

**You're Invited to the**  
**2018 4-H ONTARIO**  
**VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING**



**When: March 23-25, 2018**

**Where:** Nottawasaga Inn Resort, 6015 Highway 89, Alliston, ON L9R 1A4

Conference Hosts: Region 1 volunteers and 4-H Ontario Staff

## **Greetings on behalf of the 4-H Ontario Conference Committee**

You are invited to continue your 4-H Journey by Going the Distance with Region1 at the 2018 4-H Ontario Volunteers Conference.

Over the past few months, representatives from across Region 1 have been planning an interactive and experiential learning program for you to enjoy.

Once again 4-H Ontario is offering an early bird registration as well as single day and specific event registrations. All registrations will be done on-line. When registering please be sure to click off all aspects of the conference you will be attending.

The Ontario 4-H Council Annual Meeting will be held on the Friday evening and all interested delegates are invited to attend. The Ontario 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday afternoon. Saturday and Sunday agenda includes an exciting offering of workshops, volunteer appreciation luncheon and dinner, motivational speakers and well deserved social and networking opportunities.

Follow the planning and excitement via Facebook and Twitter #4HExploreTheNorth.

We hope you will join us on this exciting 4-H journey and 'go the distance' at the 2018 4-H Ontario Volunteer Conference March 23-25, 2018 at the Nottawasaga Inn Resort in Alliston.

Region 1  
2018 Conference Planning Committee Chairs

Here is what past delegates said about previous 4-H Ontario Volunteer Conferences:

'An excellent, positive conference – thank you!'

"Great conference/weekend! I learned lots and am definitely going home refreshed! "

'Thank you so much, I had a blast! I'm coming back next year!'

## Let's Go the Distance at 2018 4-H Ontario Volunteer Conference!

The pre-conference activities begin on Friday, March 23, 2018 with hotel and conference registration, networking, resource displays, dinner and the Ontario 4-H Council Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The energy and excitement heightens on Saturday, March 24, 2018 with the Conference kick off and plenary session. Guest presentation is by Mining Matters-a charitable organization that brings knowledge and awareness about Canada's geology and mineral resources to youth, educators and the public. The organization provides current information about rocks, minerals, metals, mining and the diverse career opportunities available in the minerals industry. The morning activities also include regional jam sessions and the first round of workshops. Lunch on Saturday will be a sit down meal and presentation of the Monsanto Volunteer Milestone Awards. The afternoon is filled with more hands on type workshops and activities, as well as the opportunity to attend the Ontario 4-H Foundation Annual General Meeting. All delegates are invited to attend the prestigious Monsanto 4-H Ontario Arbor Award dinner and presentations. Be sure to bring your bidding arm to participate in the 4-H Ontario Live Auction. Saturday caps off with entertainment and a social and networking time.

Sunday, March 25, 2018 features a keynote address once again by Mining Matters with a focus on opportunities for Aboriginal communities. Rounding out the agenda is the 2018 Conference closing followed by the launch by Region 2 of the 2019 Conference. The conference concludes with lunch and then onward home to share with fellow 4-H volunteers your entire 4-H journey though the 2018 Conference!

### Preliminary Agenda

#### Friday March 23, 2018

Check in all day,

Nottawasaga facilities (pool, walking trails etc.) open for delegate use

Afternoon Activities - 4-H Conference Registration Desk opens- lower Lobby

- Association Representative Training
- World Café Facilitated Discussion
- Seated Dinner in Ballroom
- AGM

#### Saturday, March 24, 2018

Breakfast

Conference Opening

Keynote Presentation- Mining Matters

Regional Jam Sessions

Monsanto Volunteer Recognition Lunch- seated meal in Ballroom

Workshops- 12 sessions spread over 3 timeslots \*\*

Ontario 4-H Foundation AGM

Monsanto 4-H Ontario Arbor Award Banquet- Ballroom

\*Cash bar available prior to dinner and following the Award Presentations

4-H Auction

Entertainment

Social and Networking

#### Sunday, March 26, 2018

Breakfast

Keynote Address-Mining Matters-Indigenous Culture

Launch of 2019 Conference- Region 2

Lunch

Safe Travels Home

\*\*TENTATIVE Workshop Topics-Titles subject to change

- Principles of Healthy Child Development
- Creative Ideas for Clubs
- Planning Roles for Your Association
- Personal Fitness- Project Update
- Creative Ideas for Clubs
- Accessibility for Members
- Introducing Developing Needs of Youth
- Personal Fitness-Empowering Body, Mind & Spirit
- Engaging Generational Volunteers
- Conflict Resolution

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. Who is eligible to attend the Volunteer Conference and AGM?**

A. All 4-H volunteers are invited to attend. Each Association is encouraged to send at least two people. One person should be the Association Representative (AR), or designate, who will be the voting delegate for the Ontario 4-H Council Annual General Meeting. 4-H volunteers "in good standing" are individuals 18 years older who are screened and trained.

