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Message From the CEO

Dear 4-H Alberta Community,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a happy start to 2024. As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate our successes of 2023 and look forward to the opportunities that 2024 will bring.

Our team and community work hard each month to create these scoops and provide the 4-H Alberta community with a single source of information to reduce emails and overwhelm. Please take a moment to scan the entire scoop to see if there is something that interests you.



This year promises to be another exciting year for youth in 4-H across Alberta! We have a range of upcoming program opportunities for youth, including learning how to judge multi-species, participating in pheasant projects, and getting involved in the environment through the youth water council and much more!

I am thrilled to announce the addition of the lamb carcass program to 4-H Alberta's ever-popular and educational carcass program. Having grown up on a ranch/farm myself, I was truly impressed with what I learned at the carcass program I previously attended. I am excited to see what this groundbreaking program will provide to the shepherding community. I want to send a big thank you to our committee and Ocsar Lopez Campos for their incredible efforts in creating this first of its kind program for our youth to learn, grow, and have a little fun.

In addition to these programs, there are also a variety of competitions available for youth to participate in, ranging from archery to scavenger hunts. Once again, I encourage you to explore the entire Scoop or the [4-H Alberta Program Catalogue](#) to see if there is something that interests you.

For those already thinking about summer camps, there are ample opportunities available. You can apply to join our staff team, leading these summer camps, or secure your spot early by registering for the camps themselves. When it comes to leadership development, there is nothing better than learning to lead one week at a time!

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Kurt Kinnear CEO,
4-H Alberta

4-H Alberta Summer



Registration
opens soon!

Programs



Peace

Northeast

Summer Staff Hiring
Info is in the
Member Section

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

4-H Centre

South

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

4-H Alberta is recruiting for a diverse leader to fill Board of Directors vacancy

Available position is posted on the 4hab.com website


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To learn more, or to apply, click this image

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://ufa.com/4h)



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


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UFA Funds 4-H Alberta Clubs and Districts

Helping Youth Reach Higher!

UFA Co-operative has a meaningful and longstanding relationship with 4-H Alberta, spanning more than 80 years. Throughout the decades, UFA has funded many programs and projects with 4-H Alberta through their UFA Funds 4-H Alberta Program and other youth development programs.

This year, UFA is pleased to announce that they are expanding their support to communities in the areas UFA serves, now also including select areas in Saskatchewan to support 4-H Saskatchewan!

UFA invites 4-H Alberta Clubs and Districts to apply directly to UFA for up to \$300 in available funding per club and district for the 2024 calendar year.

The application deadline is January 31, 2024 and applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information and to apply, please click here: <https://coop.ufa.com/4h-clubs>.

Thank you, UFA Co-operative for the continued support of our communities and members!

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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.

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.



4-H Alberta Financial Assistance Program

Thank you to McCall MacBain, UFA, and all of our supporters for funding the 2023/2024 4-H Alberta Financial Assistance Program. All recent successful applicants have been notified.

Please note that thanks to the generous support of our donors and supporters, the application will remain open for submissions until all funds have been disbursed!

For more information or to access the application, please [click here](#).

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



CO-OP Growing Leaders New Membership Program – NOW CLOSED

Thank you to all of the participating Co-op locations for funding the 2023/2024 CO-OP Growing Leaders New Membership Program. All successful applicants have been notified.

If you have any 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



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](#).

Multi Species Judging Learning Series

In conjunction with Lakeland College

Interested in judging, don't know where to start or want to improve your judging lingo?? This session may be just what you are looking for. 4-H Alberta and the Lakeland judging team have joined to offer these valuable learning sessions to 4-H members across Alberta. You'll have the opportunity to learn from some of Alberta's top judges, who are also part of the Lakeland College judging team.

Levels: Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Advanced

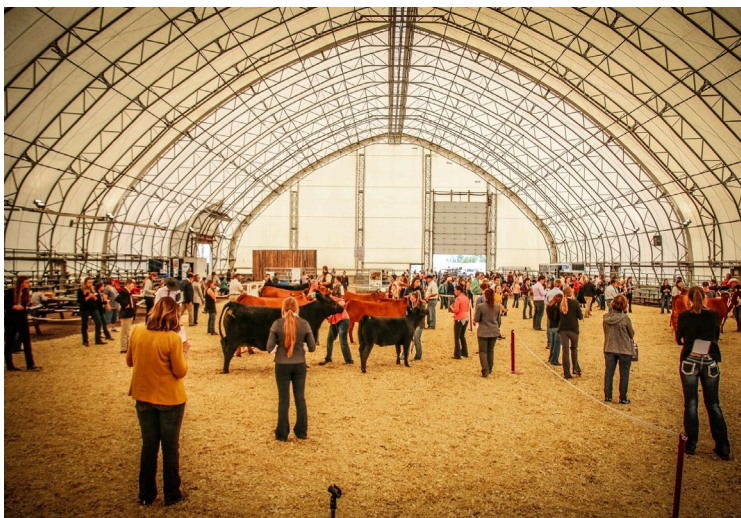
The Series Dates: Wednesdays - January 24 & February 7, 2024

