

South Regional Email Blast

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This is an early New Year's email, as I will be away from the office until January 4th. Happy Holidays everyone!

This email is being sent to: 2015-2016 South 4-H Region club leader contacts, 2015-2016 key leaders, 2014-2015 district and regional council representatives and committee chairpersons until all updates completed. Plus a few others who have requested a copy. It will also be available on the South pages on the 4-H website www.4h.ab.ca soon. Check this site out for copies of all Regional Council meeting minutes, various committee meeting minutes, application forms for South region events and everything you want to know about 4-H!

If you are still getting emails and wish to be removed, please drop me a note and I will endeavor to have you removed immediately but please remember that you may not be on the club leader list, but may still show on your District Council list until elections have replaced you and I have been made aware of the executive change. If you know that you were in more than one category, please indicate so that I can get that corrected and have you removed.

PLEASE SHARE THIS AND ALL EMAIL BLASTS WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS, LEADERS and families and anyone else you think may be interested in this information. Note that there are several attachments, that may be of interest to different people within our region. I hope that you can find at least one thing that is of interest and value to you through this email blast. THANK YOU to those who take the time to read and share these email blasts. Please also check out the 4-H website calendar for application forms and information, speak with Club and Key Leaders, your council representatives, or feel free to call or email me. Together we can accomplish great things!

1. **Snowfest 2016** – dates have been revised to **February 18, 19, 20, 2016 (Thursday to Saturday), at Whispering Pines in Elkwater**. Please contact Shirley Jago at shirleyjago@live.ca or Paige Haupt at paigehkeymember@hotmail.com for information on registration at this much loved winter weekend for junior and intermediate campers as the registration form is currently being finalized. Senior members who have previously attended CIT (formerly LTCS) may apply to counsel – please complete the same application form.
2. **Note that 2 livestock regional committees meet in January in Taber** – the Regional Beef and Heifer Show Committee meet Monday, January 18th (Carey Kopp president - carey.kopp@xplornet.com - location will be shared in the next email blast) and the Regional Horse Committee (Teresa Russian president arrltd@telus.net) on Tuesday, January 19th at Western Tractor at 7pm.
3. **Show and Sale Calendar** - A reminder to ALL marketable livestock clubs (beef, sheep, swine) – please complete the attached form with information regarding your show and sale. Please note that only one member per entire interclub or district beef show needs to be indicated for the Alberta Beef Producer advertisement. I require these completed forms to be back to me no later than January 22nd please (and thank you).
4. **Thank you and congratulations** to the speakers at the Farming Smarter Conference in Lethbridge on December 8th and 9th, and a huge thank you to Clancy Holthe for his efforts in leading the way for the 4-H auction to achieve great things! Over 100 items were up for bid and went to new homes. All money raised will be utilized by the Southern 4-H Regional Council for programs here in this region.

5. **Gate Signs** - The 4-H Foundation of Alberta has brand new 4-H Family Lives Here signs available for sale, with the new 4-H logo (see the attached pictures). Prices are:

Landscape – 12" x 18" - \$25.00 – GST included

Portrait – 10" x 14" - \$22.00 – GST included

In the next short while Corinne will be updating the website with a more complete catalogue including the addition of some new items that will be available at Leaders Conference.

6. Selections May 6-9, 2016

What it is: Selections is a journey of self-discovery. Through small group discussions, team building exercises, and large group presentations, you will investigate your future; how school, career, and personal choices and change can affect your life's path. Join other 4-H senior members from across Alberta and you'll experience a ton of fun, share lots of laughs and meet amazing people. There is opportunity to represent 4-H Alberta at a national or international trip or conference. There is also a chance to be chosen as an Ambassador for your region. Diaries to be received by your Regional Specialist by February 15th.

Registration Deadline: Early Bird open December 15th – February 15, 2016; Regular - March 1, 2016

Location: Olds College

7. Attached is the poster and registration form for the **Youth Equine Education Day at Western College of Veterinary Medicine (Saskatchewan)**
8. The **Alberta Beef Industry Conference** is hosting an **Agricultural Career Fair** on February 18th for **Junior and Senior High School** students in Red Deer. Share the attached postcard.
9. Interested in a different kind of party? A Barn Dance perhaps? Check out **The Great Canadian Barn Dance** at Hill Spring, Alberta, Canada www.gcbd.ca Toll Free 1-866-626-3407
10. Leaders – **2016 Leaders Conference** takes place in Edmonton on January 15th to 17th! It's a great program, to mingle with other leaders from across the province, learn on a variety of topics, share some laughs, and get totally pumped about continuing involvement in 4-H! Sign up on-line! Register soon!
11. **PEAC (Provincial Equine Advisory Committee)** will again be hosting **PELF (Provincial Equine Leaders' Forum) at the 4-H Centre, Battle Lake on Feb 5-7, 2016**. Bring your questions, share your ideas, plan to attend!!! Register on-line! Deadline is January 15th.
12. **Senior Members Conference** – January 30 to February 1, 2016 at the 4-H Center. Registration is open and filling fast! Great program, fun sessions and informative too! Check out the 4-H website for more details and sign up on line! Deadline to register is January 15th but spots are filling fast!
13. **Regional and District dates** – Please check with your district and regional committees to confirm all dates.
Districts – please send me your dates as soon as possible so that they can be added to the calendar and information can be added to the website to help advertise your events. For Regional events - **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!** If you are interested in being part of any Regional event committee, please remember that you do not have to attend Council meetings (but you are very welcome

to attend!) – your participation and involvement would be very welcome and greatly appreciated! Please contact your district council representative, district key leader or anyone on the Regional Council.

The dates indicated below should be confirmed before heading out to attend.

January	7, 2016	Thursday	Cactus Country	Cactus Country Junior Council Communications Workshop @7pm
January	7, 2016	Thursday	Cactus Country	Cactus Country Adult/Senior Member Communications Judging Workshop @ 7pm
January	7, 2016	Thursday	Cactus Country	Cactus Country Adult/Senior Member Communications Assistants Workshop @7pm
January	9, 2016	Saturday	Lethbridge District	Judging Workshop
January	9, 2016	Saturday	Warner District	Communication and Parliamentary Procedure Workshop.
January	14, 2016	Thursday	Taber District	District meeting 7pm
January	18, 2016	Monday	Regional	South Regional Beef Committee Committee, location tbd
January	19, 2016	Tuesday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Horse committee meeting, Western Tractor Board Room, Taber, 7pm
February	4, 2016	Thursday	Cactus Country	Cactus Country District Meeting @7pm
February	8, 2016	Monday	Warner District	District Meeting @ Warner School 7:00pm
February	10, 2016	Wednesday	Lethbridge District	Decision Making Workshop
February	18-20, 2016	Thursday to Saturday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Snowfest Winter Camp, Elkwater
February	27, 2016	Saturday	Warner District	District Communication Competition - Time and Place TBA

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Live Life Like Someone Left The Gate Open.....

Life’s lesson from an equestrian point of view:

“There are only 2 emotions that belong in the saddle – one is a sense of humor, the other is patience” – John Lyons