**Q. What's in it for me?**

A. The 4-H Ontario Volunteer Conference is an opportunity to acquire enhanced leadership skills at workshops and network with other 4-H Ontario volunteers. At the conference you will meet other 4-H volunteers who share a passion for positive youth development and obtain new ideas to take back to your club, Association and region. In addition you will have the chance to share knowledge and expertise with others and have some fun too! The weekend also includes the AGM's for the Ontario 4-H Council and the Ontario 4-H Foundation. These AGM's provide the opportunity to learn about the policy and fund raising arms of 4-H Ontario.

**Q. I've heard the registration process has changed. What purpose does this change serve?**

A. 4-H Ontario, like most not for profit organizations, is continually looking at ways to use their resources effectively and responsibly. The move to on- registration stream lines the process for both volunteers and 4-H staff. Direct accommodation registration with the Nottawasaga Inn Resort makes it easier for volunteers to arrange their accommodations directly with the host facility verses going through a third party (4-H staff). This way, you can choose your roommate and room yourself.

**Q. How do I register?**

A. There are two steps to the registration: conference and accommodation

**Conference Registration:** To register for the conference visit [www.4-hontario.ca/CAM](http://www.4-hontario.ca/CAM) and complete the on-line registration. Payment for the conference can be made at the same time using VISA or Mastercard.

**PLEASE NOTE: Only on-line registrations and credit card payment accepted. Incomplete forms and registrations without accompanying payment will not be accepted.**

**Accommodation:** To book accommodations you can phone the Nottawasaga Inn Resort (phone Toll Free: 800-669-5501). When booking accommodations please reference **Reservation Code refer to 4-H Conference** in order to receive the conference accommodation rate. NOTE: Delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodations.

Association Representatives will receive separate communication about the conference registration.

**Q. Is there an early bird registration?**

A. 4-H Ontario is pleased to provide an early bird registration. This provides an opportunity for individuals and

Associations to save money by registering early. It also guarantees that delegates, when booking accommodations at the Nottawasaga Inn Resort, will be assured availability.

If you register by before January 30 the early bird registration fee is \$198.54 (two day conference). From January 31, 2018 and until February 20, 2018 the standard registration fee is \$223.54. Late Registration fee from February 21- March 6 is \$248.54

Similarly the Nottawasaga Inn Resort is holding a block of rooms at a conference rate for 4-H Ontario conference delegates until February 20. The reduced rate or room availability will not be guaranteed after February 20.

**REMEMBER: All delegates must book their own accommodations directly with Nottawasaga Inn Resort.** The Nottawasaga Inn Resort has specific policies regarding reservations and cancellations. **Please ask about these cancellation policies when making your reservation.**

**Q. I only want to attend part of the weekend. Is there a separate registration for different events?**

A. Yes there are separate registrations. If interested in attending the AGM, the fee is \$57.98 (includes sit down dinner). AGM registrations and payment must be received by March 6, 2018.

Conference registration for Saturday only (includes meals and workshops) is \$161.12.

Monsanto Volunteer Recognition ticket is \$41.22

Monsanto Arbor Award Banquet ticket price is \$67.75

**Single and Full Weekend completed registrations with payment must be received by February 20, 2018.**

**Monsanto Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and Monsanto Arbor Award Banquet tickets must be purchased by March 8, 2018.**

To register please complete *the on-line registration*. Payment for the conference can be made at the same time using VISA or Mastercard.

**PLEASE NOTE: Incomplete registrations without accompanying payment will not be accepted.**

**Q. I am not the voting delegate for my Association. Do I still need to attend the AGM?**

A. We encourage all 4-H volunteers to participate, however only voting delegates are required to attend the AGM.

Conference delegates can arrange other dinner options if they wish. A list of restaurants in Alliston can be found [http://www.tripadvisor.ca/Restaurants-g182201-Alliston New Tecumseth Ontario.html](http://www.tripadvisor.ca/Restaurants-g182201-Alliston_New_Tecumseth_Ontario.html).

**Q. How do I get to Nottawasaga Inn Resort?**

A. The Nottawasaga Inn Resort is located 45 minutes north of Toronto at 6015 Highway 89, Alliston, ON L9R 1A4.

<http://www.nottawasagaresort.com/map.html>.

All participants are asked to make their own travel arrangements. Association Representatives travel expense for attending the AGM and Volunteer Conference are covered as per the Ontario 4-H Council Expense Policy. See [www.4-hontario.ca/cam](http://www.4-hontario.ca/cam). If flying, delegates can make shuttle arrangements through the Simcoe Airport Shuttle <http://www.simcoecountyairportservice.ca/>.

**Q: Is there a cancellation policy for the conference and accommodations?**

A: Delegates who decide to cancel should first try to find an alternate. If the cancellation is due to a family emergency/illness, the conference registration fee minus the \$20 administration fee will be refunded if cancellation is received within two weeks (10 business days) of the Conference.

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