

South Regional Email Blast

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Welcome to 4-H in the South 4-H Region for the upcoming 2015-2016 club year!!!! As this email is replacing the “start-up package”, it may be a bit large so I will endeavor to send what needs to be sent now, with another email blast to follow in the next few weeks with more – don’t be overwhelmed, and don’t be afraid. Just breathe – it will all be just fine! IF you would like anything in print form, please contact Ginny.

HERE ARE THE TOP 20 ----- for this go around (they won't all be this long):

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), 2014-2015 key leaders, 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!

IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS AND THERE IS A LEADERSHIP CHANGE, PLEASE PASS THIS ALONG TO THE NEW LEADER or LEADERS, and ALSO PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO THAT I MAY UPDATE MY DISTRIBUTION LIST.

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. Leaders should have already received an email from the 4-H Branch regarding **information for registering your club this fall**. Attached are some forms that may assist you in collecting information from your members and leaders, plus a checklist, but if you have not received the email, or have misplaced your username and password, please call 780-422-4444 and Barry Carlson can give you a hand.
2. A reminder and invitation to everyone – so please share this with your club and invite all new and returning members and families to the **Annual Regional Celebration and Learning Day** – at the **Taber Community Center on Saturday, October 17th**.

The **afternoon of Learning and Fun Sessions Plus SWIMMING starts at 1pm**. Doors open for **dinner at 5:30 pm**, with Recognition of our volunteer Leaders, Friends of 4-H and Members who have achieved success during the 2014-2015 year at Regional events (Communications, Judging, Horse Record Book etc.) and Provincial recognition at Selections, plus presentation of certificates to our 2014-2015 Regional Scholarship recipients. **ALL OF THIS IS FREE!!!! NO CHARGE!!** Attached is a list of the leaders who will be receiving recognition for key years of volunteering. Congratulations and thank you to each of them, plus many more who are in different years of leadership – you are all greatly appreciated!

A great meal, lots of great socialization and learning opportunities and the biggest Regional event that we have!! **Please let me know if you will be coming for supper by October 8th so that we ensure sufficient food. SEE YOU THERE!!**

3. To all of the **South District Councils**: I Need to please know if you have selected a **Friend of 4-H** for your district, and if they will be attending the Regional Celebration on October 17th please. Also your **District Calendar** for dates so that they can be added to the website.
4. A reminder about the upcoming **Southern 4-H Regional Council meeting on Saturday, October 3rd**, starting at 10 am at the Lethbridge Research Station. Enter via the west Employee Entrance door. Please ensure that every district has representation as the Regional Council continues planning for the upcoming year.
5. **Provincial Equine Train the Trainers Clinic** – November 7 & 8, 2015 at the Bull Pen, Thorlakson's Feedyard east of Airdrie

Instructed by Muffy Knox, this weekend clinic will give leaders from across Alberta the opportunity to develop their skills in training Levels 1-3 of the Horsemanship Project. Participation can include riding or observing. The first 12 - 15 who indicate they would like to ride will get the chance, some experience required (if stalling is required, a fee of \$30 per day will be added)

More details will follow. Cost will be around \$50 per participant with stalling costs at \$30 per night. Contact Andrea Church @ 403-948-8501 for further information.

6. The **FCC 4-H Club Fund** can provide your local club up to \$500. Use it for public speaking events

Applying is easy

First, you need a 4-H account. If you don't have one, [sign up here](#).

Have an account? [Sign in](#), fill out the application and submit online.

7. **EVERYONE** - please add no-reply@4habregistration.ca to your "safe email list" or to keep an eye on your junk mail. When we were doing testing for the Registration system emails we found that some addresses would send it to junk mail while others would be

showing up in the inbox properly. We don't want you to miss any important information coming your way!

8. Hopefully, you won't need to use this but you should always have a copy available just in case. Attached is the **accident and incident report form** from the 4-H Council of Alberta - the only change is the new 4-H logo. Further information from Susann Stone at the Council indicated: that further information will soon be available and sent out via email regarding insurance, leader screening, and Cleaver Kids as clubs register. This information will go to registered club leaders.

Questions about Insurance, Leader Screening, and Cleaver Kids can be forwarded to:

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Alberta 4-H www.4h.ab.ca or Alberta 4-H Centre www.4hab.com

9. **Leaders** - Start thinking about attending a really great event!! Join over 250 other 4-H leaders from Alberta, Montana, plus many other Canadian provinces at the 73rd Annual

**4-H Alberta Leaders Conference 2016 - January 15 -
17, 2016 Radisson Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta**

On-line registration begins October 15th

Registration Deadline is December 5th

10. Some of you may have worked with these people somewhere along the way throughout your 4-H time:

4-H Branch And Agriculture And Forestry Say Farewell To Two Valued Employees

In late August, Janet Kerr, 4-H Specialist for East Central and West Central 4-H Regions (working from the Stettler office), and Leila Hickman, 4-H Specialist for the NE 4-H Region (Vermilion office) both left the Ministry to begin a new career teaching at Lakeland College. Janet is instructing Leadership and Communication and Leila is instructing Beef Nutrition to students at the College.

Janet has had a long career with the 4-H program and over her more than 25 years, provided guidance to many 4-H members, leaders and other volunteers across the province. Initially as a

4-H Specialist in the Peace region, she completed her career in the Stettler office and her dedication and support of the leaders and members in the two regions she supported as well as the Key leaders across the province and the Provincial 4-H equine programs will miss her coaching and mentorship.

