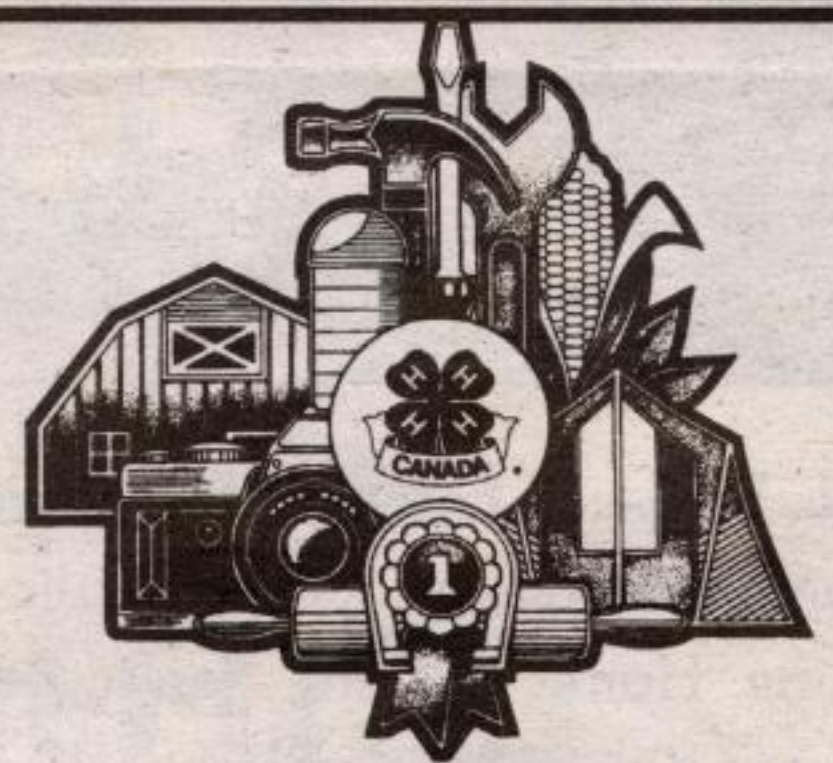


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March 26, 2003
 7:00 pm Hillcrest Church
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Start your new 4-H year with a new project!



Come out and see what Halton 4-H has to offer you this year.

OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Employment Opportunities with 4-H Ontario

4-H Ontario is again offering the following summer employment opportunities for youth.

Youth Corp Coordinator (2 positions)

Develop and facilitate programming at five 4-H Members Conferences across Ontario; promote 4-H member events and facilitate 4-H member focus groups; provide written documentation to 4-H Ontario staff as designated.

4-H Resource Assistant (2 positions)

Aid in development and review of resources; research and prepare technical updates for current resources; assist with writing, editing and proofing resources for youth and volunteers.

For additional information please visit www.4-hontario.ca (opportunities)

2003 4-H AgriVenture Opportunity

If you have always wanted to travel and often thought of working abroad, then this opportunity is for you. 4-H Members and 4-H alumni, including applicable 4-H volunteers, ages 18-29 before Jan 1, 2003 with at least two years 4-H experience, are invited to apply for the 2003 4-H AgriVenture Opportunity (International Agriculture Exchange Association). Applications are due by March 2003 and further information can be found at www.agriventure.com.

Growmark Inc. Annual Meeting

This event, Chicago August 26th-28th, promises to provide participants the opportunity to meet and learn about the advancements in agriculture today and create a strong connection between youth and the agricultural sector. Applications are due by May 1st and can be found in the 4-H Opportunities of a Lifetime Guide.

National 4-H Conferance

November 5th-9th will be an exciting time in Toronto when the National 4-H Conferance is held. If you would like the opportunity to experience this event and share your 4-H experiences with other 4-Hers from Canada and the U.S.A., please complete the application form found in the 4-H Opportunities of a Lifetime Guide and submit it to 4-H Ontario before May 1st. This is an opportunity for both volunteers and members.

