# Adult Programs

Fall 2025 Registration Guide Calgary



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# How To Register

#### **Before Registration Night**

Decide the programs you want

Get your 2025 Membership

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Test your member login

This season, you can register for a **maximum** of:

- 2 W.E.S.O.A.R! Programs, and
- 2 Adventurers Day Trips, and
- 2 Adventurers Overnight Trips, and
- Unlimited G.L.O.W. Programs, and
- Unlimited Special Events!

Be prepared to have back-up program choices ready as our programs fill up quick!

# Fall 2025 Registration Night: Wednesday, August 27, at 5:30 PM

#### By Phone

**Q** 403 508 0110

OR

Have your credit card ready

Visa or Mastercard

Have your program choices ready

Call the Registration Line - (403 508 0110)

- The line will be open 5:30 6:30 PM on registration night
- Do not call the main line

If you are sent to voicemail, **call back** - don't leave a message

Leaving a voicemail does not confirm registration

#### **Online**

#### Member Porta

Have your credit card ready

Visa or Mastercard

Have your program choices ready

Log in or refresh the page at 5:30 PM

 Programs will not show up before 5:30 PM

If you have trouble, **call the**Registration Line

(403 508 0110)

# **Program Fees**

#### **Paying for Programs**

Fees for Between Friends programs are due at the time of registration. Credit card, cash, and cheque payments or a fee assistance form must be submitted within five (5) business days or your registration will be cancelled.

#### **Fee Assistance**

Between Friends does its best to make sure that every member who wants to attend programs is given the chance. In order to be accessible, we subsidize all programs for all participants. Additional Fee Assistance is available for a maximum of:

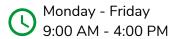
- 2 Between Friends W.E.S.O.A.R! programs, each season
- 2 Between Friends Adventurers trips or programs, each season
- 2 Between Friends G.L.O.W. programs, each season

Once your application is submitted, our team will review your application and contact you once a fee assistance amount has been calculated. For more information about our Fee Assistance Program or how to apply, please contact <a href="mailto:info@betweenfriends.ab.ca">info@betweenfriends.ab.ca</a>.









# Important Information

#### **Program Cancellation**

To cancel registration you must contact info@betweenfriends.ab.ca. A 15% fee will apply to all cancellations. Refunds will be provided only when vacancies can be filled, and the office is notified of the cancellation.

If a program is canceled due to low registration, you may transfer to another program if space is available, or receive a full refund. We will contact you prior to the start date of the program if cancellation is necessary.



#### **Respect Policy**

A safe and welcoming space is a shared community responsibility. We expect our members, parents, guardians, caregivers, and support persons to treat Between Friends personnel with respect and dignity.

Behaviors that make anyone feel unwelcome or unsafe will not be tolerated and appropriate steps will be taken to address these behaviors. Between Friends reserves the right to remove anyone not contributing to a safe and welcoming environment from current/future programs and membership.

Thank you for helping us create a community that is inclusive, respectful, safe, and kind.



# About W.E.S.O.A.R!

Registration
August 27
5:30 PM

#### Fall W.E.S.O.A.R! 2025

Our W.E.S.O.A.R! programs (Weekend & Evening Social Opportunities & Recreation) meet once a week for 1-3 hours to do a specific activity. Some of our programs do the same activity each week, and some programs change activities each week.

- Fall W.E.S.O.A.R! runs for 8 weeks: September 21 November 29
- There will be no programs September 30, October 11-13, November 9-15

#### **In-Program Support**

Each of our W.E.S.O.A.R! programs have up to 10 participants, 1-2 staff, and 1-2 volunteers. W.E.S.O.A.R! runs at a 1:8 to 1:10 ratio (1 staff to 8-10 participants).

Participants who require additional support in programs are welcome to come with a support aide. If you are unsure if you need to bring additional support, please contact <u>our office</u>.

What are those stars under each program?



