



The Manitoba 4-H Banner

President's Message

Another new year, another new year of 4-H. By now some of our clubs are half way through their year and others are just starting. Whatever time of year we start, we all share in the same goals of having a good time and growing in our strengths.

Our greatest strength is our volunteer force. From club level to Area Council to Provincial Council, we run on volunteer power. To be able to run successful events requires large amounts of volunteer time: something that is not always available. Sometimes at provincial and area levels we cannot provide the events that we want to because we don't have the volunteers to plan and run them. It then comes down to us all to decide if we want the event and what we are willing to do to help make it happen. Sometimes the decisions that are made challenge us.

This year, the Provincial Council made the decision that 2009 was the last year that we would host the National Skills and Thrills Conference. We hope to replace it with a new event when we have the funding and volunteer power to run it. We will be focusing on StockFest in 2010 which is open to all members of 4-H not just those involved in animal projects. The nice thing about this event is that it draws on members from our whole membership, no matter what age. It would be great to have a representative from every club in the province show up!

At the provincial level we try to make sure that we offer our members and leaders activities to help with skill development. Over the years we have had fewer people apply for different events so we are looking at what we can do to make things available to as many people as possible within the constraints of our resources. I hope that those who have taken part in a trip or event will be willing to help us make them happen for others.

We can all be proud of what we achieve through 4-H. Whether we are involved at the club level, planning an Area Rally or sitting around the Manitoba 4-H Council table, we are grass roots volunteers and members helping to grow a strong and vibrant organization that creates strong leaders for our clubs, our communities, our country.

At the AGM, we elected Trevor Carlson as President Elect. Congratulations Trevor and thank you for stepping into this important role. I would also like to thank all the board members whose terms ended this year and welcome on board the new Directors. I know that we will be able to work to make this year a great year for all.

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I look forward to the gifts this 4-H year will bring to my family and yours.

Philip Fenez, President

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"To develop capable and innovative community leaders through programs that stimulate thought, initiative and leadership."

Manitoba 4-H Council's VISION

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



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