The sessions will begin on January 24 & February 7. The sessions will be conducted via Zoom, starting at 7:30 pm.

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

Once you've registered, you will receive an email containing Zoom login details.

Registration is open and will close January 20, 2024



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](#).





WE'RE HIRING

Summer Youth Development Coordinators

Get paid to make a difference and have fun this summer! Apply to be a 4-H Alberta Summer Youth Development Coordinator today!

[Check out the full job description](#)

Send your cover letter and resume to our email

4hsummerjobs@4hab.com



CALLING ALL WATER & CLIMATE ACTIVISTS

The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) is looking for 12 passionate students (ages 15 -18) to join our Youth Water Council program.



Are you interested in making a real change in your local environment? Do you want to work with like-minded peers and leaders in stewardship all while building experience for future career and academic opportunities? Then you will be the perfect fit for our Youth Water Council!

This program is the first of its kind across our watershed and will mobilize and educate youth on local watershed issues while empowering members to explore careers in the environmental sector. The Youth Water Council (YWC) will play an essential role in building a sustainable and resilient future by engaging the next generation of watershed leaders. Our 2024 Youth Water Council will embark on a journey of discovery over 5 months, through virtual learning sessions, weekend camps, and the creation of their own *Innovative Project*.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nswa.ab.ca/youth-water-council/>

Similar Youth Water Council 4-H Members were apart of: <https://youthwatercouncil.com/>.

Apply Today!

2023-24 4-H Alberta Provincial Steer Carcass Competition

Guess what? The 2023-24 4-H Alberta Provincial Steer Carcass Competition is officially underway, and it's bigger and better than ever before! We've got 127 enthusiastic 4-H members from all corners of the province stepping up to the plate for this exciting Beef Competition!

The anticipation is building as hair samples start rolling in and testing will be done in January.

Don't forget to upload your pictures to [Google Classroom](#).

Feel free to reach out to Tracy at tracy.dietrich@4hab.com for any questions or concerns.



NEW PROGRAM ALERT FOR 2024: 4-H Alberta Provincial Lamb Carcass Competition

Calling all our fantastic Sheep members, we've got some exciting news to share! Get ready for a fantastic new program that's already getting a lot of buzz – the Provincial Lamb Carcass Competition.

We're thrilled to bring this new opportunity to our members and can't wait to see you participate! [The details can be found in the ORS](#), so make sure you dive in and check it out!

A huge shout-out goes to our hardworking committee and Oscar Lopez-Campos, who've gone above and beyond to make this program a reality. Their dedication and effort have paved the way for a great new competition for 4-H members.

See below for details for our upcoming information webinar!

4-H Alberta Lamb Carcass Information Session

WEBINAR INVITATION



4-H Alberta is excited to launch a new competition - the 4-H Alberta Lamb Carcass Competition. We are sure excited that we are able to offer this great new program for Sheep members - details are in the ORS.

Thank you to the hard work of a small committee and Oscar Lopez-Campos for setting this up for us!

FEB 8 @ 7:30 ON ZOOM

Please register at <https://www.4habregistration.ca/signin> to receive your zoom link to attend.

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 2024 - June 2025 academic year. Students who have begun studies at Olds College prior to June 2024 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.**



Educational webinar and contest announcement with our generous Emerald Clover sponsor AltaLink

Join AltaLink for an educational session on how you can stay safe around powerlines as you live, work, and play on your farm.

AltaLink knows there is nothing more important than the safety of Albertans, and being aware of powerlines and structures around you is a big part of staying safe. In this session, you'll learn some electricity basics, how electricity gets to your home, how to stay safe while working around powerlines, and some top powerline safety tips. Plus, we'll tell you all about our fun video contest to help others learn about powerline safety for a chance to win some great prizes!

Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2023; Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



4-H Alberta Scholarships

Thank you, [AgCall](https://agcall.ca) 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 2024 4-H Alberta Scholarship Application will open again in March 2024. Please watch the [website](#) for updated information as it becomes available.

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

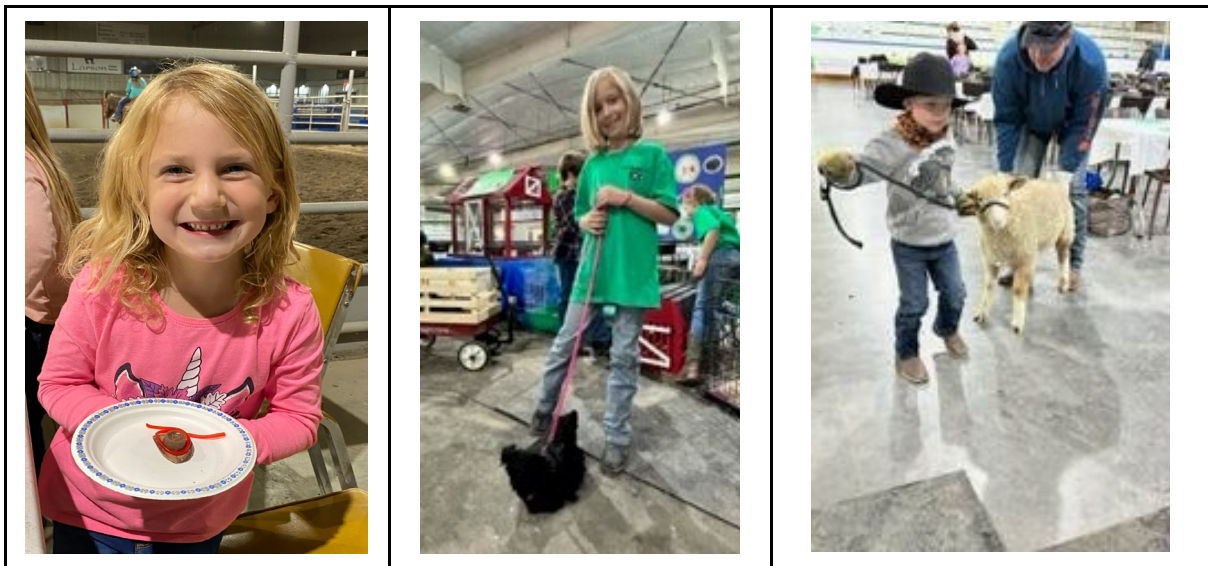
Phase 3 – Canada-wide Science Fair, Ottawa, ON: May 25 – June 1, 2024



[Enter Science Fair Here](#)

Hello 4-H Alberta Cleaver Kids' Parents!

We are wishing all new and returning 4-H Alberta Cleaver Kids an amazing start into 2024!



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.

4-H Achievement Day Information Form

It's that time of year again! The 4-H Achievement Day Information Form is now available and waiting for your input. We know how essential it is to have all the crucial details about your club's Achievement Day in one place, and we're excited to showcase this significant event for our 4-H members!

We kindly request that all clubs take a moment to complete the following form. Your cooperation will greatly assist us in making these days as memorable as possible for our young members.

Form Deadline: March 15, 2024

[Access the Form Here](#)



Thank you Leaders for your continued dedication to 4-H Alberta. Your participation ensures that we can celebrate our 4-H members' accomplishments in the best way possible!



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

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

Insights from Intro Club

WHAT WORKED?

Using snack time to educate!



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Include snacks at meetings!

Food and snacks served at an event or camp can often be the highlight that children report home about! We noticed the same thing at Intro Clubs so used snack time to educate.

Do you have snacks at your meetings?

What types of snacks do you have? Do you use snack time to educate? We would love to hear what works for you:
introclubs@4hab.com

If the Earth was an apple

When we had apples with a variety of homemade dips, we used the opportunity to cut an apple to show members that only a small portion of Earth's surface is used to grow food.

Homemade Smoothies

Making homemade smoothies each week allowed us to test different recipes, discuss the nutrition of different ingredients and talk about how we could improve the recipe. One young member was shocked to discover that spinach in her smoothie actually tasted good!



Regional News



All Regions

4-H Alberta Holiday Office Closure

Please note that the office is closed **Monday January 1, 2024**. The office will reopen Tuesday January 2, 2024.

May the New Year bring you peace, joy and happiness!