Great question! The stars are to help you choose the right program for you based on what you may be looking for in these categories:

Social: friendship building, group activities, and time to talk to each other

Personal Growth: mindfulness, building identity, and improving YOU

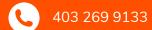
Active: the level of physical activity (note: all programs are adapted for all levels of mobility)

Skill Development: creative, physical, and practical skills

Remember, 1 star is the lowest amount, and 4 stars is the highest!

#### **Have Questions?**

Our team has answers! Here's how to contact them:





Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



#### **Sunday Matinee: Crowfoot**

Whether you like action, comedy or romance – there's something for everyone. You'll catch a special movie this session that includes 3D or AVX. Bring your money for your favourite movie treats!

Cost	<b>\$176</b> (\$22/day)			
Day	Sunday			
Dates	September 21 - November 23			
No Program	October 12 & November 9			
Time	3:00 - 6:00 PM			
Location	Crowfoot Cineplex			

Social  $\star$ 

Personal Growth ★ ★

Active ★

Skill Development 🛨 🛨



#### **Sunday Matinee: Seton**

Whether you like action, comedy or romance – there's something for everyone. You'll catch a special movie this session that includes 3D or AVX. Bring your money for your favourite movie treats!

Cost	<b>\$176</b> (\$22/day)			
Day	Sunday			
Dates	September 21 - November 23			
No Program	October 12 & November 9			
Time	3:00 - 6:00 PM			
Location	Seton Cineplex			

Social  $\star$ 



Personal Growth 🛨 🛨



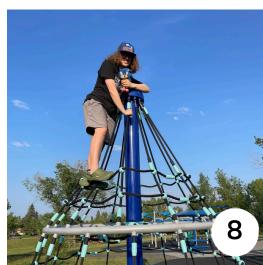
Active ★

Skill Development  $\star$ 











#### Sunday Matinee: Westhills

Whether you like action, comedy or romance - there's something for everyone. You'll catch a special movie this session that includes 3D or AVX. Bring your money for your favourite movie treats!

Cost	<b>\$176</b> (\$22/day)				
Day	Sunday				
Dates	September 21 - November 23				
No Program	October 12 & November 9				
Time	3:00 - 6:00 PM				
Location	Westhills Cineplex				

Social 🛨 🛨

Active 🛨

Skill Development  $\star \star$ 



#### **Sunday Bowling South**

Get ready to roll with us every week for an exciting bowling experience filled with strikes, spares, and plenty of cheers and laughter! Each week, aim to beat your previous scores and celebrate your progress with friends and fellow bowlers.

Cost	<b>\$168</b> (\$21/day)			
Day	Sunday			
Dates	September 21 - November 23			
No Program	October 12 & November 9			
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM			
Location	PowerPlay			

Social  $\star \star \star$ 

Personal Growth 🛨 🛨

Active 🛨 🛨 🛨

Skill Development 🛨 🛨

#### **Active Adventurous Adults**

Do you love adventure and the outdoors? Join us weekly to explore exciting activities around Calgary like hiking, swimming, working out, and more! We bring the FUN to your physical activity plan. Program locations will be provided at least one week before the program.

Cost	<b>\$168</b> (\$21/day)			
Day	Tuesday			
Dates	September 23 - November 25			
No Program	September 30 & November 11			
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM			
Location	Various Locations in Calgary			

Social  $\star \star \star \star$ 

Personal Growth  $\star \star \star$ 



Skill Development 🛨 🛨 🖈



#### **Bar Buddies: North**

What a great way to make new friends and visit with old at various pubs around north/central Calgary! We will be ordering non-alcoholic beverages and light snacks, but feel free to bring money if you want alcoholic beverages or supper. Also, please ensure you bring your identification - most venues we will be visiting are 18+.

Cost	<b>\$168</b> (\$21/day)			
Day	Tuesday			
Dates	September 23 - November 25			
No Program	September 30 & November 11			
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM			
Location	Various Locations in North/Central Calgary			

Social  $\star \star \star \star$ 

Personal Growth 🛨 🛨 Active 🛨

Skill Development  $\star \star$ 



#### Jammin' Out

Join our Certified Music Therapist on a weekly journey of musical self-expression. Together, we'll explore different genres of music through singing, instruments, movement, and games.

