

# Where Does the District Council Fit?



## District Council

Each club is expected and encouraged to send representatives to district council meetings. The district councils:

- Initiate and co-ordinate district 4-H activities such as public speaking and presentation competitions, project workshops, exchanges, fun days and clinics.
- Select and elect Key Leaders to assist new clubs and provide support and information to all clubs in the district.
- Forward comments and concerns from club(s) to regional council. By majority approval, the district council supports and approves recommendations for change.
- Provide information to clubs in the district.

## Regional Council

**Each district council sends representatives to regional council. Each of the seven regional councils:**

- Initiate and co-ordinate regional programs and activities such as public speaking and presentation competitions, camps, exchanges, fun days, clinics, and workshops.
- Elect representatives for various provincial bodies including the Alberta 4-H Council, Provincial Beef Advisory Committee, Provincial Equine Advisory Committee, etc.
- Takes forward comments and concerns from district councils to the Alberta 4-H Council.
- Supports and approves recommendations for change approved by the regional council.
- Provide information to district councils.

## Alberta 4-H Council

The Council was established in 1971 to assist two-way communication between the provincial 4-H office and 4-H leaders, members, clubs and councils. The Council discusses issues that affect 4-H in Alberta. Representatives from the Alberta 4-H Council sit on various provincial 4-H advisory committees such as public relations, leadership, scholarships and project advisory.

The Alberta 4-H Councils' Objectives:

1. To enhance the 4-H program throughout Alberta by encouraging and involving the Alberta 4-H Family by leading policy development, implementation and governance.
2. To govern the grievance process and act as the last level of appeal.
3. To liaise with and advise the Minister of Agriculture and Food on 4-H.
4. To promote 4-H and provide leadership to the 4-H program.
5. To encourage 4-H members and leaders to gain a better understanding of and participate more fully, in the 4-H program.

6. To encourage the involvement of potential leaders, members and supporters in the 4-H program.
7. To provide a medium whereby needs and concerns of members and leaders can be communicated through district and regional 4-H councils to Alberta Agriculture and Food.
8. To communicate information regarding the 4-H program to the Alberta public.
9. To provide direction and support to the 4-H Foundation of Alberta and oversee its bylaws.
10. To provide the 4-H Insurance Program for volunteers, leaders and members.
11. To support the funding initiatives of the 4-H Partners (Council, Foundation and Branch).

The Alberta 4-H Council consists of two representatives elected from each of the seven regional councils and two representatives of the provincial 4-H Alumni. The past president, the council's representative to the Canadian 4-H Council and two 4-H ambassadors also sit as non-voting members of the council. The executive secretary (a provincial staff member appointed by Alberta Agriculture and Food) assists the council with its operation. The council also appoints directors to serve on the 4-H Foundation of Alberta and other council committees.

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