

Good Afternoon Everyone!

I am hoping you have all had a chance to read the email that came out late yesterday regarding the extension of suspended 4-H in person activities here in Manitoba. Yesterdays email had some suggestions for virtual meetings and we are working to see if we can offer each Area Councils conference lines to clubs that are not able to utilize zoom calls.

Some leaders have been inquiring about achievements. Please know that we are going to work through all of this together. If your achievements get pushed from May to August or beyond that is ok. For Multipurpose Clubs perhaps there is an option of a virtual achievement where each member could create a video of their project or you set up a Drop Box and your members drop in photographs of their projects. Livestock projects are as you know a whole other level of logistics, our best suggestion for Equine would be postponing until it is safe to do things in a group, however if you felt you wanted to do a virtual achievement that would work too, several youth organizations are already doing this in the US with members sending videos of their pattern classes and then they are judged. Some of our MB Equine Clubs are doing video challenges which is cool, showing different horsemanship skills. Beef Clubs – I am going to be sending you a list of options in a day or two, we are just finalizing some details.

The bottom line is, everyone's achievements are going to look different this year and that is ok. You may have to cancel your achievement, you may postpone or try something new and different – any of these options are ok. Every member and leader will be acknowledged for their year in 4-H no matter what you choose to do.

While I assume a good percentage of you have now added Homeschool Teacher to your resume, we do have a number of projects that may be helpful to tie into some school work they need to get done, Learn To Do By Doing has always been my favourite kind of learning.

I am attaching the project catalogue if you want to have a look, if you see something your kids would like to try let me know and we can pop them in the mail to you or they are all available on the Manitoba Agriculture <https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/industry-leadership/4h/projects-and-activities.html> website as well. There is also 4-H Learns <https://www.4-h-learns.org/> which is an international resource, maybe try something from another part of the world. Reminder to only work on these projects as a family, we are not approving group project work.