Cost	<b>\$160</b> (\$20/day)			
Day	Tuesday			
Dates	September 23 - November 25			
No Program	September 30 & November 11			
Time	6:00 - 7:30 PM			
Location	Rose Kahn Arena			

Social  $\star \star \star \star \star$ 

Personal Growth  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ 

Active  $\star\star$ 

Skill Development  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ 









#### **Evening Escapes: South**

Meet with your peers (30+) to explore the many sights and activities that our city has to offer - dinner out, movies, bowling and more within the south/central side of the city of Calgary. Program locations will be provided at least one week before the program.

Cost	<b>\$168</b> (\$21/day)			
Day	Wednesday			
Dates	September 24 - November 19			
No Program	November 12			
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM			
Location	Various Locations in South/Central Calgary			

Social  $\star \star \star \star$  Personal Growth  $\star \star$ 

Active  $\bigstar$ 

Skill Development  $\star$ 

#### **Creative Kitchen**

Sharpen your skills in our fan-favourite cooking and baking program! We will be learning to make tasty meals as well as baked treats that can be made on most budgets. Bon appétit!

Cost	<b>\$160</b> (\$20/day)			
Day	Wednesday			
Dates	September 24 - November 19			
No Program	November 12			
Time	5:00 - 7:00 PM			
Location	St. David's United Church			

Social  $\star \star \star$ 

Personal Growth 🛨 🛨 🛨

Active  $\bigstar \bigstar$ 

Skill Development  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ 

#### Bar Buddies: Central

What a great way to make new friends and visit with old at various pubs around central Calgary! We will be ordering non-alcoholic beverages and light snacks, but feel free to bring money if you want alcoholic beverages or supper. Also, please ensure you bring your identification - most venues we will be visiting are 18+.

Cost	<b>\$168</b> (\$21/day)			
Day	Wednesday			
Dates	September 24 - November 19			
No Program	November 12			
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM			
Location	Various Locations in Central Calgary			

Social  $\star \star \star \star \star$ 

Personal Growth 🛨 🛨

Active 🛨

Skill Development  $\star$ 





#### Wednesday Night Bowling

Get ready to roll with us every week for an exciting bowling experience filled with strikes, spares, and plenty of cheers and laughter! Each week, aim to beat your previous scores and celebrate your progress with friends and fellow bowlers.

Social	$\bigstar$	*	*	*

Personal Growth  $\star$ 



Day

**Dates** 

**No Program** 

Time

Location

Cost

Day

**Dates** 

No Program

Time

Location

Skill Development 🛨 🛨 🛨

**\$168** (\$21/day) Thursday

September 25 - November 20

November 13

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Various Locations in Calgary

Wednesday

September 24 - November 19

November 12

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Splitsville Highfield



#### Karaoke Club

Bring your singing voices and join us every week as we explore a variety of karaoke rooms throughout the vibrant city of Calgary. Whether you're a seasoned performer or just looking to have fun, our weekly sessions offer something for everyone.

Social	*	*	*
Social	*	*	$\star$

Personal	Growth	44	- 🍑













#### **Dance Dance**

We've partnered with Blissful Dance and have a talented instructor teaching us a variety of moves and grooves through this fun musical, movement dance program. What a great way to get our bodies moving with some great music and friends.

Cost	<b>\$160</b> (\$20/day)
Day	Thursday
Dates	September 25 - November 20
No Program	November 13
Time	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Location	St. David's United Church

Social  $\star \star \star$ 

Personal Growth  $\star \star \star$ 

Active  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$  Skill Development  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ 

#### **Urbanites: North**



Join your fellow young adults (18 - 30) in an exciting journey through Calgary's vibrant north and central areas! Each week, you will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities designed to foster connection and enjoyment among peers. Whether you're interested in savoring delicious dinners, catching the latest movies, participating in fun games, or immersing yourself in art nights, there's something for everyone.

