



# Cleaver Kids Pilot Project

*Alberta 4-H Council Committee*

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How did the Cleaver Kids Pilot Project come to be?**

Requests from the grassroots (4-H clubs) came to Alberta 4-H Council for review of a under aged youth in the 4-H program. Alberta 4-H Council distributed a survey to all clubs wanting feedback on having under aged youth part of the program. There was interest from across the province so the Cleaver Kids Pilot Project was born.

### **Does this mean 4-H is lowering the age?**

No – this does not mean Alberta 4-H is lowering the age of 4-H members. This is a PILOT to determine whether or not a project for 6-8 year olds would benefit from being involved in the Alberta 4-H program. Cleaver Kids is a project that 4-H clubs could participate in.

### **Is this project mandatory for all clubs?**

No - To participate in this pilot project is optional but open to all Alberta 4-H Clubs. It is a project similar to cooking, canine or equine.

### **Can Cleaver Kids participating in this pilot have a marketable(saleable/auction able) animal?**

Cleaver Kids are NOT ELIGABLE to market(sell/auction) an animal for sale before, at, during or after the 4-H club year using the 4-H name. During this pilot Cleaver Kids may have a beef, swine, sheep project.

### **What can Cleaver Kids participate in during this pilot?**

Cleaver Kids can participate in any CLUB LEVEL activity that the club chooses to have them participate in. All activities and tasks need to be age appropriate and progressive.

Example: Record Books- modified to include drawing, pasting pictures, coloring to assist in learning, Public Speaking- saying the pledge at the event or a short poem, Meetings- due to short attention span and or the length of the meeting the Cleaver Kid maybe attends the pledge, roll call, and reports and then they do an activity with their designated leader, club attendance and achievement day can also be modified to their age.

Safety as the number one priority!



### **What does it mean to be progressive?**

All activities need to be tailored to the age of the Cleaver Kids and 4-H members. Your club should have activities for Cleaver Kids, juniors, intermediates and seniors. As an example they all can learn the proper way to groom an animal, however how and what they are taught is different depending on their age. 4-H members would love to be involved in the program as long as they are able so it is very important to have progressive activities between the ages to prevent boredom with the project or program.

### **Can Cleaver Kids go to activities at the district, regional and or provincial level?**

Cleaver Kids are limited to only club activities unless their district, regional or provincial committees request their attendance at an activity, workshop or event. Keep in mind this is a pilot project; funding and programming resources are limited at this time to accommodate age appropriate activities.

### **Can Cleaver Kids go to camps?**

Cleaver Kids are not 4-H members so they do not qualify for camps or events.

### **Where does the information go and what is it used for?**

The information is submitted to Alberta 4-H Council. The information will be used for the purpose of determining the viability of the project and collaborating age appropriate activities for Cleaver Kids in the future. Alberta 4-H Council also wants to hear about all the activities that the Cleaver Kids enjoy and do not enjoy. Cleaver Kids registration information is to record the enrolment info and for insurance purposes.

### **How long is the Cleaver Kids Pilot Project ?**

This pilot will be offered to Alberta 4-H Clubs ending after the 2011-2012 club year. At that time it will be determined if and how the project will continue. Cleaver Kids and clubs must register separately each year.

### **How does our club get involved in the Cleaver Kids Pilot Project?**

- Review Cleaver Kids Pilot Project package- requirements
- Make a motion in favour of participating at your next 4-H club meeting
- Complete the Cleaver Kids Pilot Project Proposal
- Complete registration form and include fees
- Submit all the above to Alberta 4-H Council Prior to December 1, 2010



## Cleaver Kids Pilot Project Quick Facts

- 6-8 years old as of January 1, of the current club year.
- No MINIMUM number of Cleaver Kids are needed in a club, Cleaver Kids can come from existing 4-H families, and or new families, your club can determine how they market it during the pilot
- All Cleaver Kids must be registered with Alberta 4-H Council
- A 4-H Club must have 8 members prior to the total of Cleaver Kids and be a club in good standing meeting 4-H club requirements
- Cleaver Kids are a part of your club- they can be involved in any aspect at club level
- 1 leader must be dedicated to the Cleaver Kids Pilot Project, this leader must be screened
- At all activities the ratio for Cleaver Kids to adults is 5:1
- Cleaver Kids can take part in any project in any club to learn about 4-H
- Safety and common sense must prevail at all times

Cleaver Kids Pilot Project - Package can be found on [www.4h.ab.ca](http://www.4h.ab.ca) or in your club fall package.

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