

South Regional Email Blast

sent Nov 4, 2015

Wow – Today is

4-H Show Your Colours Day, Wednesday, November 4th. I hope you remembered to **WEAR GREEN!!!** and promoted 4-H, as always!

I have updated this recipient list and will continue to do so, during the registration of clubs, and change of some club leader contacts. IF your club is in transition and you are an outgoing leader club contact, **please forward** this email to the new leader, and let me know of the transition that is happening. It is a work in progress to ensure that the email list is most up to date.

If you are still getting emails and wish to be removed, please drop me a note and I will endeavor to have you removed (sometimes computers befuddle me for awhile) and 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.

This email is being sent to: 2014-2015 South 4-H Region club leader contacts (or any 2015-2016 leaders if I have been already advised of the change), 2015-2016 key leaders, 2014-2015 district and regional council representatives and committee chairpersons. 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!

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. Mark your calendars for the **South Region's upcoming 1st ever Consumer Decision Making Workshop and Competition – Saturday, November 28th at the Vauxhall Elementary School. Registration will be at 9:30 am** with the workshop to follow, and then try your hand at a competition!

We are planning for different workshop groups – for members who already judge and just need the basics of the differences between Judging and Consumer Decision Making, for those who may be quite knowledgeable already and for those who are new to Judging AND Consumer Decision Making.

This is an exciting NEW EVENT for the South, which involves NO ANIMALS for those who may have allergies or are involved in projects other than livestock projects. Other regions are taking this on, very successfully and there may be a chance to add to the Provincial Judging event for Senior members, offering new and exciting opportunities to compete at other competitions including Denver!

Come out and give it a try!!!! A big thank you to Committee chairperson Clancy Holthe and to 4-H Regional Specialist Stacy Murray (Northwest Region) for leading this event.

2. **Farming Smarter Conference and 4-H Auction – December 8 and 9 at the Coast Hotel in Lethbridge.** This conference features some of our top Southern 4-H Region speakers, each

day after lunch. It should make everyone very proud to know that our 4-H speakers have always rated as one of the top segments of the conference! Our future is in good hands!

We in the Southern 4-H Region are very fortunate that **Farming Smarter holds a Silent Auction** throughout the conference, with all proceeds going to the Southern 4-H Region! In past, these funds have supported our Annual Regional Judging Competitions, multiple livestock events and most recently, two Southern 4-H Regional Scholarships.

Please help out by using the attached letter and seeking some auction items, plus if you are in the neighborhood, stop by the conference to write down a bid or two.

NEW IN 2015*** - we will compile a list of available items and share this in early December, so that 4-H people are able to submit bids on particular items they may be interested in, so that you can shop and support our South 4-H Region, even if you are unable to attend and bid in person!**

And parents and leaders - if you wish to attend the very popular and educational Farming Smarter conference, please check it out and register: <http://www.farmingsmarter.com/events/farming-smarter-conference-2015/>

3. **South 4-H Regional Horse Committee meeting – Tuesday, November 17th at the TABER AGRIPLEX (****NOTE LOCATION****) at 7pm.** For all clubs with any horse projects – please have an adult representative present. This committee is very busy – they oversee a record book competition, horse show, learning day and offer horse project member scholarships annually.
4. **2017 4-H Alberta Centennial Corner** - Forwarding for Kelly Sinclair! Chair of the Communications & Marketing Subcommittee of the Centennial Celebrations Steering Committee.

As discussed, I've attached two notes to be circulated to the regional specialists ASAP so that they have them for regional meetings coming up soon.

The first is about **bale tarps**, second is the **request for representation on the history calendar committee**.

Thanks,
Kelly

5. **4-H Foundation of Alberta News –**

Be sure to familiarize yourself and your club with all of the 4-H Alberta discounts available from our Corporate Partners!

CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE WOOL GROWERS- 10% off

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Connect with the Foundation if you are interested in tire recycling or electronic recycling.

They can be reached at 1-877-682-2153. Club leaders should be receiving a Monthly Sponsor Update from the Foundation with lots of great news – please let them know if you need to be added to the email list.

