



# **Upcoming Dates**

- Mar 27 4-H Easter Beef Show & Banquet
- Mar 28-30 Debert Intermediate Members Conference
- Apr 1 Deadline to register for Equine Events
- Apr 10 Eastern Region Communications Competition
- Apr 10 Western Region Communications Competition
- Apr 23 Deadline to register for Judging Competition
- Apr 25-27 REAL Skills Senior Weekend Retreat
- Apr 27-May 2 Leader Appreciation Week!
- Apr 29-30 Central Region Communications Competition
- Apr 30 Deadline to Register for Spring Projects
- Apr 30 Deadline to apply for Trust Grants
- May 3 Working Equitation Clinic
- May 10 Provincial Communications Competition
- May 19 Equine Perfecting Your Patterns Workshop

### **Spring Projects NOW OPEN!**

4-H PEI Spring Project Registration is now open! Projects offered will be:

> Gardening Potato Market Turkey Floriculture

You can learn more about these projects and register through the link **HERE**!

Deadline to register is April 30, 2025.

Please note that these are projects that are done at the club level with a club volunteer.

## **Seniors Weekend Retreat**



### 4-H PEI is pleased to present a NEW Provincial Project. REAL SKILLS - SENIOR MEMBER WEEKEND RETREAT

This exciting opportunity is open to Senior 4-H Members (ages 15-21) looking to engage in enjoyable & meaningful life-skill learning! Members will have the chance to participate in a variety of activities all related to real life situations and responsibilities. Additionally, members will be able to meet requirements for the 4-H year all while spending time with 4-H peers. This initiative aims to foster leadership, learning, and personal growth.

### SIGN-UP HERE

### Western Region News

### Club Reports

Active Living Project Reports: <u>Skating | Curling | Water Polo</u> <u>Albany - February Report</u> <u>Freetown - February Report</u> <u>Kensington - February Report</u> Lot 16 - March Report

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mar 26 - Active Living Project - Volleyball

Mar 29 - Active Living Project- Nature Walk

- Apr 17 Leaders Appreciation Banquet
- Apr 10 Regional Communications Competition

Jul 5Mark your Calendars! Western RegionalAchievement Day at the Evangeline ExhibitionGrounds! More details to come.

### **Chaperones Needed!**



Two chaperones are needed for the 2025 EastGen Atlantic 4-H Showcase, on July 2-4 in Truro, NS. We need one for dairy members, and one for beef members. No cattle experience is required, however chaperones must be screened 4-H volunteers.

Deadline to find chaperones is **May 1st**, in order for us to offer this event to our PEI members this year. If both chaperone roles are not filled by this date, the program will not be offered to our members this year. If you are interested in being a chaperone please email Jackie at peiwesternregion@gmail.com.

## **Central Region News**

#### Club Reports

Cherrycliffe - January Report

Cherrycliffe - February Report

Dunstaffnage - February Report

Wheatley River - Feb/Mar Report

#### Central Region Club Reporters:

Did your club take part in some fun activities over the last little bit...let us share it on Facebook and in the monthly newsletter for you!

Click here to submit your club report

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mar 25 - Regional Council Meeting (Rm 234 - 7pm)

Apr 29/30 - Regional Communications Competition

Club Representatives will receive information about participation at this event via email

**May 2** - Junior Fun Day - JUNIORS...keep an eye on your mailboxes (yes, with Canada Post!). Registration information is being sent directly to your mailbox and sign up will be on-line (via QR code)

\*\*Intermediate & Senior Member events for the Region are in the planning stages - sign-up information will be available soon! Members in these age categories should check emails and the Provincial FB page for details!

### **Eastern Region News**

#### Upcoming Dates to Remember

Apr 5 - Regional 'Try-a-Sport' Project - Pickleball

Apr 10 - Regional Communications Competition

Jul 12 - Regional Achievement Day at the Dundas Exhibition Grounds!

### 2025 Leadership Summit



4-H Canada is bringing Leadership Summit back for 2025, virtually!

Registration: \$250

PEI 4-H Council will contribute \$150 to the first 10 PEI volunteers who register. For more information and to discuss payment contact pei4had@gmail.com!

Dates: April 11-13, 2025

Register by clicking HERE

Deadline to register is April 8, 2025





4-H PEI is pleased to offer employment opportunities for summer 2025.

Get Involved - Stay Involved!

### 4-H PEI - SUMMER STUDENT

The PEI 4-H Council is looking for a Summer Student to help with summer programs and events. This opportunity is open to both University and High School Students and will take place from June to early September. The schedule is Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, with an expectation to attend weekend events.

