



Saskatchewan  
4-H Foundation



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# 4-H Saskatchewan

2023  
Highlights





# 2023 STATS

2,654

4-H Members



155

4-H Clubs

35

Provincial 4-H Events  
&  
Contests



627

4-H Leaders

\$55,000

in Scholarships  
&  
Awards



114

Volunteers



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# ABOUT THE SASKATCHEWAN 4-H FOUNDATION

The Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation has played a significant role in the success of 4-H Saskatchewan for over 60 years. The Foundation was incorporated in 1960 for the purpose of receiving and administering funds donated to the 4-H program. It became a charitable organization in 1967.

The most encouraging aspect of supporting the Foundation is that the money you give today will not only support current 4-H members, leaders, and programs, but will continue to work for the benefit of future generations of 4-H members. The Foundation receives donations from a wide variety of sources, and invests the funds under the direction of a volunteer Board of Trustees, RBC Dominion Securities, and the Saskatoon Community Foundation.





# 4-H YEAR IN REVIEW

2023 was a busy year, packed full of events, programs, and new initiatives for our 4-H members!



JANUARY

## SCIENCE DAY

The 4-H Science Day occurred in January at the Moose Jaw Western Development Museum for youth aged 9-14. There were tons of hands-on activities, learning and fun with the theme surrounding the History of Flight!



FEBRUARY

## PROVINCIAL CURLING

4-H curling was hosted by District #9. Teams from across the province met up in Swift Current on February 17-19 where members showcased their skills, made new friends, and had a chance to win some great prizes!



MARCH

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Saskatchewan 4-H Council Annual General Meeting was held March 18 & 19 at the Delta Marriott Hotel in Saskatoon. Over 120 members and leaders participated in the meetings, donor recognition banquet and socials for leaders and members.





# 4-H YEAR IN REVIEW



APRIL

## PROVINCIAL PUBLIC SPEAKING

Provincial Public Speaking happened on April 15th in Lloydminster and hosted by the District #35 4-H Council. Over 30 members showcased their amazing speech writing and public speaking skills to an audience of over 150 people. Congratulations to all who placed, and great job to everyone that participated!



SUMMER

## SUMMER CAMP

This year, 4-H hosted two Summer Camps - one at the Big River Bible Camp, and the other at Katepwa Lake Camp near Fort Qu'Appelle. These week long camps are always popular among our membership, which promotes learning utilizing our 4-H pillars and creating lasting friendships and memories that will last for years to come.



SUMMER

## PROVINCIAL JUDGING

This event was held on August 18th and 19th in Weyburn. 41 competitors from six Regional Teams participated in this competition. As a result of this competition, the Canadian Western Agribition has permitted 12 competitors to participate in the Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition occurring in November!





# 4-H YEAR IN REVIEW



## SEPTEMBER

### 4-H CLUB REGISTRATION

September is the start of club registration for 4-H Saskatchewan. To help increase membership, a Rawlco Radio Campaign was launched accompanied with a Club Locator map on our website. Registration stayed open until November 15th.



## NOVEMBER

### SHOW YOUR 4-H COLOURS

The annual #ShowYour4HColours occurred on November 1st across Canada. Members, leaders, volunteers, and 4-H staff showcased their 4-H Colours and had an opportunity to see green displayed on local landmarks.



## OTHER

### ADDITIONAL 2023 EVENTS

4-H Saskatchewan offered an abundance of programs, club opportunities, and contests. In March, Ski Day occurred, in which families were able to have some fun in the snow. Ag in Motion happened in July where 50/50's were sold with our Ag in the Classroom Partners. Over \$50,000 was raised with half going to 1 lucky winner! Members and clubs also had a chance to participate in several grants and competitions, including the Journey to the Future and WesGen Grants, and the Photo Contest.





# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

2024 is shaping up to be another full year packed with scholarship and travel opportunities and new and reoccurring programs for our members to take advantage of.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Due to the generosity of our donors, 4-H Saskatchewan was able to offer over \$55,000 in scholarships and awards to our 4-H members in 2023. 4-H Saskatchewan is working with our current donors and new donors to ensure the high quality scholarships remain accessible to our 4-H members.

