



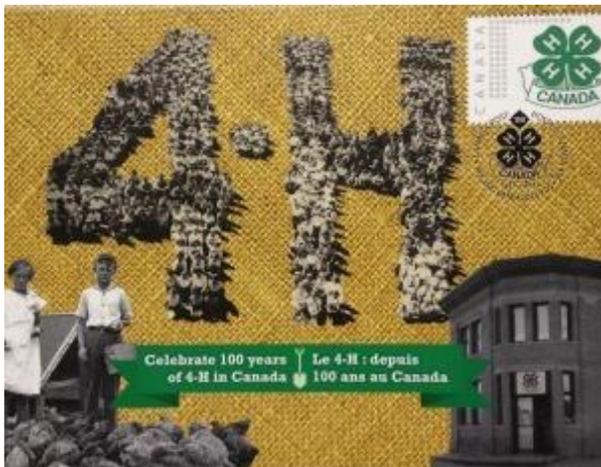
# National 4-H History Preservation Program

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## **4-H Canada is 100 Years Old; Members to Design the Next 100**

To celebrate its Centennial Year, 4-H Canada kicked off a nationwide "100 Years of Memories" contest in May, which will allow thousands of 4-H'ers to test their creativity, imagination and architecture skills. Both a look backward and a look forward, the contest invites members and clubs to celebrate 4-H's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary by reflecting on its rich history and literally building where they think 4-H is headed in the next century.



An envelope honoring 100 years of 4-H in Canada was released during the celebrations May 29 to 31 in Winnipeg and Roland (birthplace of 4-H in Canada).

As part of the sponsorship of the Centennial Celebrations, 4-H Canada called on one of its major donors: Enbridge Inc., a North American leader in delivering energy to the US and Canada and one of the "Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World." For the commemoration and crystal ball gazing, Enbridge created a special deck of 4-H cards that have illustrations of unique facts, stories and memories collected from 4-H members, leaders and alumni across the country. Unlike traditional playing cards, Canadian 4-H'ers will

stack, fold, pile, glue and cut these cards to create a representation of their vision for the next 100 years of 4-H. From futuristic ranch structures to new 4-H program ideas, members are encouraged to think outside the box.

"4-H Canada has a proud history and we are excited to view all of the submissions from across the country," said Shannon Benner, CEO of 4-H Canada. "The future of 4-H is limitless, and the ingenuity of the collective minds from 4-H members and clubs will certainly result in artistic and innovative creations."

4-H clubs have an opportunity to win a prize by submitting videos or photos with an explanation of their structure and vision to Canada 4-H's Facebook page where members can easily share them with their friends.

"4-H is producing the leaders of tomorrow from the youth of today – a commitment Enbridge is proud to support. We wish 4-H continued success for the next hundred years," said Roxanna Benoit, Vice President of Public, Government and Aboriginal Affairs.

The contest runs from June 15 to October 31, and winners will be announced on "Show Your Colours Day" on November 6, 2013. November is 4-H month in Canada, and the first Wednesday of the month is designated as "Show Your Colours" day, when 4-H'ers wear green.

Canada 4-H has more than 8,000 volunteer leaders working with over 26,000 members across the country. Read more about Canada 4-H Centennial Celebrations at <http://www.4-h-canada.ca/core/en/main>.

**Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday 4-H Canada!**

## Hands-on History

### Stories from 4-H History

Summer is when many states hold 4-H summer conferences at their land-grant universities. In the June 1919 issue of "Junior Soldiers of the Soil" magazine (renamed "Farm Boys' and Girls' Leader" the next month), 4-H member Ruth Younquist of Dickey County, ND, recounted her trip in late March to the agricultural college in Fargo (North Dakota Agricultural College became North Dakota State University in late 1960). She earned the trip by being named the county and state winner in the bread project.



Ruth wrote about the train ride to Fargo, filled with other 4-H members singing 4-H songs and shouting 4-H cheers. At the "Institute", Ruth heard from university leaders, watched demonstrations about meat cutting and moving pictures about poultry and pigs, and participated in project activities like baking and canning. One afternoon they

visited the local sites: The Woodrow Wilson School (only two years old when Ruth visited, it is still used as an alternative high school today), the Manchester Baking Company and the Masonic Temple. The Institute ended with the election of State 4-H officers and club songs sung by the members.