### 4-H PEI - AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Ambassador Program is open to Senior 4-H Members (ages 15-21) as a means of earning short-term employment or accumulating volunteer hours. The goal is to increase member presence at events during the summer, allowing them to represent 4-H PEI and share their individual 4-H experiences with the community.

Interested members are asked to contact Rayanne Frizzell (Administrative Director), for more information.

### E-MAIL: pei4had@gmail.com

## WhatsApp Pilot Project

If you are interested in receiving notifications from 4-H PEI straight to your phone via WhatsApp, please complete the form <u>HERE</u>.

On the first of each month, staff will update the app participants, starting February 1st. You must download WhatsApp on your cellular device.

This will be a trial for the remainder of the 2024-2025 4-H year and will primarily send a direct link for the newsletter monthly. We will aim not to send more than 4 messages per month via this app and will only be the most important/urgent news. You may remove yourself from the group at any time.

To date, we have only had 4 requests, so this has not started yet.

### **4-H Leaders Facebook Group**

Did you know there is a private Facebook group for 4-H PEI Volunteers? A great spot to ask questions, get new ideas, and connect with other volunteers across PEI. Find it on Facebook, "4-H PEI Leader Discussion"

Having trouble finding it? Send Rayanne (pei4had@gmail.com) a note and she'll add you in!

### **Trust Grants**

The second round of trust grants for this year will be accepted until April 30th.

### Grant Criteria | Grant Application

Grants in the past have been used for...

- Creating a community garden,
- Repainting 4-H Clubhouses,
- Updating 4-H Clubhouse signage,
- And more!

## **UNITE Islanders Gold Rush**

4-H PEI is excited to now be a part of the UNITE 50/50 draw happening every Friday . Purchase your numbers, select autopay, and each week you'll support 4-H PEI and have a chance at winning the jackpot!

Good Luck and thanks for your support!

Click <u>HERE</u> for more information and to join



The UNITE Islanders Gold Rush (Ultimate Non-profit Initiative To Enrich Islanders) is a collaborative online fundraiser that assists notfor-profit organizations on PEI in their efforts to raise funds to help strengthen communities on PEI.

## Junior Camp 2025

Annual 4-H PEI Junior Camp is returning for Summer 2025! More information and registration to come in April, but for now - Mark your Calendars!!

When? July 9-11, 2025

Where? Camp Triumph, Kensington

What? A three-day overnight camp for Junior 4-H members to meet other 4-Hers from across the province, learn new skills, and have a blast!!



The Annual 4-H Awards Banquet took place on March 1, 2025 at the Rodd Royalty Inn in Charlottetown. It was a great afternoon and a pleasure to host government representatives, program sponsors, and supporters to honor 4-H members and volunteers with various awards!



TRUST HEART CLUB (Recipients pictured with trustee, John J. MacDonald)



SILVER LEVEL Robert Larsen



GOLD LEVEL Chris & Rayanne Frizzell



GOLD LEVEL Lorna Thompson



DISTINGUISED GOLD Tom Stewart

#### Member & Leader Recognition Awards



Top Livestock Member Award Parker Smith North River 4-H Club (Sponsored by David & Jean Tingley)



Top 4-H Member Award Gabrielle Naddy Millview-Vernon River 4-H Club Sponsored by Callbeck's Home Hardware)



Larsen Memorial Member Recognition Award Mireille Bernard Evangeline 4-H Club (Presented by Ellen Kouwenberg)



4-H PEI Leader Recognition Colleen MacPherson Millview-Vernon River 4-H Club (Sponsored by PEI 4-H Council)

### Club Awards



Brookville Lime Community Service Activity Award 1st PLACE - Dunstaffnage-Marshfield 4-H Club (Sponsored by Brookville Lime Ltd. / Presented by Marc Blanchard)

#### Community Service - Runners Up

- Albany Centennial
- Brooklyn-Heatherdale
- Freetown-Harmony
- Millview-Vernon River
- Summerville
- Wheatley River

Ag. Awareness - Placings 1st Brooklyn-Heatherdale 2nd Millview-Vernon River 3rd Albany Centennial



PEI Women's Institute Ag. Awareness Activity Award Ist PLACE - Wheatley River 4-H Club (Sponsored by PEI WI / Presented by President Sheila Gallant)

#### 2024 Provincial Project Champions:

Points are determined through Champion & Reserve Champion placings in 4-H Classes at Fairs & Exhibitions throughout the summer.