4-H Saskatchewan wants to give a HUGE thank you to our current donors for their continued support in our youth!



## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the year, members have various travel opportunities that they can apply for. Some of the travel opportunities include the 4-H Canada Citizenship Congress, which happens in Ottawa, ON in May 2024; the United States National 4-H Conference, occurring in Arlington, Virginia in April, 2024; the annual 4-H Canada Members Forum, which took place in Calgary, AB for the 2023 year; and the 4-H International Rural Exchange that is happening in May 2024 in Dublin, Ireland.

Thank you to our travel bursary donors for supporting our youth and allowing them the chance to experience cities around the world!



## Early 2024 Events

Once the Christmas season concludes, 4-H Saskatchewan will be back to hosting curling, the Prairieland Youth Leadership Conference, and the Youth Leadership Conference.

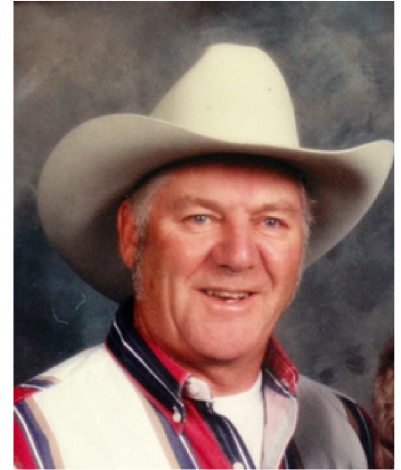
Keep an eye on our website and social media pages for all upcoming events.



# DONOR PROFILE

## THE ELGIN BRACKEN MEMORIAL 4-H LIGHT HORSE AWARD

Elgin Bracken lived in Hudson Bay, Sask. for over 70 years where he was an avid horseman and a 4-H light horse leader, judge, clinician, and supporter. Upon Elgin's passing, the family chose to remember his contributions to the horse industry and the 4-H light horse program by setting up an endowment fund in his name that would provide an annual financial award (\$750 in perpetuity) to a deserving 4-H light horse member from the North East region who best exemplifies a commitment to, and a passion for, horses as well as shows leadership in their 4-H club and community.



Elgin Bracken

"Upon Dad's passing we set up the fund and asked that people consider donating to it in lieu of flowers, plus the family contributed money. We felt this was such a fitting way to not only remember what Dad loved but to also support a program (4-H) that has so many positive benefits to youth and meant a lot to our family. My sister (Wendy) and I are directly involved each year in selecting the successful award recipient which is also meaningful to us. The 4-H office also helps us make arrangements to attend a horse event where the award recipient will be participating to present the award, which is a nice touch. We encourage others to consider giving back to 4-H in Saskatchewan in a similar way as it is such a meaningful way to remember a loved one whose life was positively impacted by 4-H".

- Mark Bracken (Elgin's son).



Elgin Bracken with his horse



# 4-H FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

## The Spray Family

Greetings 4-H Friends,

As we raise our kids in rural Saskatchewan, we look for activities and community groups that provide growth in our children. Community groups, that as parents, we can trust in teaching our kids lifelong skills.

We are the Spray Family, from Preeceville SK. We raise commercial and purebred cattle with our three girls. As our children got older, they were taking interest in learning about cattle. 4-H was not a part of our background growing up, but Brett had family and friends in the area who recommended the program.

It didn't take long for our family to see the leadership values, skills and relationships the 4-H program instills in today's youth. Over the years, we slowly became more involved within the 4-H program. Krystal became a Cloverbud Beef Project leader for the past 5 years, holding the position as District 42 President, sitting on the Melfort Regional Beef Show & Sale Committee (as well as Brett) and most recently representing the North East Region for the 4-H Board of Directors.

