

# 4-H Peaces

A newsletter for 4-H Clubs, Key Leaders, Key Members, Councils and Ambassadors in the Peace 4-H Region

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### Special points of interest:

**If you have members who will be entering high school next year, there is a new resource available to help them when approaching their teachers for CTS credits. Check it out now so that they are prepared in the fall.**

**This package is also available for teachers/schools who are already offering credits to assist students in finding the alternatives right for them.**

## Greetings!

I hope that winter has treated you well. Hopefully your club had fun in the snow that most areas have received and are now enjoying the running water and mud.

As we move through the spring, clubs are also getting ready for achievement days. Best of luck to all members. I know that you have been working hard and this is your day to shine. Be sure to invite your community and show off all that you have learned.

Don't forget that when your club is done for the year, 4-H continues on. Check out the Alberta 4-H Magazine for a list of the summer programs that you could attend. Regional summer camp forms have been sent directly to your club leaders. Ask them for one or check the website.

Good luck with the remainder of your year!

## Communications Activities

Public speaking and presentations have come and gone. Clubs and districts declared their winners and they moved on to the regional competition, finally held on March 24 at the Grimshaw Legion Hall.

Starting at 1:00 pm, the competition ran in a rotation with 2 speeches and then a presentation. It was an interesting day with speech topics ranging from the effects of war to 4-H's 90 anniversary and presentation topics running the gamut of world travel to self defense.

At the end of the day, someone had to move on and after careful consideration, the judges announced their picks. Representing our region at the provincial presentations competition will be John Moutray and Chris Kochendorfer of Valhalla with "Karate-

*Defend Yourself"* and Katherine Barkwell of Peace River with "The Power of Colours". Attending the provincial public speaking competition will be Amber Klassen of DeBolt and Jessica Kuester of Dixonville. These two girls will be preparing new speeches based on the statement "Alberta 4-H turns 90 in 2007. This is just one example of a milestone worth celebrating."

The provincial competition will be held in Edmonton on March 31 and is open to anyone interested in listening. I expect that it will be interesting, as always, with 14 different ways of interpreting the statement for the speaking and 14 very different topics for the presentations.

Good luck to all of our representatives.

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Spring is in the air!



## Grants



This is a reminder to take pictures, write thank-you notes, and recognize the sponsors who have so generously provided the grants that clubs and districts have received.

Sponsor support is invaluable to the 4-H program and we need to ensure that they know that. It's always a good idea to let local representatives of these provincial sponsors know how much you appreciate

their support. Invite them to your events. Remember to keep track of the things that you do to recognize these sponsors to help in your application for the grants next year.

Don't forget to thank all the people who support you in your own community. Without sponsors, a lot of our programs wouldn't be possible.

## Leader Recognition

The number of hours volunteers put into 4-H over the course of a year never cease to amaze me. It is very important that you recognize (and be recognized for) the work that is done. Registered leaders are eligible for leader recognition pins at 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30.... years. If your district doesn't have an "official" recognition night, why not recognize them at an achievement day or year end banquet? The more public the better. Let me know in the office when you would like to present the pins and I would be happy to accommodate you. If I don't hear from your club by the end of June, the pins will be sent directly to the eligible leaders, but why not make it well known in the community how much you appreciate all that they've done.

There are also two other awards in AB that 4-H contributors can receive. The Golden Clover Award is designed to recog-

nize individuals or groups that have exhibited outstanding leadership while initiating a special contribution such as an innovative idea, program, activity or event that has made a significant difference to 4-H in Alberta. Anyone (member, leader, sponsor, club, council, alumni, & staff) is eligible.

Meanwhile the AB 4-H Volunteer Hall of Fame honours volunteers who have made outstanding contributions to the 4-H program in the province. For more information on either of these awards, check out the 4-H website, or call the office.



## Regional Council Meeting

The next regional 4-H council meeting will be held on **April 21st** in Fairview. The meeting will be in the large conference room upstairs in the provincial building. Start time is **1:00 pm**.

Each district has four votes, two member and two adult. All interested parties are welcome to attend, whether they are the voting representative from their district or not. It is very important that your elected representatives are in attendance as there are some important decisions that must be made at this meeting. It is your representatives responsibility to find an alternate if they are unable to attend themselves.

## WANTED

Do you, or someone you know, want to experience another culture without the hassles of travel?

4-H is looking for host families for Japanese exchange students. 4-H exchanges with three different Japanese programs (Labo, Lex, and Utrek) but all have a similar goal with exchange—helping improve the English of their students while fostering understanding and acceptance of other cultures. Why not help them learn about Canada and life in the Peace?

Families can 'choose' their visiting student and may host a 12-18 year old for one month in the summer; or they can host a "tutor" for 2 weeks. Either way, think of all that will be learned on both sides. Contact Laura Oatway @ 567-2234 for more information on how you can get involved. (She can also tell you how you can go to Japan yourself.)

## Regional Horse News

There is some grant money available to host a horse workshop in the region. It would be great to have a 'Train the Trainer' style workshop right here in our region. It's been several years since one has been held here and we have a lot of new leaders in the horse project. There are probably several other great ideas out there for a workshop as well. If you have one of those ideas and/or you would be interested in working on a committee to organize a workshop, please contact the regional office. Ideally we'll have a workshop towards the end of the summer, or early in the fall.

The Alberta Equestrian Federation Games will take place again this summer. The region is currently considering whether or not we will be sending a 4-H team to take part in that portion of the event. The 4-H portion of the games is made up of western equitation, western pleasure, trail, and 3 speed events. This year's competition will also have a "jeopardy trail" class. If you would like more information on the games, please see the website at <http://www.albertaequestriangames.com/>

## Canada World Youth

If you have interest in exchanges, here is another option for you. Canada World Youth has a variety of programs, for various age groups. Their programs are all designed for participants to take part in community events and projects (development, education, social services, environment, small business development, health, etc) as volunteers. In some cases students may even receive school credits for their involvement. For more information, check out their website at <http://info.canadaworldyouth.org>

## Operation Clean Sweep

April 23-29, 2007 is Pitch-In Canada Week! It's not too late to be involved. What a great way to do another (or first) community service activity. You can find project ideas, activities, posters, etc at [www.pitch-in.ca](http://www.pitch-in.ca)

## Upcoming Events

Regional Judging Workshop & Competition—April 21

Regional Meeting—April 21

Regional 4-H Days—

Camp Artaban Summer Camps

9-11 year olds— July 24-28

12-14 year olds—July 30-Aug 3

Other summer camping programs—see the magazine or website

Peace Region 4-H Leader's Forum—Sept 8

## Enclosures

90 for 90 campaign information

Club Week package

Regional Summer Camp Application

West Edmonton Mall Pass Offer

Calgary Zoo Pass Offer

**We're on the Web!**

**[www.4h.ab.ca](http://www.4h.ab.ca)**