Cost	<b>\$168</b> (\$21/day)
Day	Thursday
Dates	September 25 - November 20
No Program	November 13
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Location	Various Locations in North/Central Calgary

Social ★★★ Personal Growth ★★

Skill Development  $\star$ 

#### **Bar Buddies: South**

What a great way to make new friends and visit with old at various pubs around south/central Calgary! We will be ordering non-alcoholic beverages and light snacks, but feel free to bring money if you want alcoholic beverages or supper. Also, please ensure you bring your identification - most venues we will be visiting are 18+.

Cost	<b>\$168</b> (\$21/day)
Day	Thursday
Dates	September 25 - November 20
No Program	November 13
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Location	Various Locations in South/Central Calgary

Social  $\star \star \star \star \star$ 

Personal Growth 🛨 🛨



Skill Development 🛨 🛧





#### Friday Bowling: South

Get ready to roll with us every week for an exciting bowling experience filled with strikes, spares, and plenty of cheers and laughter! Each week, aim to beat your previous scores and celebrate your progress with friends and fellow bowlers.

Cost	<b>\$168</b> (\$21/day)
Day	Friday
Dates	September 26 - November 21
No Program	November 14
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Location	PowerPlay

Social  $\star \star \star$ 

Personal Growth  $\star$ 

Active  $\star \star \star$ 

Cost

Day

**Dates** 

No Program

Time

Location

Skill Development  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ 

**\$168** (\$21/day)

November 14

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Various Locations in Calgary



#### **Sports Fanatics**

Our Sports Fanatics programs will offer a diverse range of visually engaging sports-related activities, including attending Calgary Hitmen games, Dinos Basketball games, and Flames games at a local pub, along with other exciting events!

Social  $\star \star \star$ 

Personal Growth  $\star$ 



Skill Development 🛨 🛨









#### **Evening Escapes: North**

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Day	Friday
Dates	September 26 - November 21
No Program	November 14
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Location	Various Locations in North/Central Calgary

Social  $\star \star \star$ 

Personal Growth 🛨 🛨

Active  $\bigstar$ 

Skill Development 🛨 🛨



#### **Rec Swim**

Ride the waves, hang in the hot tub, swing from the buoy ball rope swing, or splash around in the pool! Get ready for a great time hanging out with friends, doing your favorite water activity.

Cost	<b>\$160</b> (\$20/day)
Day	Friday
Dates	September 26 - November 21
No Program	November 14
Time	5:00 - 7:00 PM
Location	Trico Centre

Social 🛨 🛨

Personal Growth 🛨 🛨

Active  $\star \star \star$ 

Skill Development  $\star \star$ 

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Cost	<b>\$168</b> (\$21/day)
Day	Saturday
Dates	September 27 - November 29
No Program	October 11 & November 15
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Location	Various Locations in South/Central Calgary

Social  $\star \star \star$ 

Personal Growth 🛨 🛨

Active  $\star$ 

Skill Development  $\star$ 



#### Saturday Bowling: South

Get ready to roll with us every week for an exciting bowling experience filled with strikes, spares, and plenty of cheers and laughter! Each week, aim to beat your previous scores and celebrate your progress with friends and fellow bowlers.

Cost	<b>\$168</b> (\$21/day)
Day	Saturday
Dates	September 27 - November 29
No Program	October 11 & November 15
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Location	PowerPlay

Social  $\star \star \star$ 

Personal Growth  $\bigstar \bigstar$  Active  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ 

Skill Development  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ 

#### **BF Bingo!**

Join us for our exciting weekly BF Bingo event, where you can play for a chance to win fantastic real prizes! This is a great opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled evening with friends. We will also have a concession for snack and drink purchases during intermission!