Outside of 4-H, Brett believes in giving back to youth by reffing SHAA hockey, sitting on the board of directors for the ManSask Gelbvieh Association and also being the APAS rep for his local RM. He had the opportunity to take part in the APAS Mentorship program two years ago and was recently accepted in the NextGen Mentorship program through Canadian Western Agribition. It's important to be involved in agriculture decisions that affect the future industry we work in.



The Spray Family (From left to right, back row to front) - Amber, Brett, Krystal, Hailey, and Rebecca



The Spray family with some of their cattle



## 4-H FAMILY SPOTLIGHT



Amber Spray



Rebecca Spray



Hailey Spray

Amber is entering her 9th year in the 4-H Beef project. She developed leadership roles over the years as club vice-president, secretary, treasurer, as well as a secretary for District 42. These leadership roles helped greatly in her public speaking skills. She placed in many levels of public speaking competitions which led her to winning the Provincial 4-H Public Speaking Intermediate competition in 2022. This gave her the opportunity to compete at the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto that same year, placing 3rd in her age category. She credits the 4-H program for giving her this great experience, not only of public speaking, but meeting and making friendships from other youth across Canada. She attended the Prairieland Youth Leadership Conference last year where she learned how to positively portray agriculture on social media. She is currently a 4-H North East Ambassador, hoping to help spread the word on the exciting opportunities she has had and to recruit new members. She plans on becoming a camp counselor at summer camp to help young members make the memories just like she has.

Her younger sister Hailey has also been following in her sister's footsteps. She is very outgoing and has a passion for public speaking as well. She advanced to the provincial level twice in her 7 years of 4-H. Hailey and her younger sister Rebecca both enjoy showing cattle, attending ski days, taking part in the 4-H Photo contest and attending summer camp. They feel 4-H gives them new experiences and friendships with similar-minded people. 4-H kids are most often solid students who participate in extracurricular teams and volunteer in their community. The friendships they make through 4-H follow through into events such as Agribition and other agricultural events, not only in Saskatchewan but other provinces as well.

Our family greatly appreciates the "learning to do by doing" opportunities 4-H has given all of us. We believe in giving back to the agricultural industry. The 4-H program has been thriving over 100 years and we thank the volunteers, sponsors and donors to the program for our 4-H experiences and memories. We are teaching our youth, this is our future!

# WAYS TO DONATE

Did you know that 4-H Saskatchewan can accept a variety of donation gifts?

Some of the donations gifts that we can accept are cash donations; life insurance policies, including portions of your will; publicly traded securities, such as stocks and bonds; accumulations of Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSP) or Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF); and real estate property. For larger donations, Scholarships and Travel bursaries can be created to assist in our 4-H members' futures.



## I'm Remembering Both

Keep the love going for what matters.  
Support the Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation and the ones you love in your Will.



Find out how at [willpower.ca/charities/saskatchewan-4-h-foundation/](http://willpower.ca/charities/saskatchewan-4-h-foundation/)



As mentioned, the donation of portions of your will is an option that 4-H Saskatchewan can accept. 4-H Saskatchewan has recently partnered with the Saskatoon Community Foundation and WillPower to be a part of the WillPower website that includes resources to professionals to help with donating portions of your will and a Will calculator to determine how to assure that your loved ones are taken care of, while also providing a gift to the Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation..

Regardless of how you would like to donate, The 4-H Saskatchewan team will work with you to ensure your funds are dispersed accordingly to your wishes, and will help in the development of our programs, services, and mission to invest in our 4-H member's futures.



## 4- H ALUMNI PROGRAM

4-H Saskatchewan is developing a new program aimed at Alumni and long-time supporters, called the **Alumni & Friends Program**.

In joining this program, alumni and long-time supporters are able to enjoy a multitude of benefits that include 4-H Saskatchewan store discounts, networking opportunities with other fellow program members, have access to select

### JOIN THE 4-H ALUMNI & FRIENDS PROGRAM!

4-H Saskatchewan is looking for alumni and longer-time supporters to join our 4-H Alumni & Friends Program! This includes offering a variety of benefits to alumni and also providing volunteer opportunities in hopes of strengthening the relationships between alumni and the members.



