

South Regional Email Blast

sent Feb 11, 2016

Good day Southern 4-H Region members and leaders. This month has gotten a bit away from me as I have also been working with the Calgary 4-H Region, until a new 4-H Specialist is in place there. This email blast this time around is a new try at sending directly to all registered members and leaders, who have indicated that they “agree” to receive information via email (on their individual profile within the on-line registration system. Hopefully, you will only receive it once – some of you may have heard me mention on more than one occasion that computers and I don’t always have a GOOD relationship....

(Leaders and parents please note – from this download, there are many members whose profile in the on-line registration system indicates that they disagree to receiving email information, although a sibling or parent may have the same email address and agree. Leaders may wish to check their club registrations, and confirm with their members/parents that they do, or do not, wish to receive any information from 4-H. Thanks!)

You have some great opportunities coming up! Please review the attachments and the information below. (please note that some posters/attachments were too large for this email, so information has been condensed and listed below, with a contact indicated so that members and leaders are able to find further information)

Attached you will find a few upcoming event entry forms and information:

1. **Southern 4-H Regional Sheep Learning Day – Saturday, February 27th**
Registration 12:30 at Perlich Auction Market, east of Lethbridge
Featured topics – dystocia, rumen function, selecting your lamb, show team judging for the seniors, judging for intermediate and juniors, crafts and so on. Cleaver activities as well.
Please contact Arlene Good @ jaygood@telus.net for further information.
2. **4-H Alberta Camp Staff – WANTED!** Application **deadline** is **February 28th, 2016**. We are seeking 4-H Camp staff for either two month or 4 month positions
3. **Western Canadian Judging Competition** – March 11th – Lakeland College, Vermilion. The deadline for pre-registration is **Tuesday, February 23, 2016**.
4. **“What Can You Do to Improve Your Watershed” Contest** – open to members from grade 7 to 12 to submit a proposal and compete to win \$1000 cash. **For more information visit www.CaringForOurWatersheds.com** .

SOUTHERN AB DEADLINES

- March 15, 2016** – Contest entry deadline
- Contest entry deadline
- April 30, 2016** – Final competition
- Final competition

CONTACT CONTACT

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CENTRAL AB DEADLINES

April 7, 2016
May 14, 2016

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Enter the contest nearest you. Typically students south of and including Airdrie enter Southern AB and students north of Airdrie enter Central AB.

5. University of Alberta Collegiate 4-H Club is excited to introduce: Adopt a 4-H Member!

Interact with past or current 4-H members who have been through the same process to help with the transition from High School to University.

Who: Senior 4-H Members 16+

Where: University of Alberta North Campus

When: February 23rd – April 1st, 2016

Why: Learn about university and what you want the next step after high school to be

For more information contact:

Casey Morey- President at ualberta4h@gmail.com

6. **Southern 4-H Regional Council – meeting** – Saturday, March 12th at 10 am. Lethbridge Research Station. Please let Ginny know who will be representing each district.
7. **Southern 4-H Regional Communications** – Saturday, March 19th. Brooks Campus of MH College. Competition starts at 12 noon. All officials and speakers are to be checked in by 11:30 am. As a reminder, if any of the advancing speakers find they are unable to attend, please notify Sandra DeGroot at 403-725-2143 as soon as possible.
8. **Southern 4-H Regional Judging Competition** – Thursday, March 31st at the Claresholm Agriplex. Registration starts at 9:30 am. Contact Vanessa Wever @ sunnyvet@telusplanet.net if you have any questions.
9. **4-H beef members** may be interested in **2016 Chinook Junior Stock Show** - Wednesday March 30, 2016. More information can be found on our website www.chinookjuniorstockshow.com or on our Facebook page. See the attached entry form.
10. **Youth Judging Jackpot** – March 12th – Oyen
For ages 6 to 21
Contact Janelle Hawkins for Registration & more details =
janelle.d.hawkins@hotmail.com or call (403)664-8456
Pre-registration deadline is March 1st.
\$20 Registration fees can either be paid at the door, or by cheque, made payable to Big Country Ag Society, sent to Box 420, Oyen, AB T0J 2J0
11. **4-H 100th information** – Counting Down to Our Centennial! Please see the attached information for some exciting information including:

100th Anniversary Art Contest

It's time to get your creative juices flowing. We are searching for a unique piece of art to be transformed into a limited edition 100th anniversary print. The contest is open to all current and past 4-H members.

Categories include:

1. Painting – any type
2. Drawing – pen, pencil, charcoal
3. Photography – colour or black and white
4. Digital Media – a still using any platform
5. Other – includes fibre, seeds, intarsia, etc. – maximum depth 1" (should be suitable for photographic reproduction)

Entries due **August 30, 2016**. The winner will be announced at Farmfair International 2016 in November.

