

Foothills District Report

Foothills District had an unexpected fun time at Christmas when we were offered at the last minute a opportunity to participate in “Reindeer Races”. The event was turned into a Christmas event on the 19th of Dec. and there was chili and hot dogs, a fire and marshmallow roast, and the children raced behind the reindeer on skies. We would like to make it an annual event. There were 130 people participate with only a few weeks notice.

Our senior members had planned a trip to West Edmonton Mall and Battle Lake on Dec. 4 week end but due to a storm, we had to postpone. There were 24 seniors registered but due to work and holidays, when they went on Dec. 19th, there were only 15. They had a great time both at the mall swimming and shopping and staying at Battle Lake.

On January 2 & 3, the district held the District Curling and the District Public Speaking workshop in High River. Leader’s Level 1 was held on January 24. The district next meeting is Feb. 17. We have our annual District Fun Night, lip sync and silent auction in April. The district is also hosting the Jr. and Int. Fun day, one in March and 1 in April.

Submitted by: Joanne Gourley, Key Leader

Mountain View District Report

Mountain View District was the host for the Level One Judging competition. We had five classes of species and three consumer classes. We would like to thank all members that participated and a huge thank you to all the parents that drove their children and volunteered for the day, this event could not happen without the commitment of volunteers and of course our 24 judges, that gave their day for the 4-H members. This was the first time that I remember being approached by so many members stating that they had fun. Also many of the judges commented that they would be more than willing to come back again next year. Thank you to everyone that just contacted me and said I will do the same job as last year, it is greatly appreciated.

We had many members and parents attend the Hitmen Game on January 22. A public speaking event workshop was put on for the district.

Public speaking for the clubs will be getting under way with all three areas being held on February 27. District communications will be held on March 6.

We have approved that the Bergen club can try the underage pilot project.

Most achievement day committees have met and the committees are getting things in order.

Submitted by: Bev Rasmussen, Secretary

Rockyview District Report

We have had a very busy fall and winter so far. December 12 we held our District curling in Crossfield and 16 teams competed, with each team being guaranteed 2 games. Everyone had a great time even though it was really cold. Our Key Leaders Stacy Price and Lorraine Parkinson have been very busy hosting a judges' workshop and 1st and 2nd year communications workshop.

At this point we have 15 clubs registered and they are all well into the communications competition season. Our District level communications will be held March 13 and 14 at the Airdrie Ag Building. Public speaking will be on Saturday March 13 and Presentations will be held on Sunday March 14. The winners will be moving on to the Regional level March 20 in Strathmore.

Our junior and intermediate members are going to be attending the Winter Bonanza Camp at Rivers Edge Campground in February.

Our Key Member Kelsey Cartwright has been offered a scholarship based on her judging skills. Kelsey attended Provincial Judging in Vermilion last August and made the Top 10. She was awarded a trip to Billings, Montana to the NILE Judging Contest. She received a call from a College in Wyoming offering her a scholarship to come to their school and be part of their judging team. Kelsey hopes to pursue academic studies that put her toward veterinarian training, and the general two year study is offered at the College who is pursuing her! To quote my son Thomas "it couldn't happen to a better person".

Submitted by: Cheryl Hardy, District President