Good Standing

Important dates:

Districts and Regions in Good Standing: requirements were due **December 1, 2023**. *Any Districts and Regions who do not have their documents in currently, are not in good standing. Why do the Districts and Regions need to be in good standing? So they can receive additional funding plus run their events & programs.*

Clubs in Good Standing: requirements are due **January 15, 2024**. *Why is it important for the club to be in good standing? So that the clubs can receive provincial funding, run their programs & events, participate in interclub and beyond events/programs and so that the youth will receive credit for their year.*

Members in Good Standing: complete all required forms online by **January 30, 2024**. *Why is it important for the member to be in good standing? So that the member can participate in programs, club events, project sales etc at any level (club, interclub, and beyond), receive their diary points for the year plus receive credit for a completed project year.*

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 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



In early [medieval times](#) most of Christian Europe regarded March 25, the Feast of the [Annunciation](#), as the beginning of the new year, although New Year’s Day was observed on December 25 in Anglo-Saxon England. [William the Conqueror](#) decreed that the year begin on January 1, but England later joined the rest of Christendom and adopted [March 25](#). The [Gregorian calendar](#), adopted in 1582 by the [Roman Catholic Church](#), restored January 1 as New Year’s Day, and most European countries gradually followed suit: [Scotland](#), in 1660; Germany and [Denmark](#), about 1700; England, in 1752; and [Russia](#), in 1918.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/New-Year-festival>

Wishing you and yours all the best throughout 2024. May your year be filled with good health, happiness and memory making moments! ~ Connie

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”

January 25, 2024	South 4-H Region online member forum (Zoom). PRE REGISTER by zoom!
February 1, 2024	Auction Items / Cash Donations due for Farming Smarter
February 14-15, 2024	Farming Smarter, Lethbridge, AB
March 4, 2024	Registration deadline for members advancing to Regional Communications
March 7, 2024	South 4-H Region Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Zoom
March 16, 2024	South Region 4-H Communications Event, Lethbridge College

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 Council Announced

We're thrilled to unveil the dynamic team that will be leading the way for the South 4-H Region in 2024. These passionate individuals have stepped up to the plate, ready to inspire, innovate, and make a positive impact on our vibrant 4-H community.

Together, they bring a wealth of experience, energy, and fresh ideas to the table. With their dedication and enthusiasm, the South 4-H Region is in great hands!

Stay tuned for exciting events, programs, and initiatives coming your way in 2024. The South 4-H Region is all set to make this next club year unforgettable!

Congratulations to our new Council members, and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributes to the success of 4-H in the South Region.

A graphic announcement for the 2024 South 4-H Region Council. The top half features a blurred background of people in a meeting, with the text "2024 SOUTH 4-H REGION COUNCIL" in large white letters. The bottom half has a solid blue background with white text listing the new council members and ambassadors. Two megaphone icons are placed on either side of the ambassador list. The graphic also includes the South 4-H Region logo and the 4-H Canada logo.

South 4-H Region

2024
SOUTH 4-H REGION
COUNCIL

CONGRATULATIONS to our NEW Council Executive!

President: Kathlyn Peltzer, Newell District
1st VP: Chris Santangelo, Lethbridge District
2nd VP: Jay Good, Newell District
Secretary: Karyn Dykstra, 40 Mile District
Treasurer: Marion Van Sluys, Cardston District

Please also welcome our South 4-H Ambassadors:
Emma B., Cactus Country District
Tenley W., Newell District

Many thanks to our outgoing Council Executive and Ambassadors. We appreciate your hard work and countless hours devoted to making our region a better place!

President: Chris Santangelo, Lethbridge District
1st Vice President: Kathlyn Peltzer, Newell District
2nd Vice President: Jodi Lippa, Warner District
Secretary: Shirley Elliott, Cactus Country District
Treasurer: Marion Van Sluys, Cardson District

Ambassadors: Anke-Marie V. & Karla P., Cactus Country

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Member Forum

The Member Forum is your (members) opportunity to tell the Regional Council and Regional Planning Committees what kind of events you would like to see planned for the remainder of the year and into 2025. Members will be assigned “breakout rooms” where each member will have the chance to talk about:

- Events you’d like to attend
- Where you’d like events held
- When you’d like events held
- Types of events - dances, fun days, sports days, project workshops, competitions, showcases, camps, ski days etc.