This youtube video link is below is really great! Please have a look at it to see what is coming up as part of 4-H Alberta's 100th birthday celebration!!

Here is a YouTube link for the Centennial announcement video: <https://youtu.be/udUNH5qv5aQ>

12. For **horse project clubs and members**:

- a. Is your club interested in learning about **horse racing** in Alberta? The dates will depend on where the club is closest to. The dates scheduled for racing in 2016 is:
Century Downs Balzac- February 14th through November.
Northlands Park Edmonton - May 7th through November
Rocky Mountain Turf Club Lethbridge - May 7th through July 27th or September 3rd through October 16th
Evergreen Park Grande Prairie - July 8th through August 28th.

They can contact me directly to make arrangements and ask questions at - 403-540-8707 or tsealy@oldscollge.ca

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office - 1-403-556-4767 or cell - 1-403-540-8707

- b. the **Mane Event** has a couple of opportunities that we hope you can pass on to your Club Leaders and Members:
 1. Filly giveaway/Essay Contest, details are attached below and information is available on our website.
 2. Opportunity to ride with trainers in the Pro-Am on Thursday night. We are asking youth to apply and they and the trainer would ride the youth's horse in an obstacle course. This is a fun event and is schedule to run on Thursday evening. Details will be available shortly.
 3. 4-H/Pony Club room upstairs with special talks by our clinicians/trainers and prizes for attendees (on Saturday and Sunday).

Thank you so very much!

Gail

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13. Open to all members - Calling all writers!! The Youth Essay Contest is back for the 2nd year in a row.

Rocking Heart Ranch and The Mane Event continue their partnership to benefit youth writers. Rocking Heart Ranch and the Garner family are lifetime breeders of American Quarter Horses and are pleased to be donating a pretty blue roan filly for the writer of the Youth Essay Contest held in conjunction with The Mane Event in Red Deer, AB on April 21-24, 2016.

The Youth Essay Contest is open to all youth between the ages of 13-18. In 500 words or less, complete an essay in your own words describing how winning this filly will impact you as a person and a future leader of the equine industry.

The deadline to submit essays is 4:30pm PST on Monday, April 10th. Please have a cover sheet with the essay that contains the writer's name, email address, telephone number, school and grade. Only essays written in a common word processor such as MSWord or in pdf form will be accepted. The winner will be announced on Sunday, April 24th at The Mane Event. Entries can be sent via email to riders@maneeventexpo.com or by mail to The Mane Event, 230-1210 Summit Drive, Unit #468, Kamloops, BC V2C 6M1 Attn: Youth Essay Contest. Questions about the contest can be directed to Nicole at (844) 578-7518.

14. Green certificate testing dates -

Date	Specialties	Location
Wednesday March 16 2016	Cow-calf, Feedlot, Swine, Sheep	Coaldale Community Centre
Thursday March 17 2016	Field Crop, Irrigated Crop, Dairy, Equine, Beekeeping	Coaldale Community Centre
Wednesday April 20, 2016	Cow -Calf, Field Crop, Irrigated Crop, Equine	Eagle Butte High School
Wednesday May 25 2016	Cow-calf, Feedlot, Swine, Sheep	Coaldale Community Centre
Thursday May 26 2016	Field Crop, Irrigated Crop, Dairy, Equine, Beekeeping	Coaldale Community Centre

15. Stay tuned, but mark your calendar for Youth Range Days this year. The event will be taking place July 5-7 near Elkwater, AB. For more information, please contact:

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16. Please confirm with your district or committee:

February	18-20, 2016	Thursday to Saturday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Snowfest Winter Camp, Elkwater - note dates/days	
February	27, 2016	Saturday	Cactus County	District Communication Competition @ Noon	Medicine Hat High School

February	27, 2016	Saturday	Regional	Southern Regional 4-H Sheep Learning Day - Perlich Auction Market. Registration 12:30, Program commences at 1:00 ending around 4:00	
March	1, 2016	Tuesday	Cactus Country	Cactus Country Scholarship Workshop @ 7pm	Location TBD
March	3, 2016	Thursday	Taber District	District meeting 7pm Beef Council	Location TBD
March	5, 2016	Saturday	Warner District	District Communication Competition - Time and Place TBA	
March	5, 2016	Saturday	Taber District	District Speak-offs- 1:00pm	Location TBD
March	5, 2016	Saturday	Lethbridge District	District Communications Competition	
March	5, 2016	Saturday	Newell District	District Communications Competition	
March	12, 2016	Saturday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Council meeting	
March	12, 2016	Saturday	Lethbridge District	Spring Fun Day	
March	17, 2016	Thursday	Warner District	Diary and Scholarship Workshop -	Warner School 7 pm
March	19, 2016	Saturday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Communications competition - note location: Brooks Campus of Medicine Hat College	12 noon
March	31, 2016	Thursday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Judging - Claresholm	

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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