6. As some of you may already know, the Ministry of Human Services hosts the Great Kids Award each year to recognize kids in our province for positively impacting our communities or the lives of Albertans. We'd just like to pass this message along for you to consider nominating a great kid in your community who helps, inspires and changes the lives of others. Nominations are open until November 27 and may be submitted through an online nomination form. A .pdf format nomination form is attached to this email. Below is an e-mail announcement that can be easily shared with friends and colleagues. Thanks for your continued support; we look forward to another successful year celebrating Great Kids.

Nominations for the 2016 Great Kids Award have opened!

In spring 2016, the Government of Alberta is presenting the 16th Annual Great Kids Award to celebrate Alberta's remarkable young people. Great kids capture the vitality of Alberta by helping, inspiring and changing the lives of others.

These amazing young leaders deserve our recognition because they are role models in our communities. Our future promises to be bright led by kids like these individuals.

Nominate a Great Kid!

Nominate a child or youth between the ages of 5 and 18 for positively impacting our communities or the lives of Albertans. Sixteen great kids will be selected from four age categories (5-8, 9-12, 13-15, and 16-18) and celebrated at a special awards ceremony at the Fantasyland Hotel in the spring.

Who can be a nominator? Any resident of Alberta can nominate a Great Kid – teachers, coaches, pastors, social workers, neighbours, friends and family!

Look around your community, seek out and celebrate the amazing young people we have in Alberta! Want more ideas about what makes a young person a great nominee? [Meet the 2015 Great Kids and learn about their achievements.](#)

How to Nominate a Great Kid

Fill out our [nomination form online](#) or print the attached copy and fax or mail it to:

GREAT KIDS AWARD

Alberta Human Services
Prevention and Early Intervention Branch
10th Floor, Sterling Place
9940 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2N2
Fax: 780-644-2671
Email: HS.greatkids@gov.ab.ca

All nominations must be received by **November 27, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**

For more information, please visit www.greatkids.alberta.ca, call 780-415-8150 or email HS.greatkids@gov.ab.ca

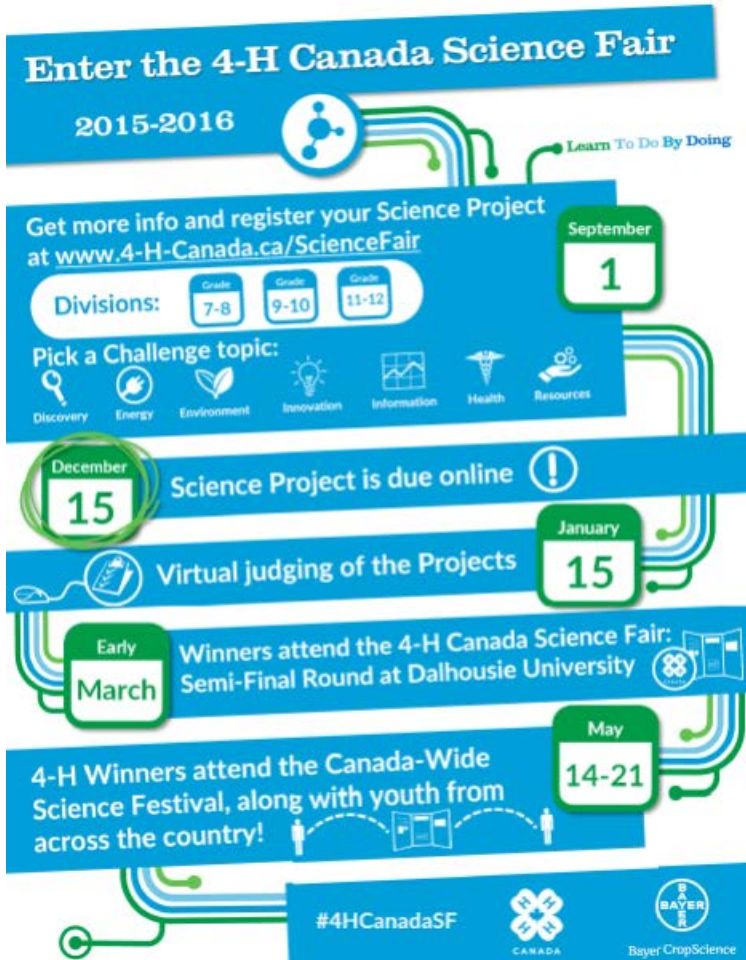
7. **Communications 2016.** This is a REALLY big part of everyone's life in 4-H – at the club, district and regional levels!