Each year, Regional Planning Committees spend hours organizing events and each year some of those events are canceled due to lack of registrations. We want to hear from you so that we can organize events that MEMBERS and their families WANT to attend and will attend! This is a really great opportunity to have a voice in what your year could look like! We hope that you will try to attend this 1.5 hour zoom session. If you have multiple members joining on the same device, we will assign you to a room of the oldest member. Each room will be facilitated with similar questions, and all of your feedback will be recorded and submitted to the Regional Council.

Please click on the following link, and pre-register for this zoom session. You will NOT get a zoom link unless you pre register. This allows us to assign rooms before the meeting, which saves us all a lot of time!

[Register in advance for this Zoom meeting](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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!

[Click image to view/download](#)

FARMING SMARTER AUCTION ITEMS / CASH DONATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Contact Clancy Holthe for more information
or to make pick-up arrangements:
(403) 738-4497 / clarenceholthe@yahoo.ca



Money raised at this event is used for
South 4-H Region Member Programs
and Scholarships!

2024 South 4-H Region Communications Event



WHO? Members who place 1st and 2nd in each category of their 2024 District Communications Event. Categories where 1st or 2nd place cannot attend, 3rd place winners may compete.

WHEN? March 16, 2024 - Lethbridge College

HOW? 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners - please [REGISTER ONLINE](#) by March 4th, 2024

*Registration is required to participate at the Regional Level. Registration opens: February 15, 2024. Deadline to register is March 4th, 2024 - **NO** late registrations accepted. If you placed 3rd at your District event, please register, as you may earn a spot to compete. If you placed first, second or third at your District event but do not wish to compete at the Regional level, please let your District Communications committee know.

If you have questions about registration, please contact Connie Harder at connie-lyne.harder@4hab.com.

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 Approval

- ★ If you haven't received your welcome email, it's most likely because your club hasn't been approved. To be approved, Leaders must be screened and trained and Volunteers must be screened. Please talk to your Club General Leader for more information - or contact Connie Harder for assistance!

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 New LEADER OR VOLUNTEER? Send Connie your Adult Registration Form to get screening / training started!

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

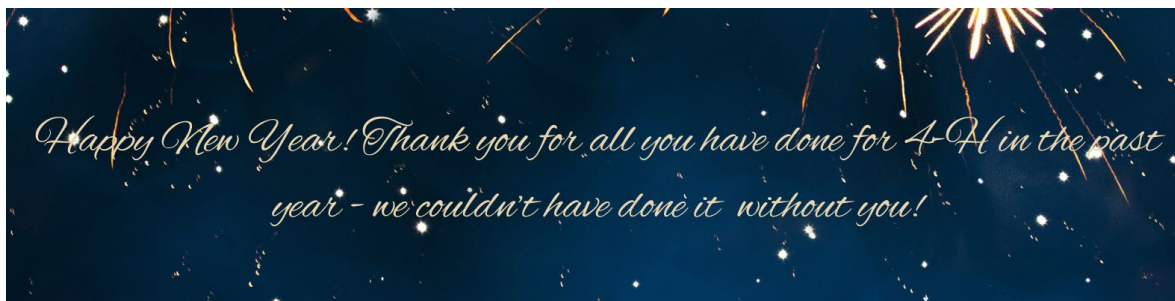
- ★ It is important to be in good standing at every level of 4-H Alberta.
- ★ If you have any questions about what you need to do (as a Member, Club, District etc) to be in good standing, please consult the [4-H Alberta Reference Guide](#).

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.

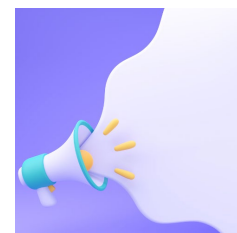
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NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

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 (virtual) & Apr 22, 2024 (Balzac Hall)
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

Please note that the 4-H Office is closed and all staff are off on January 1/24. The 4-H Alberta Area Coordinator, Calgary Region is off the afternoons of January 2 to January 4, inclusive plus the full day of January 5/24.



**Calgary 4-H Region Awards
Celebration
Sunday November 26/23**

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Check Your Profile and Sign Your Online Forms Please

All members, leaders, volunteers, and supporters need to go online and ensure that your profile is correct, including your email address. As well, please ensure that you have signed the mandatory forms:

- Code of Conduct
- 4-H Demographic Information (*you have the option to say "Prefer Not to Answer"*)
- Program Agreement (*youth only*)

You need to do this by January 30/24 in order to be considered "in good standing".



Questions?

You will find many answers to your questions in the [4-H Reference Guide](#). If you can't find your answer, please contact your 4-H Alberta Area Coordinator, Calgary Region, Jane Ellen Forbes at accalgary@4hab.com.

