

## North Dakota

### Lester Liudahl - North Dakota 4-H Foudation



Hometown: Burlington, ND

Nominated by: North Dakota  
Association of Extension 4-H  
Youth Workers

Year Inducted: 2002

In September 1933, Lester Liudahl was one of eight youth who organized the Viking Sheep Club in Benson County. In 1939, it became the Farm and Home Improvement Club, which still exists. As a high school senior, he became their leader. They met his challenge that within four years they would have their first state, regional and national winner in the 4-H Standard Report Program.

Because of Lester's leadership, many members have since participated in National 4-H Congress, Conference and Citizenship Washington Focus. As an adult, Lester's leadership encouraged 4-H to grow. In 1969, he was appointed a director of the Western 4-H Camp Association. In 1979, he became a director of the 4-H foundation. He has worked tirelessly to find resources to support both organizations.

#### 4-H Efforts:

Joined North Dakota 4-H in 1933. 4-H leader, a director of the North Dakota Western 4-H Camp Association and a director of North Dakota 4-H Foundation.

#### Honors:

Service to Mankind Award - Minot ND Sertoma Club, first member of North Dakota 4-H Hall of Fame, NAE4HA Distinguished Service Award, 4-H Friend of International Award.

"Let's not forget to kindle a brighter light with 4-H membership and the citizenship promotional program called 'Helping 4-H Grow.' We receive more in life through giving than receiving. Opportunities for life's training are limitless."