4-H camp is another popular summer activity. An article in the May – June 1938 issue of National 4-H Club News shared highlights of the annual 4-H camp in San Bernardino County, CA. Summer of 1937 was the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the County's five-day 4-H camp. They had 150 full-time and 75 part-time campers. The program included recreation and sports, handicrafts, and educational programs. Flag-raising ceremonies, a social dance, talks by Extension workers, an all-day hike, demonstrations and a flower and plant identification contest filled the schedule. Evening activities were stunts, ceremonies and moving pictures of Boulder Dam and other short

films. A featured speaker was a forest ranger who talked about fire prevention and showed campers his equipment for fighting fires.

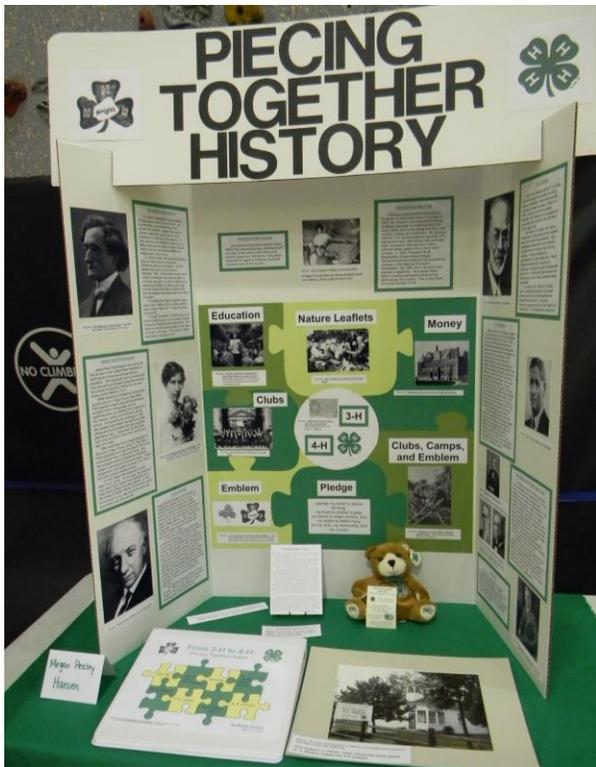
The "First Nighter's Program on the opening night of camp brought 24 individual and group acts and stunts. First prize, a three-pound jar of candy, was awarded to the Fremont Aggiette Chorus, a group of 16 girls who sang at events in southern California. A fire-lighting ceremony representing the 18 clubs of the county, reciting the 4-H pledge and singing 4-H songs brought the camp to a close.

After almost 90 years, historic Camp Seeley in Crestline, CA, a former sawmill and the camp featured in the 1998 Disney movie "The Parent Trap", is still the 4-H camp site for San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties.



This 1965 National 4-H Calendar painting gives us an idea of activities that were available to members at this camp.

**Hands-On History:** Ask how many members in your club have attended 4-H camp or state 4-H conferences. What is required to attend these summer activities? Invite members to share their experiences. How are they alike or different from the ones on this page? When was your 4-H camp built? How long have members of your club or county been using this camp? What is the camp's history? Did your leader, your parents or an older sibling attend 4-H camp or a state conference in the same place as it's held today? How were their programs the same or different than the ones above or than yours?



Iowa 4-H'er, Megan Pezley, has taken her love of 4-H into the classroom through her exploration of the program's beginnings.

### School and Fair Project on Beginnings of 4-H Features the Founders

A 4-H member and sixth grader from Black Hawk County, IA, recently decided to delve into the early beginnings of 4-H for a school as well as a 4-H project. Eleven-year-old Megan Pezley is not a “come lately” 4-H'er; she was a Clover Kid for three years and has been a regular club member for three years. So it makes sense that she would want to get to the root of things in her research.

Megan first got in touch with the History Preservation team when she wanted permission to use the photographs from the history books on the 4-H History Preservation Website. We became intrigued that a member was developing an exhibit and a presentation on 4-H History for both school and 4-H. So when we wrote back to her we asked her to share photographs of her project when it was completed and you see the result above. The photograph piqued our interest and the following online interview resulted.

HP = History Preservation Team member  
MP = Megan Pezley

HP: What do you plan to do with your completed project?

MP: My finished projects will be exhibited at the Cedar Falls School ALPHA (gifted and talented) class and fair, Black Hawk County Fair on July 23 - 27 and possibly the State Fair.

HP: In what category will you enter your exhibit at the county fair?

MP: I will enter it in the Self-Determined category of Personal Development. I will also use the information I learned in my educational presentation which I will be doing on some of the Founders of 4-H.

HP: What is the basic message in your exhibit?

MP: It would probably be about the founders of 4-H. I researched the question "What did each founder contribute to 4-H?"

HP: Who did you choose to feature in the exhibit and why did you choose them?

