

# PDP Times Three

A program designed with a very specific age group in mind, People Developing People (PDP) 1 and 2 along with PDP Plus, provide Alberta 4-H members with a week dedicated to helping them hone their leadership and team working skills, as well as encouraging and fostering the concept of involving themselves within their community. With the theme of this year's program aptly named *Taking The Stage*, delegates found themselves in an encouraging environment, that allowed their confidence and self-esteem to thrive.



Though all three of the PDP programs are similar in nature they do have different areas of learning in their programming and content. This year PDP 1 centered on environmental sustainability with hands-on sessions that enable delegates to discuss, share and challenge ideas with each other. PDP 2 was all about entrepreneurship and innovation. It challenges members to identify opportunities, starting up, management and marketing of micro businesses. To cap off the summer PDP Plus saw attending 4-Hers participate in hands-on sessions exploring youth's essential role in the development of their club, community, country and the world.

One unique aspect of the PDP program is the forum. Delegates spent the week working in small groups to discuss, evaluate and prepare a plan for a given scenario. Each group presented their solution to a panel of judges on the final night at the banquet. With the overall idea and hope that delegates will become more aware and interested in issues within their community as well as on a global level. Building an awareness of the importance of both community involvements as well as encouraging the delegates to make choices that have a positive impact for others, were some of the key components of the program. As well, throughout the week the members worked in teams to create presentations which were showcased on the final evening much like a movie premiere.

“PDP provides an amazing opportunity for intermediate 4-H members to interact, learning from each other and have a lot of laughs and fun. It brings together the best of our summer camps and intense development programs like Club Week,” stated Mark Shand, Alberta 4-H Program Specialist.

As with every 4-H program there was plenty of time for the delegates to let loose and enjoy the summer weather. Time spent at the lake front, theme meals, and the famous Slip-n-Slide, were just a few of the activities that gave delegates the time to laugh and make great memories.

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