Again as a heads up – **2016 Regional Communications will take place on March 19th, 2016.** The location is just being finalized. This year's districts that are responsible for looking after the event are:

- Host District – Taber
- Junior Public Speaking – Newell
- Intermediate Public Speaking – Cactus Country

Senior Public Speaking – 40 Mile
Presentations – Warner

More information will be forthcoming, but please forward the name of your District contact person as soon as possible to Ginny. I have very few district contact names as yet. Please let me know so that information can be forwarded to your district.



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9. **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!!!

10. **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!

11. Each registered 4-H family from the 2014/15 4-H club year should have received **Fall, Winter and Spring Events and Opportunities Guide** in the mail. There is a lot of great information about all that is happening with 4-H Alberta. You can also check it out at:
http://issuu.com/4halberta/docs/fall_winter_events_opportunitie/1?e=0/30376765

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Cleaver Kids 4-H Leader Training

WHEN: December 5, 2015

DEADLINE: November 15, 2015

WHERE: Alberta 4-H Centre, Westeros AB

WHO CAN ATTEND?:

- Cleaver Kid 4-H Leaders
- Cleaver Kid Mentors (senior members)
- 4-H Leaders wanting to learn more about Cleaver Kids

COST: \$60
(Includes: Meals and snacks, accommodations if needed, workshops, take home printed materials, new networks)

Send your registration form and payment to:

Cleaver Kids 4-H Leader Training
C/O 4-H Council of Alberta
RR 1 Site 7 Box 1
Westerose AB
T0C 2V0
Email: council@4hab.com
Fax: 780-682-3784

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Alberta**

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14. **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 give Ginny a call so that she can connect you with the Regional committee chairperson.

November	6, 2015	Friday	Lethbridge District	Executive Workshop, New Parent Night, Leader 1 & 2 Training	
November	17, 2015	Tuesday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Horse committee meeting	Taber Agriplex
November	16, 2015	Monday	Warner District	District Meeting @ Warner School 7:00pm	
November	21, 2015	Saturday	Cactus Country	District Colour Night @ Seven Persons Hall	Time TBA
November	14 or 28, 2015	Saturday	Cactus Country	District Learning Day	Time and Place TBA
November	14 or 28, 2015	Saturday	Cactus Country	UFA 4-H College	Time and place TBA
November	28, 2015	Saturday	Lethbridge District	Public Speaking Workshop, District Christmas Dance	
November	28, 2015	Saturday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Consumer Decision Making - Vauxhall Elementary School, 10 am	
December	5, 2015	Saturday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Council meeting, 10am Lethbridge Research Station	
December	8 & 9, 2015	Tuesday & Wednesday		Farming Smarter Conference - Lethbridge Coast Conference Center - 4-H members speaking each day, 4-H benefit auction	
January	7, 2016	Thursday	Cactus Country	Cactus Country Junior Council Communications Workshop @7pm	Location TBD
January	7, 2016	Thursday	Cactus Country	Cactus Country Adult/Senior Member Communications Judging Workshop @ 7pm	Location TBD
January	7, 2016	Thursday	Cactus Country	Cactus Country Adult/Senior Member Communications Assistants Workshop @7pm	Location TBD
January	9, 2016	Saturday	Lethbridge District	Judging Workshop	
January	9, 2016	Saturday	Warner District	Communication and Parliamentary Procedure Workshop.	Time and place TBA
January	14, 2016	Thursday	Taber District	District meeting 7pm	Location TBD

January	18, 2016	Monday	Regional	South Regional Beef Committee Committee	Location TBD
January	19, 2016	Tuesday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Horse committee meeting	

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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