

News Release



## Alberta 4-H Presenters in Top Form

*Red Deer* – On April 12, 2008, 14 teams, representing all seven Alberta 4-H regions, competed in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Provincial 4-H Presentations Finals. Title sponsored by AltaLink and co-sponsored by Agrium and the Calgary Stampede, the provincial finals saw 24 individuals participate at the premier event for 4-H presentations competitions.

Participants of the event were required to give either an 8 to 10 minute demonstration or illustrated talk on the topic of their choice. “I was so impressed with the quality of the presentations the 4-H members delivered. It is a testament to the hard work, practice and dedication that goes into preparing for this competition,” commented presentation judge Robin Boschman. “4-H members truly come out of this program with an advantage - the public speaking and presenting skills they learn and hone are a highly sought-after commodity.”

Top honours for the event went to Amanda High (Fort MacLeod) and Emily Puch (Pincher Creek) of the South Country Judging 4-H Club for their presentation “What goes in...must come out!”. Second place went to T.J. Fenton (Lamont) from the Lamont 4-H Beef Club for his “Garnishing” demonstration while Danielle Dornbusch (Alberta Beach) and Hilary McKee (Darwell) from the Lobstick 4-H Beef & Multi Club took home third place with their topic “A Herbal Solution”.

While the presentations program is relatively new it has not taken 4-Her’s long to refine the art of successfully presenting to a large audience. “This year’s competitors amazed me with all the new and innovative ideas they brought forward,” stated 2007 presentations winner and this year’s emcee, Allison Eisenreich. “Every year the presentations program gets better and better.”

Other participants (listed individually or by team) at the event were: Logan and Katlyn Schenk, Rocky Mountain House; Jamie-Lee Daniels, Delia; Blair and Heather Harty, Foremost; Amanda and Holly Hughes, Calmar; Jodi Ross and Karin Pike, Grande Prairie; Zane Perreault, Rocky Mountain House; Rebecca Walters and Carolyn Djakovic, Calgary; Jennifer Alexandre, Falher and Ryan Gauthier, Donnelly; Jeff Lunde, Airdrie and Jordon Mitchell, Calgary; Samantha Matters, Mannville; Rae-Ann Derr, Stettler and Jeanine Foot, Red Willow.

Building communities since 1917, Alberta 4-H has been mentoring the youth of this province in the ways of leadership and communication, all the while equipping them with confidence, life-applicable skills and a network of friends that spans the entire country. With 250,000 alumni, 4-H is proud to be the #1 youth organization in the province.

For more information on Provincial 4-H Public Speaking and Presentations, please visit [www.4h.ab.ca](http://www.4h.ab.ca) or call 780.427.0753.



Amanda High (Fort MacLeod) and Emily Puch (Pincher Creek) of the South Country Judging 4-H Club accepting top honour



Congratulations to a great job by all the participants in the 2008 Provincial 4-H Presentations finals