



# Embrace the Future

Atlantic  
4-H Leaders'  
Conference 2012



Debert, Nova Scotia  
March 2-4, 2012

## Leaders are the life blood of 4-H in Atlantic Canada.

*Join the Atlantic 4-H Committee and learn, discuss, and recharge. . . and  
prepare to **Embrace the Future.***

### The Logistics

Friday March 2 - Sunday March 4

Registration is at 6:30pm Friday

*Transportation unique to each province; check  
with your provincial office*

### Deadline to apply

Friday, January 27, 2011

To your provincial 4-H Office

### Registration Cost

\$100 which includes:

- 2 nights at Debert Hospitality Centre, Debert, Nova Scotia
- Snack Friday night, all meals Saturday, 2 meals Sunday
- All activities, presentations

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## Tentative Program

### Friday, March 2, 2012

4-H Projects - Skill-a-Thon

### Saturday, March 3, 2012

- "Spreading the Love"

*Keynote by Chet MacPhail*

- Workshops

- See back for details

- Tour and Shopping at Masstown Market
- Tour and Supper at Sugar Moon Maple Farm
- Fifty Fast Fun Filled Fillers with Gerry Sullivan

### Sunday, March 3, 2012

- "Embracing the Future"

Rob Black

President of the Canadian 4-H Council

- 4-H Youth Panel

Q&A with 4-H Members from around Atlantic  
Canada



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## The Workshops

*Leaders will attend 4-5 of the following workshops. Please indicate your preferences on your registration form. Not all preferences will be accommodated.*

### Want to get something done?

**Effective Meeting Management**  
Meetings! You spend hours in them, and often believe that little is accomplished. They are the bane of some of our 4-H experiences, but they are also necessary. They should help you solicit all points of view; they should help you generate ideas to address your tasks; they should ensure shared understanding of tasks and accomplishments, and they should foster collaboration. But lots of us still leave meetings feeling like it was a big fat waste of time.

This workshop is designed to give you practical advice on meeting management, parliamentary procedure, and the importance of basic facilitation skills.

### Calming the Nerves

**Communications Workshop**  
All of our members do it... only some of them well. This workshop will discuss everything from how to prepare a shy 4-H'er, to the competition requirements for speeches and demonstrations. It may even give you some ideas for your own communication skills!

### "Learn to do by doing"

**Different Learning Styles**  
Different people learn differently; that's a fact. How do you as a 4-H leader and volunteer teacher incorporate that into your lessons? When do you accommodate and when do you challenge?

### Board Governance

Every board, no matter how big or small, needs ongoing training to ensure they are well run. Join us and learn to better understand your function, role, and responsibility as a director or trustee. Learn about effective board governance systems, processes and best practices.

### What do you want?

If you have an idea of a session you would like run, we want to hear it! From project workshops to other soft skill development, make your suggestion and we'll try to accommodate!

### The Critical Eye

Teaching the skill of judging. The activity of judging exercises a members' decision-making and problem-solving skills as they determine the most logical ranking in a class of similar items. They learn to evaluate the desirable and undesirable points in any given class, and learn to be detail oriented. Having to give oral reasons in competitive judging, builds a members communication skills as they become proficient in defending their decisions. Join us as we learn how to train members to have a critical eye.

### The Art of Delegation and Negotiation

**Oh... and Management of 4-H Parents!**  
Every time you do something that someone else can, could, or should do, you undermine your own time and skills. If this results in your own burnout, think of what that can do for the members! This workshop will deal with conflict management that might come up in clubs, deal with engaging and using 4-H parents, and effectively delegating the tasks in your 4-H club and project.

### Senior Members are Junior Leaders

Speaking of delegation, many clubs have a largely untapped resource in their senior members. 4-H and you have been developing leaders all these years, it's time we started using them! Discuss different ways to mentor and use your senior members as leaders in your club.

### Risk Management

It's dry. And, yeah, it's a little boring. I think we'd all agree it is frustrating. BUT IT IS SO IMPORTANT. This workshop will review the 4-H insurance policy, and will discuss due diligence practices. How do you mitigate risks? What should you do when there is an accident, when someone gets hurt, or breaks the church hall window?

### The More the Merrier

**Recruitment and Retention**  
4-H clubs are irrelevant without members. In the face of changing demographics and more competition for youths time, this workshop will discuss ideas for recruiting and retaining members.