Cost	<b>\$160</b> (\$20/day)
Day	Saturday
Dates	September 27 - November 29
No Program	October 11 & November 15
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Location	St. David's United Church

Social  $\star \star \star$ 





Active 🛨

Skill Development  $\bigstar$ 









# **About Special Events**

Registration
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#### Fall Special Events 2025

Our **Special Events** are one-time events that happen throughout the year. Most of these programs have a fee, but our **dances/parties** are free as a perk of your membership!

#### **In-Program Support**

The amount of participants in each **Special Event** will vary, so make sure you check the "Capacity" in the information table. **Special Events** operate at a 1:8 to 1:10 ratio (1 staff to 8-10 participants).

Participants who require additional support in programs are welcome to come with a support aide. If you are unsure if you need to bring additional support, please contact <u>our office</u>.

What are those stars under each special event?



Great question! The stars are to help you choose the right event for you based on what you may be looking for in these categories:

**Social:** friendship building, group activities, and time to talk to each other

**Personal Growth:** mindfulness, building identity, and improving YOU

Active: the level of physical activity (note: all programs are adapted for all levels of mobility)
Skill Development: creative, physical, and practical skills

Remember, 1 star is the lowest amount, and 4 stars is the highest!

#### Have Questions?

Our team has answers! Here's how to contact them:





Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Special Events** 

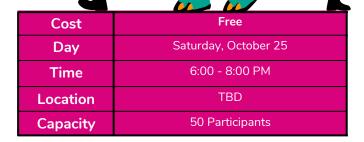


Wear your costume and prepare to dance the night away to your favourite spooky tunes! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

The location of the dance and the names of the Special Event Leaders will be emailed to registered quests one week prior.

Social ★★★★

Personal Growth  $\bigstar$ 



#### **Important Note**

If you are unable to make it after you have registered, you must inform the office at least 48 hours before the dance, or a \$10 fee will be applied to your account.

Active ★★★★

Skill Development \*

#### Under the Sea Dance

Join us for our Under The Sea themed dance - wear clothes you'd wear to the beach or dress up as your favourite aquatic animal. If you're lucky, you may even see a dolphin there! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

The location of the dance and the name of the Special Event Leaders will be emailed out to registered guests one week prior.

Social ★★★★

Personal Growth \*

Cost	Free
Day	Saturday, September 27
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Location	TBD
Capacity	50 Participants

#### **Important Note**

If you are unable to make it after you have registered, you must inform the office at least 48 hours before the dance, or a \$10 fee will be applied to your account.

Active ★★★★

Skill Development 🛨 🛨

# **Special Events**

#### Stampeders Fundraiser!

We're hosting a fundraiser with the Calgary Stampeders! \$5 from every ticket sold through our ticket link will come directly to Between Friends - how cool is that?

Cost	\$35-\$75 per ticket
Day	Saturday, October 18
Time	5:00 PM
Location	McMahon Stadium



This is not a supervised event, but rather a chance for you to head to a football game with your friends and family! And who knows? You may even see some people from Between Friends there!





### **About Adventurers**

Registration
August 27
5:30 PM

#### Fall Adventurers 2025

Our Adventurers trips offer you a chance to take a vacation! We offer a few different lengths of trips. Some are day trips, and some are overnights. Check out the information table next to each trip to learn more.

You'll notice the following symbols next to each trip. These symbols tell you about the type of trip:

**Day Trips** 

Sleeping in Tents/Cabin

Sleeping in a Hotel/VRBO







#### **In-Program Support**

Each Adventurers trip will have up to 8 participants and 4 staff/volunteers. Trips typically operate at a 1:2 - 1:4 ratio.

Participants who require additional support in programs are welcome to come with a support aide. If you are unsure if you need to bring additional support, please contact the office.

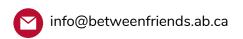
#### **Trip Information In This Guide**

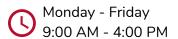
We want our members to get the most out of their experience in our programs. In this guide, you will find detailed information about each **Adventurers** trip to assist you with deciding which trips will be the best fit for you.

