



UPCOMING EVENTS



HORSE RALLY AUGUST 22, 2020

CANCELLED

Upon further investigation on COVID-19 regulations we are sad to advise that we will have to cancel the Horse Rally for 2020.

Thank you for understanding and helping to keep Alberta safe!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BANQUET

FEBRUARY 20, 2021

PROJECTS

With 2020 being a year of disappointments and cancellations of events we need to look at some of the positive events that have taken place within the organization. We were able to work on several major projects, some were able to be completed and some are still a work in progress. Below are just a few we are working on.

PANTHER STAGING AREA - NEW BATHROOMS



A new outhouse has been installed as well as removing the stumps and leveling the staging area. Tie rails still need to be installed.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SITES AT EAGLE CREEK CAMPGROUND



Construction on the additional sites at Eagle Creek Campground has begun. There is still work to be done to remove the large rock that was given as pit run, move and pack the gravel and installation of highlines.



7 MILE CAMP KITCHEN AND KIOSK

Upgrades to the camp kitchen and kiosk at 7 Mile campground has been completed.

Thank you to Murray Hagel and Dale Marshall and their crew for their work on the Panther outhouse and 7 Mile Camp Kitchen. A special thank you to those who donated equipment to complete these projects.



BIGHORN CAMPGROUND COVID REGULATIONS

PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION BEFORE HEADING CAMPING

BIGHORN CAMPGROUND TO OPEN JUNE 26, 2020

Parks Canada has announced the opening of Federal campgrounds including Bighorn Campground on the June 22, 2020. However, due to restrictions imposed on Friends of the Eastern Slopes, we will not be opening the Bighorn Campground until June 26, 2020 in order to allow us to meet the restrictions imposed.

Restrictions include the following:

- 1. Operate at no more than 75% occupancy with physical distancing between campsites.** The following is the recommendation from the Federal Government:

“This could be achieved by not allowing any free standing panels. There are 30 campsites with either Stalls or Highline Poles. This should be the maximum equestrian campsites to be used, with non-equestrian campers ensuring they are 100 feet apart from the next campsite and using existing fire circles. No New fire circles are to be built.”

With this restriction, **NO PANELS WILL BE ALLOWED**

More than one unit will be allowed at each campsite

2. Increased cleaning of washrooms.

Washrooms will be cleaned daily on the weekends however

- practice good hygiene:
- wash your hands frequently
- refrain from touching your face with unclean hands
- carry and use hand sanitizer
- Be self-sufficient. Take in what you need

3. A sandwich board sign for the bathrooms to read “Closed for Cleaning” to help ensure personal distancing between campers and cleaners.

If you see the “Closed for Cleaning” signs at the bathroom, please go to a different bathroom and keep your distance

4. A Campground Host is to be on site to direct visitors, give information and relay to ranch staff any infractions.

We will have a Campground Host available at our usual spot at the Bighorn Campground to assist with the above requirement

5. A large sandwich board indicating “CAMPGROUND FULL” to be available to the Bighorn Campground Host to post when 75% capacity is reached.

We will be providing the Campground Host with 2 signs so the second one can be placed by the entry gate to the ranch so late arrivals on Friday can turn around and head directly to Eagle Creek, rather than driving all the way in to the Bighorn.

Hand sanitizers have been put into the bathrooms at Bighorn Campground and are to be put in at Eagle Creek once they have been provided to us.

Alberta non-residents are expected to follow the travel restrictions set out by the Province during this time.

PLEASE ABIDE BY THE RESTRICTIONS SET OUT ABOVE IN ORDER THAT WE MAY KEEP THE CAMPGROUND OPEN AND HOPEFULLY SOON WE WILL BE AT FULL CAPACITY AGAIN.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MEMBERS

We wish to thank everyone for their support during these uncertain times. Your membership fees and donations continue to allow these campgrounds to be open and available to all.

MEMBERSHIP

Cost of membership is \$30/family.

Donations above and beyond this are welcomed but not required.

Receipts for donations over \$50 will be issued upon request.

WE ARE NOW SET UP FOR E-TRANSFERS FOR MEMBERSHIPS.

E-transfer:

If you wish to purchase your membership by E-transfer, please send transfer to: foesa1994@gmail.com, please include your full mailing address and phone number for your membership card by adding it to the comment section on your e-transfer or send it by separate email to foesa1994@gmail.com

Membership forms can also be filled out and returned with a cheque or money order. Please make cheques payable to

Friends of the Eastern Slopes Association and mail to:

Friends of the Eastern Slopes Association

Box 6093

Innisfail, Alberta T4G 1S7

A membership card will be returned to you by mail as well as a receipt if requested in writing on the form.

We strongly encourage you to include an email address as they are used to email newsletter and all other information to notify you about events. The cost to mail newsletters is over \$5 per letter and totalled over \$5000.00 last year. It costs FOESA merely cents to send an email.

[Membership application](#)

KEEP IN TOUCH

Our Website is up and running with a new look, very interactive and functional. Our website contains information about the Friends of the Eastern Slopes Association, Director's list, Upcoming Events, Links to other informative websites and membership information and forms. You can access our website on the link below. <http://foesa.org>

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