

4-H Ontario Volunteer Conference 2023

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 must be Volunteers in Good Standing. (See 4-H Ontario Policy O-V-14 – Volunteer in Good Standing).

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 AGMs for the Ontario 4-H Council and the Ontario 4-H Foundation. These AGMs provide the opportunity to learn about the policy and fundraising arms of 4-H Ontario.

Q. How do I register?

A. Online registration streamlines the process for volunteers to register for the conference. All guest room accommodations and reservations are made directly with the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel. This makes it easier for volunteers to arrange their accommodations directly with the host facility versus going through a third party (4-H staff) and to choose their roommate and room themselves.

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

1. Conference Registration: To register for the conference, visit the [4-H Ontario website](#) and complete the online registration. Payment for the conference can be made at the same time using VISA or Mastercard.

PLEASE NOTE: Only online registrations and credit card payment will be accepted. Incomplete forms and registrations without accompanying payment will not be accepted.

2. Accommodation: To book accommodations you can either:

1. Book online:
<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1634583142475&key=GRP>
2. Or phone the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel Resort (phone Toll Free: 800-668-0101).
When booking accommodations, delegates will need to reference our **group block code, which is 4H5219**, in order to receive the conference accommodation rate. NOTE: Delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodations. Room rates vary from \$135-\$185 per night, depending on your room type preference.

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 Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel Resort, will be assured availability.

The conference early bird registration ends February 10, 2023. The standard registration runs from February 11 to February 23rd. Unfortunately, registration after February 23rd will not be accepted.

The Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel Resort is holding a block of rooms at a conference rate for 4-H Ontario conference delegates until February 24. The reduced rate or room availability will not be guaranteed after February

23.

REMEMBER: All delegates must book their own accommodations directly with Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel Resort. The Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel Resort has specific policies regarding reservations and cancellations. Please ask about these cancellation policies when making your reservation.

Q. What are the conference registration rates?

	EARLY BIRD RATE by February 10	REGULAR RATE February 11 – February 23
Full Registration	\$200 + HST	\$240 + HST
Arbor Award banquet only	\$80 + HST	\$80 + HST
Annual Meeting only	\$0	\$0

Q. What is included in the conference registration rates?

A: The conference registration rate includes: early-bird sessions on Friday afternoon, Friday evening dinner, and the 4-H Ontario Council Annual Meeting on Friday evening, Saturday morning breakfast, keynote speaker, 16 educational workshops throughout the day, Saturday luncheon, Saturday evening Arbor Award banquet, in addition to other social and networking opportunities.

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

A. There is only one conference rate available for 2023. However, there is an option for an additional Saturday evening banquet ticket on the registration form, if required.

Q. I am not the voting delegate for my Association. Do I still need to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) ?

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

Q. How do I get to Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel?

A. The Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel is located right at 600 Highway 7. The Hotel is easily accessed from Highway 7, 404 or 401. For directions click [Sheraton Parkway](#). ADDRESS: 600 Hwy 7, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1B2

All participants are asked to make their own travel arrangements. Association Representative travel expenses for attending the AGM and Volunteer Conference can be reimbursed as per the Ontario 4-H Council Expense Policy.

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

A: 4-H Ontario recognizes that from time to time, extreme circumstances occur where you may not be able to attend the conference. To avoid cancellation fees, you are encouraged to recruit another 4-H volunteer to take your place. This must be arranged through the 4-H Ontario Coordinator, Events by emailing events@4-hontario.ca or by phoning 519-221-8445 no later than 14 business days prior to the conference. If a replacement is not possible, 4-H will charge a \$100 cancellation fee. No refunds will be available after March 17.

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