Leila started her career with 4-H as a summer staff and joined the Ministry 10 years ago in the NorthEast region, supporting and helping the members and leaders in that region develop and implement a variety of programs and opportunities. Leila's passion was working with 4-H youth and her dedication to youth development through all her programs as well as the provincial Key Member Program and ambassador program will be missed.

Please join us in saying farewell to these two great employees who will, in their new jobs, continue to mentor our agriculture youth for leadership in our agriculture communities!

11. **A tidbit that may help you with club registration**, and program registration – without taking off your shoes and socks!

Age as of December 31, 2015

Senior (15 +) born in 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000

Intermediate (12 to 14) born in 2001, 2002, 2003

Junior (9 to 11) born in 2004, 2005, 2006

Cleavers (6 to 8) born in 2007, 2008, 2009

12. **For all Beef Project Clubs** – Weigh in Sheets are attached. Please remember to provide a copy to your Beef Committee. A copy of your weigh in sheets may be sent here as a backup copy. Please remember to submit your club results here following your Achievement Day/Show and Sale. EARTAGS – can be obtained from the Southern 4-H Regional Council, via Ginny. Please ensure that payment is made when picking up or requesting delivery of the tags. Cheques payable to the Council.
13. **For all Horse Project Clubs** – attached is a Declaration of Mount form, if you would like to use it.
14. **For all clubs, districts and committees** – if you are renting or borrowing a facility, attached is a document that may help your committee to be clear about all arrangements. Make certain that you have all the information – from where the key is, to what do we do about the garbage after the event.
15. **For beef clubs:** Attached are the entry forms for the Taber Junior Livestock, Taber Heifer and Steer Jackpot and the Taber Young Aggies
16. **NEWS From the 4-H Foundation:**
 - a. **Growing Up Country. Live it. Love it. Film it.** Watch your postboxes for this exciting video contest coming soon from UFA. Your club could win 1 of 12 prizes totalling \$10,000 or 1 grand prize worth \$3,000!

-Contest opens Monday, September 28th! Visit the website, ufa.com/filimit , for more information.

- b. **ATB** will continue to provide their long running **4-H Loans Program**, providing a loan up to \$5,000 towards the purchase of marketable livestock, equine or other approved projects. This loan is available to all 4-H Alberta members, subject to approval and with parent/guardian co-signature, with interest as low as prime and no fees!
- c. To further provide support to 4-H Alberta members, **UFA** has introduced a **brand new credit program!** For a lifetime \$5 membership fee UFA will extend a credit account, subject to approval, to any 4-H Alberta member to use to purchase materials and supplies for their 4-H project throughout the year. The 4-H Alberta member, with parent/guardian co-signor, who is a UFA member, can apply for credit up to \$3,000. The account will be interest free until July 31st 2016.

These programs provide an exciting opportunity that will allow 4-H Alberta members to establish credit and begin to understand how to borrow money responsibly. ATB & UFA believe in giving back to their communities, investing in our youth, and providing their neighbours a great place to live, work and play.

- 17. Heading to Edmonton in November for some fun? Rodeo, livestock shows, and much more!!!!

4-H Day at FarmFair is November 14, 2015

schedule and on-line registration will be available Oct. 1 at

<http://farmfairinternational.com/event/4-h-family-day/>

Group tickets to CRF:

contact the ticket office at 1-888-800-7275 or

grouptickets@northlands.com

group prices available to groups of 20 or more

- 18. For members enrolled, or who will be enrolling in the Green Certificate Program, upcoming testing dates will be:

Wednesday November 4 2015	Cow-calf, Feedlot, Swine, Sheep	Coaldale Community Centre
Thursday November 5 2015	Field Crop, Irrigated Crop, Dairy, Equine, Beekeeping	The Hub- Coaldale

A Southern 4-H Region alumni is the new Green Certificate Program Co-ordinator for this area – please contact her for any information on this very worthwhile program.

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19. **4-H Show Your Colours Day is November 4th**. Attached is a poster if you wish to hang it in your community, or school. Remember to WEAR GREEN!!!

20. **SAVE THE DATES**: More information will come out soon with finalized dates and information from the Council and committees but a reminder for this year's regional activities so far in the works:

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 – 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 committee chairperson.

October	3, 2015	Saturday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Council meeting, 10am Lethbridge Research Station	
October	17, 2015	Saturday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Learning Day and Celebration, Taber Community Center	booked
November	17, 2015	Tuesday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Horse committee meeting	tentatively Police Station basement
?	?	?	Regional	tentative - Southern 4-H Regional Consumer Decision Making - no date or location determined	
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	18, 2016	Monday	Regional	South Regional Beef Committee Committee	Location TBD
January	19, 2016	Tuesday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Horse committee meeting	
February	12 - 14, 2016	Friday to Sunday	Regional	tentative - Southern 4-H Regional Snowfest Winter Camp, Elkwater	is this booked?
March	19, 2016	Saturday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Communications competition - note location: Brooks Campus of Medicine Hat College	
?	?	?	Regional	tentative - Southern 4-H Regional Judging - Claresholm? Has been Thursday after Easter - therefore could be Thursday,	

				March 31, 2016?	
April	19, 2016	Tuesday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Horse committee meeting	
May	21, 2016	Saturday	Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Beef Learning Day and Beef Heifer Show - Taber Agriplex	
			Regional	tentative - Southern 4-H Regional Council meeting?	
			Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Sheep Show?	
July			Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Elkwater summer camp - Junior?	
July			Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Elkwater summer camp - Intermediate?	
August			Regional	Southern 4-H Regional Horse Show?	

Thanks for reading! Have a great day!!!

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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