The Co-operators 4-H Scholarship

One award, valued at \$1000, will be given to a 4-H member this year and the deadline to apply is May 1st. A presentation in any medium - essay of 500-1000 words, poster, video or speech - with a theme of farm safety or safety in the home is required. Please consult the 4-H Opportunities of a Lifetime Guide for full details.

Harvest Trust 4-H Scholarship

This year two awards of \$500 each will be given to deserving 4-H members to assist them with their tuition, books and/or lodging. An essay is required. For further information please see page 14 of the 4-H Opportunities of a Lifetime Guide. The deadline for this award is May 1.

Ivomec 4-H Trust Fund Scholarship

Reinforcing its commitment to the environment and the youth of Canada, Merial Canada is again funding scholarships to contribute to the post-secondary education of 4-H youth. Fifty 4-H youth received \$1,000 IVOMEc 4-H Trust Fund Scholarships in 2002, and it is now time to apply for the 2003 scholarships. This year the essay topic is: *Over the last few years, livestock and poultry producers have invested heavily in protecting the environment. Propose ideas or solutions that would further improve the existing systems, or provide new approaches to environmental protection in agriculture.* Elizabeth Crouse, President of the Canadian 4-H Council, feels that "this year's contest topic reflects Merial's commitment to the ideals of agricultural families." Applications are currently available for this scholarship, and completed entries must be postmarked by May 15th. Winners will be announced in June. For additional information, please consult www.4-h-canada.ca

Crafts 4 Fun

By: Stephanie Cragg

The first meeting of the *Crafts 4 Fun* group was held on February 12th, at Valleycrest Farms. There were seven members present, with another member joining next meeting. We opened the meeting with the election of officers. The meeting then went to the instruction of how to ice and decorate a cake. The instruction was led by Mrs. Breckon, we thank you for coming to our meeting and helping us. They spent the duration of the meeting icing and decorating the cakes that were provided by the leader, Debbie Cragg. The next meeting will also be held at Valleycrest Farms, on February 26th at 7pm.

Upcoming 2003 Projects

Looking for an activity to do this winter... the Halton 4-H Association has the answer for you. Starting soon:

- Alternative Farming
- Outdoor Adventures

Please contact Brenda for additional information.

Halton 4-H Makes TV Debut

Thank you to Cogeco cable for their support of the Halton 4-H program. For the entire month of March, an assortment of 2002 pictures are available for viewing on the station. Cogeco's promotion of Halton 4-H is greatly appreciated.

The Gardener's Courtyard

When you shop at this fine shop in Campbellville, a portion of your purchase will be donated to the Halton 4-H Association. Please inform their sales staff about your connection with 4-H.

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Make a difference... Become a 4-H Leader today!

For more information contact Brenda at 519-822-0285

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the following **Annual General Meeting of the Halton 4-H Association.**

The Annual General Meeting of the Halton 4-H Association will be held on **Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at Hillcrest United Church, Georgetown** (corner of Trafalgar Road and 5th Sideroad) beginning at **8:00 p.m.** for the purpose of receiving reports and statements, election of the new Board of Directors and for the transaction of such other matters as may properly be brought before the meeting. All volunteers, parents and interested members of the community are invited to participate.

IMPORTANT DATES

March

Mar 1 - 2003 4-H AgriVenture Opportunity deadline.

Mar 5 - HALTON 4-H ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 8:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Church.

Mar 8-11 - Future Leaders in Action (Mansfield, ON).

Mar 9-16 - CLOVER MANIA 2003

Mar 14 - Deadline for submitting resumes for the 2003 Summer Employment Opportunities offered by 4-H Ontario.

Mar 19 - HALTON 4-H BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING at 8:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Church

Mar 22 - Region 4 (North) Volunteer Development Day (Brampton).

Mar 26 - KICK OFF NIGHT at 7:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Church

For additional 4-H information check out the website at www.4-hontario.ca