

# 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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## Greetings!

Welcome Back

In starting a new 4-H year it's good to be reminded of what 4-H is and where we want it to take us—a great place to start is the 4 “H-s”:

**Head:** Pledged to clearer thinking, or critical thinking, one might say. Encouraging 4-H members to use their heads, to think critically about issues, to use the decision-making skills learned through judging, to be able to form an opinion, and defend it.

**Heart:** Pledged to greater loyalty. This suggests instilling in 4-H members a sense of integrity and a commitment to those around them through helping each other and working as a team.

**Hands:** Pledged to larger service. Promote involvement in communities and contribute to those organizations and activities that keep our communities thriving and interesting.

**Health:** Pledged to a better living—a better living that goes beyond health, and implies

living well, working to improve life around you through your contributions to your club, community and country.

If we can all remember these when planning for the upcoming year I foresee a great year ahead!



Frisco the Funky 4-H Fox  
(National Mascot)

### Special points of interest:

- Membership fee has increased to \$40
- 2006-2007 has been designated the “Year of the District Council”
- November is National 4-H Month!

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## Club Registration

You have an option to register your club this year. You may register your club as normal or you can register on-line.

To register as usual, complete the blank registration form included in this package and update the computer printout for your club.

Send your club registration and supply order to the Edmonton 4-H Office (the address is on the forms).

If you want to register your club on-line, see

the instructions at the front of the club registration forms. Because we cannot yet accept on-line payment, you will have to print the registration and send it in with your fees. It is our hope that this will cut down on the errors made during input while making it easier for some leaders to complete this process.

Remember a late fee of \$100 is applied to registrations received after Dec 1st.

Your supplies will be sent out after your fees and your forms are received.

## Leader Screening

Leader screening forms are due **December 15**. Remember criminal records checks can take some time. Please help your new leaders meet this deadline.

New leaders have one year to complete the Level 1 Leader training requirement, in a workshop or online.

Don't forget to order a *Leader's Information Manual* for each of your NEW leaders.

### Who must complete a Leader Screening Form?

- ⇒ New leaders
- ⇒ Existing leaders that have completed 5 (or multiples of 5) years of leadership
- ⇒ Any leaders returning after a break in leadership of 5 or more years



## Grants

Money available directly to each club this year totals \$400. Districts are now eligible to receive up to \$600. Some of this money is intended for specific purposes such as leader training or member recruitment, but some of it is not directed at a specific area. To receive these sponsor dollars you must fill in a simple application form (included in the package for clubs) and be sure to send a thank-you at the end of the year with a bit of a note about how the money was used.

Let local representatives of these provincial sponsors know how much you appreciate their support. As well, 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.

Always be sure to check out the latest magazine for the most up-to-date information regarding grants available to your clubs and districts.

## Provincial Programs

Check out the 4-H Magazine, the 4-H website ([www.4h.ab.ca](http://www.4h.ab.ca)), or the project update packages for more information and applications for all the upcoming programs.

Key Member Training Weekend—Oct 13-15

Small Animal, Life Skills, Technology & Trade Leaders' Update—Oct 20-22

Key Leader Training Weekend—Oct 27-29

Beef Leaders' Update (BUD) - Nov 17-19

Sheep Leaders' Update - Nov 17-19

Leaders' Conference—Jan 12-14

## Regional Programs

Watch for information about upcoming regional programs. One change, the alumni will be running two winter programs this year.

Livestock Handling Workshop - Oct 28

Regional Meeting—Nov 4

Frosty Fest—Nov 25

Winter Camp (9-13 year olds) - TBA

Winter Weekend (14-16 year olds) - TBA

Spring Meeting—Mar

Regional Communications Competitions—Mar

Regional Judging—Apr

## Recognition Awards

What better way to say thank you to an individual or group who has dedicated time and effort to supporting the 4-H program than by having them recognized at the provincial level? There are two awards in Alberta that may fit the bill.