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

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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West Central Region



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Northeast Region

NE Regional Council

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - January 13, 2024; 1 pm

Hybrid; (in-person and via zoom)

- Location: 5615-48 Street, Elk Point, Alberta (Just north of the Co-op Cardlock in Elk Point)
- All District Presidents, NE Committee Chairs, NE Ambassadors, and NE Provincial Committee Reps please send your reports to crystal.dechaine@4hab.com by January 2, 2024 by Noon.

NE Committee News

- **NE Beef Committee Meeting:** TBD
- **NE Horse Committee Meeting:** January 4, 2024; 8 pm via Zoom
- **NE Female Beef Show Committee Meeting:** January 10, 2024; 7 pm via Zoom
- **NE SALTT Committee Meeting:** TBD

NE MEMBER PROGRAMMING

WATCH OUR NE FACEBOOK PAGE & YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS

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

- Registration Opens: January 15; Closes January 29, 2024 at Midnight
- Register in the Online Registration System: <https://www.4habregistration.ca/signin>
- Minimum 40 Registrants
- Watch our Facebook and Your Email 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

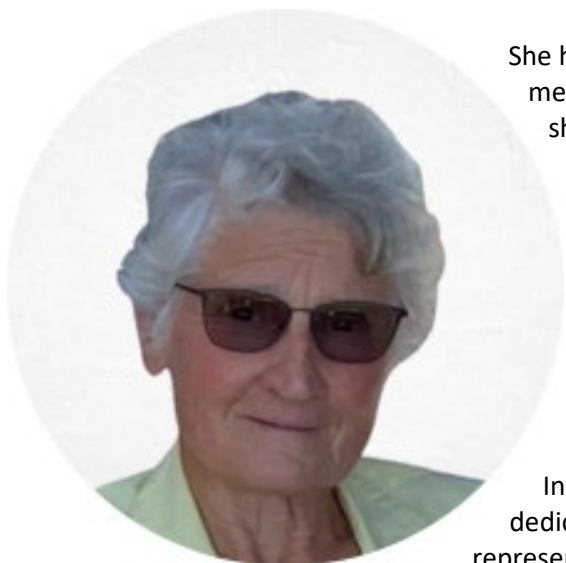
NE Regional Communications Competition: March 23; Hosted by Fort McMurray & Lac La Biche District

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

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

NE AWARD OF DISTINCTION 2023

Members who become community leaders are a testament to the success of the 4-H program. Edith Fontaine is an excellent example of how a member can become a leader within their community. Edith began her 4-H journey as a beef club member. A few years later, she returned as a beef project leader. She would serve as both a beef project leader & assistant leader from 1983-1996.



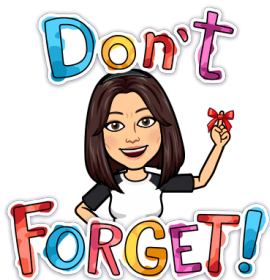
She has dedicated herself to sharing her considerable beef knowledge with members. She is known for her halter making, halter training and beef showmanship workshops. Additional workshops include heifer and steer selection.

Edith judged 4-H beef shows throughout Alberta, BC, and Saskatchewan for 40 years. She also serves as a ring woman at shows. One member, in the application paperwork, commented that she declines an honorarium for her work in the ring. He was quick to mention they give her flowers in appreciation. His comment speaks to her love and dedication to both the members and 4-H program.

In addition to her considerable contributions to the 4-H program, Edith is dedicated to agriculture and the beef industry. She has acted as county representative to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association. She was a founding member of the NE AB Beef Breeders, a bull sale. She serves on the St. Paul Agricultural Society as well.

Edith is an exemplary example of someone who uses her 4-H foundation to pay it forward to her community.

The Northeast 4-H Region is proud to announce Edith Fontaine as the 2023 Award of Distinction winner.



- Clubs In Good Standing Deadline: January 15
- Member / Leader / Volunteer Form Completion January 30

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Northwest Region

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 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

NW Regional EVENTS



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Peace Region

Upcoming Dates - 2024:

January 27, 2024	Peace Regional Council Meeting – TBD
February 16-18, 2024	Peace Jr & Int Winter Camp Hines Creek, AB
March 23, 2024	Regional Communication Competition Rycroft, AB
April 6, 2024	Peace Regional Council AGM Meeting – TBD
April 26-28, 2024	Regional Rally Teepee Creek, AB



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