



Head, Heart, Hands, Health

Inspiring Youth, Shaping Our Communities

Welcome to the January edition of 4-H Ontario's monthly e-newsletter. You are going to find this newsletter continues to evolve in formatting and content to ensure the best use of your time and ensure we get you the information you need to know. If there are any suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact Tammy Oswick-Kearney, Communications Coordinator, 4-H Ontario or any one of the three of us. We are sure you will agree, the greatest challenge, and yet the greatest opportunity for a province wide organization is to communicate. This newsletter is one way, our Leadership in Action magazine (arriving any day into your mailbox) and website are other examples, however, nothing replaces the chance to discuss things in person and between the Council Directors, Foundation Trustees, 4-H Ontario staff, Association Representatives, and local Association Presidents, you should know that this represents over 140 people who bear the responsibility of connecting your ideas, and questions to the right person(s) who can provide you an answer to start working toward that great idea for the future of the organization.

If you are new to the 4-H family, accept our sincere welcome! You have made a wonderful choice that will give you friendships, opportunities and skills for life. Please call our provincial office (1-877-410-6748), check out our website (www.4-hontario.ca), and let us help you out in maximizing your 4-H experience to be one of the most positive Opportunities of a Lifetime!

For those of you returning to the 4-H family of members, volunteers, alumni, sponsors and donors – we thank you and welcome you back! One of the strengths of our program is the great network of people spanning many generations that continue to be part of the 4-H family. People like you, who perhaps joined as a treasured member and are now involved as a valued 4-H volunteer, sponsor or donor! Your participation in the province wide 4-H network enables the thousands of grassroots 4-H clubs, supports an impactful array of camps & conferences and ensures the people and financial resources are in place to enable year upon year of successful 4-H Opportunities Of A Lifetime.

In joining 4-H, you join an organization of leaders building leaders. Over 6000 youth 10-21 years of age, and a grass roots network of 1600 trained, screened volunteers pledge their Head, Heart, Hands and Health as members of community based clubs. With projects encompassing agriculture, food, health and the environment, 4-H Ontario's "Learn To Do By Doing" clubs, camps and conferences have a successful 95 year history in developing competence, confidence, connection, character and caring within rural and urban youth."

Our Vision... "We will be recognized for delivering quality, innovative and sustainable leadership and life skills programs for youth and volunteers which will benefit the citizens and communities in which they live."

On behalf of the local 4-H Association Presidents, Association Representatives and the provincial Staff Team, we invite you to take the time and tour through this e-newsletter, and continue to embrace your 4-H adventure for 2010 and beyond. In fact, we issue you a challenge, if you can't find something that interests you, challenges you or there is something that just doesn't sit right with you – call us and share your story. As the leadership team for 4-H Ontario, a partnership between the Ontario 4-H Council and the Ontario 4-H Foundation, we care about providing you what you need to be successful in life and 4-H. Our opinion is – it comes down to leadership, with a good dose of friendship and fun. Welcome to the 2010 4-H year, this marks the 95th year of 4-H programming being delivered in Ontario, and we look forward to getting to know you over the weeks, months and years to come.

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