The purpose of the Golden Clover award is to recognize individuals or groups who 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. Members, leaders, sponsors, clubs, councils, alumni, & staff are all eligible. Deadline is Nov. 1. Application forms are available on the 4-H website: [www.4h.ab.ca](http://www.4h.ab.ca)

Meanwhile the AB 4-H Volunteer Hall of Fame honours volunteers who have made outstanding contributions to the 4-H program in the province. People who have shown significant leadership and initiative, making a positive impact on 4-H at all levels should be nominated. Involvement in other community organizations may also be considered.

I know we have a number of truly dedicated volunteers and groups in our communities in the Peace. Why not consider nominating someone?



## Regional Council Meeting

The next regional 4-H council meeting will be held on **November 4th** 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.

This is a very important meeting as it is the meeting where the program plan for the region is determined for the year. If you want input into what the region does, how, and when, this is the meeting to be at.

As well, as this is the annual meeting of the council, some new executive members will be elected. This year we have to elect a new secretary, a new treasurer, and new representatives to the Provincial 4-H Council from the South Peace. If you or someone you know may be interested, please come to the meeting, or phone the regional office to let us know.

## Leader's Conference 2007

I hope that most of you are already aware that the Peace Region will be the 'hosts' of Leaders' Conference 2007. The theme of this year's conference is **4-H Opoly** and we hope that you will all "Get into the Game...." with us.

The deadline for registrations for this year's conference, at the Nisku Inn, is November 25, 2006. As the host region we are given a couple of extra spots but you still need to get your application in soon in order to 'claim your space'. As always, your fee includes the conference, your meals at the conference, your rooms, and transportation to and from Nisku.

Watch for further information from the committee as they share plans and ask for assistance. It should be a great time!



## Awards of Excellence

A reminder to destroy your old order forms and use the new one in the package. Send your form to the regional office in Fairview. Medallions will be sent, via courier, to a local government office. Don't forget to allow 4-6 weeks for orders (Platinum medallions in particular can take the full 6 weeks)

## Ideas?

There is sponsor grant money available for regional horse and beef training/workshops. Please pass your suggestions on to your regionally elected, provincial committee members. Beef: Nora Paulovich—836-2337 and Horse: Laureen Kosheiff – 835-4629 & Bonnie Ridley – 835-2832.

## 4-H Policy Updates

Please note as you put the enclosed policy updates into your club binders that the updates are missing the policy numbers at the top of the page. They are on the bottom, above the page number however.



## Spring / Summer Programs

### Peace Regional 4-H Days

The 19th annual Regional 4-H Days program, June 16-18, while smaller than some years in the past, was enjoyed by those in attendance. Featuring beef, bench, canine, and horse shows, as well as a judging competition, a project of the year demonstration (dance), and two lifeskills sessions, Regional Days sees members from across the AB and BC Peace 4-H regions come together to enjoy each other's company as well as some friendly competition. If you have suggestions or ideas for next year's program and/or you would like to help the committee organize this regional project event, please contact the regional office or someone on the regional executive.

## Enclosures

Club Registration Package  
 Leader Registration Package  
 4-H Club Binder Table of Contents  
 Club Supply Catalog  
 4-H Project & Responsibilities Codes  
 4-H Policies & Procedures Updates  
 Public Speaking Rules—new for 2007  
 Presentations Rules—2003-2006  
 Leader Training—fall/winter 2006  
 Award of Excellence Order Form  
 Club Sponsorship Form 2007  
 Champion Feeds Sponsorship Package  
 AB 4-H Fundraising  
 Green Certificate Information Sheet  
 Secretary and Treasurer Record Books  
 Farm Safety Booklet  
 Farm Safety CD of ideas  
 Northlands Events  
 National 4-H Month  
 Project Specific Information (Beef,Horse,Canine, and Sheep –insurance and project specific info)

### Summer Camps

Once again, our region held two summer camping programs. Junior camp, July 18-22, and intermediate camp, July 24-28, were both well attended. Judging by the evaluations, the campers had a wonderful time; and so did the staff. Thank you to all the counselors from around the region who took a week out of their summer to make camp possible for region members, as it once was for them. Thanks also to our camp moms Caitlin Ridley and Courtney Seaholm and to the camp staff from Airdrie who coordinated the two weeks of programs, Chris Lindeman and Laura Hagstrom.