Do you want to be a member of this program? If yes, sign up at [alumni@4-h.sk.ca](mailto:alumni@4-h.sk.ca) for more details.

scholarships, participate in an appreciation program, and by volunteer at a variety of 4-H events, such as regional shows, public speaking, etc.

If this is of interest to you, or you want to learn more about the program, please email [alumni@4-h.sk.ca](mailto:alumni@4-h.sk.ca)

**Stay tuned for an Alumni Newsletter being released in Winter 2024!**

The newsletter will highlight the benefits of being a part of the Alumni & Friends Program, include an Alumni Spotlight, share upcoming events, and much more!

# 4-H CLOTHING PRE-ORDER

4-H Saskatchewan has launched the clothing pre-orders for the 2024 year! There are a variety of colours, sizes, and logos that can accommodate for leaders, alumni, and members.

STYLE	COLOUR	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	TTL(#)	TOTAL(\$)
YOUTH Hoodie MEMBER (\$45.00)	Dark Heather										
	Forest Green										
YOUTH Tshirt MEMBER (\$20.00)	Dark Heather										
	Forest Green										
ADULT Hoodie MEMBER (\$50.00)	Dark Heather										
	Forest Green										
ADULT Tshirt MEMBER (\$25.00)	Dark Heather										
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ADULT Hoodie LEADER (\$50.00)	Dark Heather										
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ADULT Tshirt LEADER (\$25.00)	Dark Heather										
	Forest Green										
ADULT Hoodie ALUMNI (\$50.00)	Dark Heather										
	Forest Green										
ADULT Tshirt ALUMNI (\$25.00)	Dark Heather										
	Forest Green										

ORDERS MUST BE IN BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_

SHIPPING

GRAND TOTAL

Total	Shipping Cost	Total	Shipping Cost
\$0-\$25	\$5.00	\$50-\$75	\$15.00
\$25-\$50	\$10.00	\$75-\$100	\$20.00
		\$100+	\$25.00



Size	S	M	L	XL
Age	8-10	10-12	12-14	14-16
Height	4'0"-4'6"	4'6"-4'10"	4'10"-5'2"	5'2"-5'6"
Weight	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65
Sleeve Length (cm)	25-26	26-27 1/2	27 1/2-29	29 1/2-31 1/2

YOUTH/ADULT  
Everyday Fleece Hoodie  
ATC2500/ATCF2500

Size	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Height	5'4"-5'6"	5'6"-5'8"	5'8"-5'10"	5'10"-6'0"	6'0"-6'2"	6'2"-6'4"	6'4"-6'6"
Weight	130-150	150-175	175-200	200-225	225-250	250-275	275-300
Sleeve Length (cm)	32-33 1/2	33-34 1/2	34-35 1/2	35-36 1/2	36-37 1/2	37-38 1/2	38-39 1/2



To get some 4-H Saskatchewan clothing swag, fill out the order form by visiting our website at:

<https://www.4-h.sk.ca/4-h-preorder1.html>

Preorders will be accepted until **February 15, 2024!**



# SUPPORT THE 4-H PROGRAM



Donations \$20 or more will be recognized with a charitable donation receipt.



## MAIL DONATIONS:

**SASKATCHEWAN 4-H FOUNDATION**  
3830 THATCHER AVE  
SASKATOON, SK S7R 1A5

## ENCLOSED IS MY DONATION OF:

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## PAYMENT METHOD

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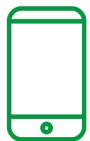
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## TELEPHONE DONATIONS:

**CALL THE 4-H OFFICE**  
306-933-7727



## ONLINE DONATIONS:

[WWW.4-H.SK.CA/DONATE.HTML](http://WWW.4-H.SK.CA/DONATE.HTML)

## CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS

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I would like to support the greatest needs of the 4-H Program

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I would like to support the current 4-H Program

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I would like to support the longevity of the 4-H Program

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I would like to support the 4-H Future Fund

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**