We will tell you about:

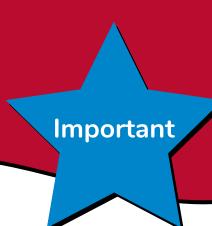
- The general schedule
- Cost, dates, and location
- Ratings:
  - Programming Level: is the trip fast paced or low paced? Is there a lot of down time?
  - Physical Accessibility: the accessibility of the physical spaces on your trip
  - Sensory Friendly: is the environment noisy and bright? Or, is there space & time to recharge?







# What to Expect

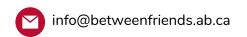


For each trip, you will find a "What to Expect" section. This will give you an overview about the trip's Programming Level, Physical Accessibility, and Sensory Friendliness.

The chart below gives you more information about what each of these ratings mean.

Ratings	Description	Levels
Programming Level	<ul> <li>Is every single hour of the trip planned? Or, is there more time to relax and do my own thing?</li> <li>High paced = busy with only a little down time.</li> <li>Medium paced = a mix of both.</li> <li>Low paced = relaxed with lots of independent time.</li> </ul>	High Paced Medium Paced Low Paced
Physical Accessibility	What's the environment like? Are the bathrooms accessible? Will we be traveling on rocky roads, smooth paths, or a bit of both?	Full Low See Description
Sensory Friendly	What is the sensory environment like? Are there lots of crowds, bright lights, and loud noises? Will there be quiet space to wind down?	Yes No See Description

**Note:** Our personnel will do their best to provide adaptations to support our members for their physical and sensory needs.



#### Camp B Sleepover



Get ready to enjoy a weekend of fun at Camp Bonaventure! We will have BBQ'd meals, campfires, play games, and do a bunch of exciting activities. At night we will get snuggled into our sleeping bags and tents for a peaceful sleep under the stars.

Accessibility: Camp Bonaventure is an accessible location. We will be sleeping on the ground, so some participants may find this difficult or uncomfortable based on their needs.

Cost	\$350
Dates	Sat. September 13 - Sun. September 14
Dates Length	Sat. September 13 - Sun. September 14  2 days, 1 night
Length	2 days, 1 night

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#### What to expect:

Programming Level	Medium
Physical Accessibility	See Description
Sensory Friendly	Yes

#### Halloweekend at Calaway Park



Every October Calaway Park is transformed into Hallowtown, with different scenes and activities. Do you dare stroll through it? Of course! It's not scary, it's friendly! Dress up as your favorite family-friendly character and enjoy a day of Fall fun!

Accessibility: Many of Calaway Park's rides, attractions, shows, and food locations are accessible to all guests.

**Sensory Information:** There may be crowds or noise while we are in the park. There are accessible washroom facilities located throughout the park.

Cost	\$100
Dates	Saturday, September 20
Time	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Location	Calaway Park
Capacity	8 participants

Programming Level	High
Physical Accessibility	See Description
Sensory Friendly	See Description



#### Halloween at Sylvan Lake \*\*\*\*



Sylvan Lake is packed with a range of haunted happenings each October, from frightening to familyfriendly! Join us as we celebrate the spookiest time of year with night-time parades, haunted houses, spooky movies, ghost tours, pumpkin picking, and more!

Accessibility: Our VRBO will be accessible, but showers will not be accessible showers.

Cost	\$450
Dates	Fri. October 24 - Sun. October 26
Length	3 days, 2 nights
Location	Sylvan Lake, Alberta
Sleeping	VRBO
Capacity	8 participants

#### What to expect:

Programming Level	Medium
Physical Accessibility	Medium
Sensory Friendly	Yes

#### Pirates of the River Saskatchewan



Pirates of the River Saskatchewan - Ahoy there matey! Cap'n Jack and his crew are ready to set sail from the port of Jubilations Dinner Theatre. The Cap'n is looking to recruit any and all who wish to join his gang and partake in this adventure.

Sensory Information: there may be crowds and the show may be noisy. There will also be dinner, so food smells may be strong.