MP: I chose to feature:

- Jessie Field Shambaugh – Page County, Iowa: She created clubs, the 4-H emblem, camps, and much more
- O. H. Benson – Wright County, Iowa: the 4-H emblem
- A. B. Graham – Springfield Township, Ohio: clubs
- Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey – New York: nature leaflets
- Morrill and Smith-Lever Acts: (they don't really come from a place because they are Acts) – money
- P. G. Holden – Iowa: teaching
- Otis Hall – State Leader in Kansas: 4-H Pledge

HP: How did you happen to get interested in researching and illustrating early 4-H History for a school project?

MP: At first I planned to study the history of John Deere but I was not getting into researching it much. At the last county fair my 4-H club did a Share-the-Fun performance and tied in a little Iowa 4-H History because it was the 100th Anniversary of our Black Hawk County Fair. I thought that it was interesting. When my mom was in 4-H, she did a presentation on 4-H history and I also found that interesting. I would have done 4-H History, but I had to narrow it down a little and decided to do Founders of 4-H.

HP: What 4-H projects have you carried?

MP: I am involved in many project areas including Clothing, Home Improvement, Photography, Food and Nutrition, Child Development, and lots of other non-livestock project areas.

HP: What is the most interesting thing that you learned in making this exhibit?

MP: I don't know! I like all of it!

HP: Do you have plans to study any other parts of 4-H History?

MP: I don't right now, but I might in the future.

Megan has demonstrated to us that interest and ability to study 4-H history can start at any age.

“How are you going to shape the future if you don't know the past?” — Billie Jean King

**To make a contribution to the National 4-H History Preservation Program;** please go to <http://4-HHistoryPreservation.com> to see your options, or mail a check payable to **National 4-H Council** to:  
National 4-H History Preservation Program  
National 4-H Council  
PO Box 37560  
Baltimore, MD 21275-5375

Please write **4-H History Preservation** on your check.

## Don't Miss the National 4-H Film Festival!



Have you ever dreamed of giving your 4-H'ers a chance to have their video work screened in front of film industry professionals? Hollywood cinematographer Denis Maloney has been added to the roster of VIP workshop presenters at the 2013 FilmFest 4-H, August 4-7 in Branson, MO, and more will be announced in the coming days. Registration has just opened, with All Access Passes only \$99 through July 15. Lodging is on your own, and Branson's Radisson Hotel is offering an attractive conference rate for festivalgoers. 4-H filmmakers should know that film submissions are still being accepted through July 1. The festival intends to screen as many of these films as possible, in the most interesting ways, providing the widest possible exposure through 4-H channels.

Organizers are especially excited about the new "Voices of 4-H History" film category, sponsored by the National 4-H History Preservation Program. From interviews with 4-H'ers from another time to stories based in a historical 4-H setting, the "Voices of 4-H History" category is an exciting way to share your creativity and vision! Come join 4-H'ers from across the country at FilmFest 4-H, August 4-7 in Branson, MO, and check out the website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/filmfest> for more continuing information.

## NEW! “Voices of 4-H History” Start Up Kit

Thanks to 4-H programs across the country that have been conducting “Voices of 4-H History” projects, we are happy to announce the release of the **“Voices of 4-H History” Start Up Kit**. Summer is the perfect time to launch a project in your club, county, or state! County and state fairs, teen conferences, camps, and visits to relatives who were 4-H members and leaders all provide great opportunities to capture stories that make up the rich history of 4-H.



Utah has been testing the use of two cell phones or mini-cameras to video 4-H alumni, leaders and staff about 4-H experiences.

The kit includes:

- *Getting Youth Interested in 4-H History Tip Sheet*
- *“Voices of 4-H History” Interview Questions Tip Sheet*

- *“Voice of 4-H History” Rack Card* (promotional handout provides an overview of the project)
- *Banner for use in recruiting youth and adults at your 4-H events*
- *Missouri history interview video*
- *How to Plan and Conduct Audio and Visual History Interviews*
- *Ideas for Finding 4-H Alumni (members, leaders, staff)*
- *Links to Related 4-H Resources*

You can find these resources and more about the project in the Voices of 4-H History section of the National 4-H History Preservation Program website: <http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/Voices/>

Please mark your calendar for our next “Voices of 4-H History” conference call. It is scheduled for Monday, June 17 at 3 PM EDT. Call number is [1-888-858-2144](tel:1-888-858-2144), code 5696697#. We’ll share updates about the project, and we look forward to hearing about your activities as “Voices of 4-H History” progresses to the 2014 Smith-Lever Centennial.

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