Buddy Loane Memorial Alexis Holmes North River 4-H Club (Presented by Chloe & Molly Loane)



- Champion Needlecraft
- Champion Sewing
- Champion Foods
- Champion Industrial Tech
- Champion Outdoors
- Champion Photography
- Champion Woodworking
- Champion Creative Arts
- Champion Gardening (TIE)
- Champion Floriculture
- Champion Potato
- Champion Beef (TIE)
- Champion Canine
- Champion Cavy
- Champion Dairy
- Champion Equine
- Champion Canine
- Champion Cavy
- Champion Sheep

Kayla McCarron Gabrielle Naddy Charleigh Corke Alexis Holmes Harley Ford Mason Doughart Chloe Whalen William Sanderson Wyatt MacKenzie Klara Compton Cole Schofield Klara Compton Patrick Lauwerijssen Austin Potts Chloe Whalen Brittany Pollock Emma Willoughby Sarah Versteeg Klara Compton Lyla Brown Molly Pollock Brittany Pollock

-Dunstaffnage Marshfield -Millview-Vernon River -North River -North River -Wheatley River -Millview-Vernon River -Millview-Vernon River -North River -Millview-Vernon River -Morell & Area -Freetown-Harmony -Morell & Area -Albany Centennial -North River -Millview-Vernon River -Morell & Area -Cherrycliffe -Wheatley River -Morell & Area -Cherrycliffe -Morell & Area -Morell & Area



PEI 4-H Council Scholarship Gabrielle Naddy Millview-Vernon River 4-H Club (Presented by President Jeff Matheson)



PEI 4-H Alumni Scholarship Sarah Versteeg Wheatley River 4-H Club (Presented by President Jeff Matheson)

- Rogan Lavoie (Cavendish)
- Brenden Carr (Cavendish)
- William Sanderson (NR)
- Maven Lavoie (Cavendish)
- Keira Carruthers (Kensington)

(Presented by PEI 4-H Council President - Jeff Matheson)



World Dairy Expo (Madison, WI-USA) Anneka Kouwenberg Millview-Vernon River 4-H Club



National Member Forum (Toronto, ON-) Travel Participants

#### 2024 Volunteer Leader Highlights:

Volunteer 4-H Leaders were honored for their ongoing dedication to the 4-H PEI Program, celebrating milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years. Volunteers play a crucial role in sustaining the program, and we were thrilled to acknowledge so many of them at the banquet, with support from the Honorable Bloyce Thompson (Deputy Premier and Minister of Agriculture) as our presenter! A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who continue to contribute to the success of 4-H PEI!

#### 5 Year Recognition:

Tania Bernard April Carr Glenda Cummings Robert Holmes Lindsay Docherty Andrea MacPherson Gabriel Bernard

10 Year Recognition:

Shauna Mellish

Melissa Corrigan

Wade Malone

Rachel McCarthy Geraldine Nobel Tammy Pigott-Browne Jolene Richardson Jennifer McGuire Darlene Turner Scott Campbell Lloyd Richard Justin Rogers Jennifer Savard Shelly Gallant Donna Serres



**5 Year Achievement** 

#### 15 Year Recognition:

Morgan Ings-Bernard Jules Gallant Beth Larsen Joanne Malone



Morgan Ings-Bernard 15 Years



Felix Arsenault 20 Years



Shauna Mellish

John Wood 20 Years



Allison Ings 25 Years



Jacinta Keough 25 Years



Gilles Bernard 30 Years



Jeannette Gallant 35 Years



40 Years



#### Forages Rabbit Horse Beef Poultry Dairy





Registration Fee: FREE! Deadline to Register: Apr. 23

H Judging Competition

Who Can Register: 4-H PEI Members ages 9-21

No experience necessary-beginners encouraged to participate! The competition will be held over 3 dates at 3 different farms! Members can choose to attend 1, 2, or all 3 of the farms!



## For more info & to register > https://bit.ly/4hpei\_judging\_comp

- $\Rightarrow$  To be eligible to place in their division the member must participate at 2 of the 3 farms.
- If a member participates at all 3 farms their 2 lowest scores will be dropped when tabulating results.
- Members are welcome to participate at only 1 farm, but then will not be eligible for awards.
- Farm #1 Dairy & Forages: Fri., May 9, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Nordale Farms, Richmond
- Farm #2 Beef & Poultry: Fri., May 23, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., MacKinnon Homestead, Vernon Bridge
- Farm #3 Horse & Rabbits: Fri., June 6, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Clyde Bank Farm, Hazelgrove

### **NEW IN 2025!**

To be eligible for awards the **senior members** must also complete **one online Market Steer judging class** that will be available between the dates of Fri., May 9 and Mon., May 26.

> **Prizes:** Cash prizes awarded in the Junior, Intermediate, & Senior categories. Travel subsidies for all participants.



**Grand Prize:** The top scoring member aged 17 - 22 years as of December 31, 2025 will win a trip to Agribition in Regina in November!

