

Sweet Summer Time!

Every year 4-H members of all ages and from across the province spend long days playing outside in the sun, swimming in the lake, sitting around a campfire and building new friendships – just another exciting year of endless fun at 4-H summer camps.

In July 4-Hers geared up to take part in all the exciting and entertaining adventures that 4-H camps hold. With the overall theme of *4-H: Lights, Camera, Action*, members packed their bags, which included a large amount of bug spray, and headed off to their respective camps.

First off was the *Casting Call* where junior members, aged 9-12, embarked on what for some was their first 4-H summer programs adventure. Delegates were given plenty of time to develop new friendships, learn new games and most importantly have fun. Beach time, watermelon carving and the slip and slide were easily the highlights of the week for camp delegates.

Building on team work, and developing life-skills all comes with practice, and for the members who attended the Combined Camp, *Rehearsing Your Role*, the week-long program allowed them to set the ground work for building a great set of life-skills. Members had more opportunities to develop their team-working skills, as well as spend time in appreciation sessions which focused on 4-H, agriculture and the environment.

Getting into Character was the theme for Intermediate Camp - a program designed with maturing members in mind. The delegates, aged 12-14, were introduced to more serious topics and spent more time in sessions focused on key issues related to agriculture and the environment. And while the camp itself had a more serious atmosphere, members still had plenty of time to have fun with activities such as the mini-Olympics, an overnighter, and a field trip.

It didn't matter what sort of weather was happening, 4-Hers around the province were having fun this summer. Bugs and rain aside, there was much to be had, from theme meals, small



group games, talent shows and the highly anticipated dance at the end of the week. In addition, camp delegates got to spend a week developing lifelong friendships, interacting with peers, as well as getting to learn more about what the 4-H program has to offer.

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