Members are excited to meet for a winter party later this month before breaking until after Christmas.



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May all that is beautiful, meaningful and brings you joy be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

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West Central Region

West Central Jr. & Intermediate **Winter Camp**

January 12-14

At The 4-H Alberta Centre

\$125 per Member

YLEADs are FREE

Register online in the ORS at:

<https://www.4habregistration.ca/signin>

Member Registration Closes December 15th

YLEAD Registration Closes December 8th

**For more information please check out the
program registration or contact Tanya Reist:at
tanya.jreist@gmail.com**

(780) 690-8127

WC Pool Party – January 6, 2024

Lacombe, AB.

Join us for this super-fun day with our 4-H community!

Last day for everyone to register is December 15, 2023.



POOL Party

CANADA
4-H Alberta

LACOMBE DISTRICT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

Lacombe Kinsmen Pool with Wibit

Swim from 3:30 to 5:30

\$5 for Pizza/drinks from 5:30 to 7:30
in the Community Room
(Please Pay Cash at the event.)

Deadline for registration is December 15th
(To register please email Ellen Pierson at: 403-391-1493 or pierson311@gmail.com
60 participants needed for event to run.)

Maximum 100 Swimmers
Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by someone over the age of 14 at all times.

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NE Regional Council

November 4 Regional Council Highlights:




- Nominating Committee (Carmen King, Jason Boorse, Kris Jacula, Janice Wirsta)
 - Seeking Nominations for
 - NE Vice President Position
- NE Award of Distinction Award Winner - Edith Fontaine
- NE Regional Council will be providing \$500 to the 4-H Alumni Senior Member Ski Trip Program
- 6 Scholarship Recipients Identified to 4-H Alberta
 - Announcements will be made at the January AGM once all vetting requirements confirmed

NE Committee News

- NE Beef Show Committee Meeting: December 6, 2023; 7 pm
- NE Horse Camp Committee Meeting: TBD
- NE Horse Committee Meeting: December 14, 2023 8 pm, ZOOM
- NE SALTT Committee Meeting: TBD

NE Ambassadors:

Contact: northeast.ambassadors@4hab.com

New to the team	Returning NE Ambassadors	
		
Shelby D. Lakeland Long Riders Light Horse 4-H Club	Cooper M. Country Roots Equine 4-H Club	Courtney W. St. Paul 4-H Multi Club

Thank you to Ashlyn T, St Paul 4-H Multi Club for her term as 4-H NE Ambassador, we wish you the best on your future endeavors.



NE MEMBER PROGRAMMING

WATCH OUR NE FACEBOOK PAGE & YOUR EMAIL
FOR MORE DETAILS

NE JUNIOR Fall Fling: November 24 & 25

Hosted by St Paul District

- 29 Members attended our Event!
- Thank you to our 7 Youth Leaders for your help and expertise.
 - (Courtney W., Aletta D., Luke B., Ruby S., Gavin G., Teylor L., Hanna D.)

Thank you to the St Paul District Committee and volunteers who supported the organizing and hosting of this event.

NE REGION FALL FLING 2023



Hosted by St. Paul District

Learn To Do By Doing



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Fall Fling 2023 Fun



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NE Member Programming - Continued:

NE You Be The Judge: February 3; Vermilion College, Hosted by Minburn District

- Watch for more details

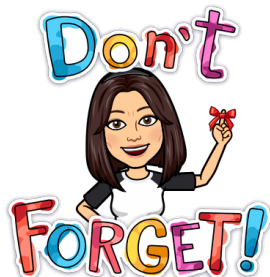
NE Senior Member Camp: March 15 & 16; Bonnyville Ecole Notre Dame High School

- Hosted by the NE Region Senior Member Camp Committee
- If you would like to volunteer to help at this event please email crystal.dechiane@4hab.com

NE Regional Communications Competition: March 23; Hosted By Fort McMurray & Lac La Biche District

NE Beef Learning Event: March 24; Hosted by NE Beef Committee & Vermilion District

NE Spring Fling: April 5 & 6; Hosted by Wainwright District



- District Documents Due: December 1
- Clubs In Good Standing Deadline: January 15
- Member / Leader / Volunteer Form Completion January 30

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Northwest Region



Thank you for your dedication and perseverance during the past few months of club start up.

From my family to yours, I am wishing you all a very merry Christmas! I hope this holiday season brings you peace, relaxation, and joyful times with your friends and family!

I will be away from my desk on Friday's and December 18th to 22nd.

NE Regional Committees

- **NW Horse Committee** - Leslie Majeau lmajeau4@gmail.com
- **NW Beef Committee** - Jocelyn Toronchuk djtoronchuk@gmail.com
- **NW Judging Committee** - Colleen Whittal colleen.whittal@gmail.com
- **NW SALTT Committee** - Donna Zons donnazons@gmail.com
- **NW Camp Committee** - Dorothy Carlson nicbar@telusplanet.net

NW Regional Club Registration UPDATE

The Northwest Region has 44 active clubs registered for the 2023-2024 club year.

CLUB APPROVAL

The review process is underway and several clubs that have "pending" club registration status have already been contacted regarding Leader & Volunteer screening and training requirements.

- All LEADERS in the Leader Tab must be screened and trained
- ALL VOLUNTEERS in the Volunteer Tab must be screened
- Unscreened volunteers are to be placed in the Supporter Tab
- ALL Projects are to have a Leader and Members assigned
- Club MUST meet the RULE of 2
- Club Registration must be paid and received in full.
- Once these requirements are met, the club will be approved and your "WELCOME" email will be sent



Leaders and volunteers were asked to complete training and/or screening within 30 days. If club leaders or volunteers are unable to complete their training and/or screening within these 30 days, the club members will receive an email updating them on which leaders have not completed these requirements and in some cases will have to nominate and elect a new replacement leader(s).

NW Regional IMPORTANT DATES:

December 1, 2023	Regional / District Documents Due (contact list, program plan, budget, constitution)
January 15, 2024	Club Documents Due (program plan, budget, constitution)
January 15, 2024	Regional Fees from Districts are DUE
January 15, 2024	Submission of 3 Judges are DUE for Regional Public Speaking / Presentation Event
January 30, 2024	Leader & Member Digital Forms are DUE

A winter-themed poster for a 'Winter Camp' event. At the top, a banner reads 'Save the Date'. Below it, the words 'FROSTY FUN' are in a bold, blocky font, followed by 'WINTER' in a very large, stylized font, and 'CAMP' in a smaller, blocky font. The text is decorated with snowflakes and a small evergreen tree. Below the title, it says 'OPEN TO NW MEMBERS AGES 11 - 14' and 'March 1-3, 2024' at the '4-H Alberta Centre, Battle Lake'. A dark blue banner at the bottom left says 'FULL DETAILS OUT SOON!' and 'For only \$100.00'. On the bottom right, there is a logo for the Northwest 4-H Regional Council, featuring a stylized four-leaf clover with 'H' symbols, and the text 'CANADA 4-H Alberta' below it. The background is light blue with falling snow and a dark blue mountain range at the bottom.

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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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