

Halton 4-H Ontario Roundup

"Learn to do by doing"

4-H Newsletter

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OPPORTUNITIES

Leap into Leadership

An unforgettable day of 4-H fun you'll never forget... An opportunity of a lifetime! This 2003 4-H Youth Leadership initiative to take place Saturday May 3 at the Western Fairgrounds in London. Leap into Leadership will provide senior members are invited with an opportunity to network with others, build good communication and leadership skills, as well as hear about real life 4-H opportunity experiences from other 4-H members.

Cost \$10.00 (deadline to apply is April 15)

Great Lakes Recreation Leaders Lab

Great Lakes Recreation Leaders Lab is a workshop where people of all interests, ages and skills come together for five days to discover and expand their skills, enrich their lives and friendships and spread their knowledge and energy in ripples of influence and leadership.

For more information www.greatlakesreclab.org

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 Conference

November 5th-9th will be an exciting time in Toronto when the National 4-H Conference 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. 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 now approaches to environmental protection in agriculture.* 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



Halton 4-H Association 2003 Board of Directors

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Halton 4-H 2003



This year's projects being offered:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative Farming Beef Cavy (Guinea Pig) Dairy (Jr. & Sr.) Field Crops Go Fo the Gold Heavy Horse Light Horse | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Photography Mounted Games Public Speaking Rabbit Sporting Chance Swine (non-animal) Walk on the Wildside |
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It is not too late to sign up for any of these clubs!

Please contact Brenda at 519-822-0285 or

905-693-2227 for more information.

Crafts 4 Fun

By: Becky Parker

The second meeting of the Crafts 4 Fun club was held on February 26, 2003, 7 p.m. at Valleycrest Farms. The meeting began with the reciting of the 4-H pledge lead by Katie Snow. After we read the minutes of the last meeting, we broke into groups to begin our crafts.

Half of us had some good ol' Irish fun as we painted the pot for our "Pot of Gold" craft. Gloves were worn for those of us who lack talent with a paintbrush. Meanwhile, our other club members were covering patio stones with white paint for our easter craft (you'll have to wait til next month for the details on that one).

After our black pots had dried, we proceeded to decorate them to our own desires with shamrocks and green streamers. The finishing touches were a little shamrock man and a few chocolate coins, which didn't last too long!

For the rest of the meeting we brainstormed ideas for what we would like to make for our wonderful mothers for Mother's Day!... stay tuned to see the results on this fun craft as well.

Outdoor Adventure

By: Adam Parker

1. What expatriated bird in Ontario now numbers over 40 000?
2. How do you tell the difference between a White and Red Pine?
3. Do the galls on goldenrod stalks have a larva inside?

These are some of the things that we were asked and found out in the first of four meetings of the new Halton 4-H Outdoor Adventure Club. We observed the destruction of trees from Beavers and visited their lodge. We furthered on our journey and identified tree's and tracks of deer, cottontails and turkeys.

Then we were spread out throughout a forest to do our own observations. We gathered after 15 minutes and discussed our sightings. On our way back we noticed a porcupine in a tree eating the bark about 20 feet up and it looked like it had been there for a while (a lot of pool).

This concluded are first meeting of the Outdoor Adventure Club. P.S. The answers to the questions at the top are:

1. Turkeys
2. The # of needles per cluster
3. Yes they do - (ask Kyle Stevenson how they taste)

The Gardener's Courtyard

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IMPORTANT DATES

April

- 1 - Deadline to apply for a position on the Livestock Appeal Board
- 7 - Rabbit meeting (7 p.m. at Hillcrest United Church)
- 9 - Craft 4 Fun meeting (7 p.m. at Valleycrest Farms)
- 13 - Beef meeting (12:30 p.m. at Molinaro Stable)
- 15 - Light Horse meeting (7 p.m. at

- Molinaro Stable)
- 16 - A Sporting Chance meeting
- 17 - Dairy meeting (7:30 p.m. at Birdholm Farms)
- 19 - Outdoor Adventure meeting
- 23 - A Sporting Chance meeting
- 26 & 27 - Youth Forum (Orangeville)
- 28 - Rabbit meeting
- 30 - A Sporting Chance meeting

May

- 1 - Deadline for National 4-H Conference, Growmark Inc. Annual Meeting, National 4-H Leaders' Conference, the Chaperon for National 4-H Conference, Co-operators & Harvest Trust Scholarship
- 7 - Crafts 4 Fun meeting (7 p.m. Valleycrest Farms) and A Sporting Chance meeting

- 9-14 - Great Lakes Recreation Leaders Lab (Lexington, MI)
- 11 - Beef meeting
- 12 - Rabbit meeting
- 14 - A Sporting Chance meeting and Halton 4-H Board of Directors meeting (8 p.m. Milton Fairgrounds)
- 15 - Dairy meeting (7:30 p.m. at Valleycrest Farms) and deadline for Ivomec Scholarship

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