

**Submitted by Jennifer Kolesar**

Josh Kolesar from the Rock Lake Combined 4-H Club was chosen to go to Saskatoon from March 8-11, 2020 to participate in the 4-H Canada Science Fair. Fantastic experience!

The first night, members met, had a great supper together, played icebreaker games and then put their backboards together.

Friday we walked over to the University of Saskatchewan to set up backboards and prepare for judging in the morning. During the day, there were 3 official judges for each type of project that came around one at a time to ask many questions. There were also other “floater” judges that came around to ask questions. At the end of the afternoon, the members had a great tour of the university. They participated in 3 engineering labs, a microbiology lab and went out to the Centre of Agriculture Excellence. They were shown a robotic system for looking after dairy cattle in a barn and the research that is done with the food eaten by beef and dairy cattle. All of the presentations were very well done and certainly opened the eyes of the members to see options available to them.

The evening had members in escape rooms then back to the hotel for debriefing and socializing.

Saturday was off to the Western Development Museum for presentations of the projects to the public. They also toured the museum before packing up for the day. That evening there was a fancy banquet with important sponsors and judges. The members were all awarded a participation certificate and 5 were chosen to move on to the Canada Wide Science Fair, which unfortunately has now been cancelled.

Josh had a terrific experience, this being his first science fair and first time flying in commercial airplanes. He also made some new friends from around Canada. He wants to thank 4-H Canada for the opportunity and hopes he is able to enter again next year.

