



Manitoba 4-H Council

*4-H - A vibrant program blending tradition
and innovation for a quality experience.*

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Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,

As President of the Manitoba 4-H Council and on behalf of your Board of Directors, I welcome all new and returning members, leaders and families to a 4-H year of learning experiences and challenges! 4-H is a partnership of members, leaders, parents, supporters and sponsors working together with the Manitoba 4-H Council and Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI) to develop our program for personal growth in leadership, citizenship, communications and project knowledge.

Manitoba 4-H Council programs are evolving to enhance and safeguard your 4-H experience:

- Risk Management
 - Youth Protection Program
 - Liability and accident insurance
- Information distribution
 - The Banner newsletter twice a year
 - 4-H Website with provincial and event news – www.4h.mb.ca
 - Promotion and marketing of Manitoba 4-H
- Opportunities
 - Scholarships
 - 4-H Member and Leader national and international travel opportunities
 - Provincial Communications Competition
 - National 4-H Skills 'n' Thrills (senior member conference)
 - Provincial Leaders Conference
 - Provincial 4-H StockFest
- Support to the
 - 4-H Museum in Roland
 - Manitoba 4-H Endowment Fund Foundation

Club fees represent almost a quarter of Council funds. **Your mandatory club membership fee has increased to \$25 per member** to enable Council to meet the rising costs of delivering 4-H programs in Manitoba. For comparison, the fees charged by some other Provinces are Saskatchewan \$60, Alberta \$40, Ontario \$50, Quebec \$40-\$50 activity + \$20 membership and New Brunswick \$10. Please pay your Club fee by **December 31, 2009**. Enclosed is a green deposit slip (and a spare for late memberships) and an envelope addressed to the Brandon Council office.

Manitoba 4-H is an exciting, vibrant and growing organization. We wish your club a successful 4-H year! If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office at 204-726-6136 or 4hcouncil@mts.net.

Yours in 4-H,

Ron Melnychuk, President 2008-09