Cost	\$100
Dates	Thursday, October 30
Time	6:00 - 10:00 PM
Location	Jubilations Dinner Theatre
Capacity	8 participants

Programming Level	Medium
Physical Accessibility	Full
Sensory Friendly	See Description

#### **Calgary Stampeders**



Don't miss out on the excitement of cheering on Stampeders vs. Toronto! Come join us for an unforgettable evening of football, snacks, and team spirit. If you would like to purchase snacks or drinks, please bring debit or a giftcard as this venue is cashless. We will start the day with dinner at Nick's Steak House.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible seats are limited due to the venue. Members using wheelchairs will be manually transferred to nearby seats.

Note: If you wish to attend the game with your friends and family instead, check out page 19 of this guide!



Cost	\$100
Dates	Saturday, October 18
Time	3:00 -8:30 PM
Location	McMahon Stadium
Capacity	8 participants

#### What to expect:

Programming Level	High
Physical Accessibility	Low
Sensory Friendly	See Description

#### William Watson Lodge 🗥

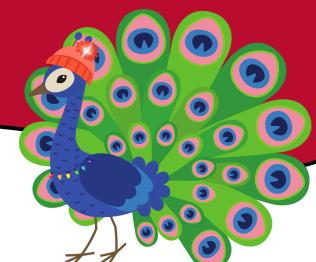


William Watson Lodge provides year-round, barrierfree, wilderness lodging and is situated in beautiful Peter Lougheed Provincial Park, overlooking Lower Kananaskis Lake. We will be enjoying indoor and outdoor activities, including hiking, games, crafts and pizza making!

Accessibility: William Watson is a fully accessible locations, including fully accessible washrooms.

Cost	\$450
Dates	Fri. November 28 - Sun. November 30
Length	3 days, 2 nights
Location	William Watson Lodge
Sleeping	Individual Beds in Cabins
Capacity	8 participants

Programming Level	Medium
Physical Accessibility	Full
Sensory Friendly	Yes



#### **Banff** Santa Claus Celebration



A festive weekend of holiday activities and entertainment to kick off the quintessential Christmas season in downtown Banff. Expect a full-day of cheerful celebrations on Saturday. Enjoy talented local and Albertan artists performing on the Cascade Main Stage, whimsical performers found through the event site.

Accessibility: The areas we visit will be accessible, as well as the VRBO and the bathrooms in the VRBO

Sensory Information: There may be crowds and loud noises

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Cost	\$450
Dates	Sat. November 15 - Sun. November 16
Length	2 days, 1 night
Location	Banff, Alberta
Sleeping	VRBO
Capacity	8 participants

#### What to expect:

Programming Level	Medium
Physical Accessibility	Full
Sensory Friendly	See Description

#### Dinner & Zoo Lights



We'll start the evening by grabbing dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory and then ride to the Sparkling, festive, and magical ZOOLIGHTS! Embrace cool nights and warm lights at the Calgary Zoo.

Accessibility: Washrooms are accessible, and pathways are paved

Sensory information: There may be crowds or noise while at the zoo, as well as some strong smells from the animals

Cost	\$100
Dates	TBD
Time	4:30 - 9:00 PM
Location	Old Spaghetti Factory & Calgary Zoo
Capacity	8 participants

Programming Level	Medium
Physical Accessibility	Full
Sensory Friendly	See Description

### About G.L.O.W.

Registration
August 27
5:30 PM

#### Fall G.L.O.W. 2025

Our G.L.O.W. programs (growth, learning opportunities & workshops) meet once a week for a 1.5 - 2 hours workshop on different topics. Each workshop helps members learn new skills for everyday life, work, and more. It's a fun and supportive way to grow and try new things.

- Fall G.L.O.W. runs for 8 weeks: September 21 November 29
- There will be **no programs** September 30, October 11-13, November 9-15

#### **In-Program Support**

Each of our G.L.O.W. programs have up to 8 participants, 1-2 staff. G.L.O.W. runs at a 1:8 ratio (1 staff to 8 participants).

Participants who require additional support in programs are welcome to come with a support aide. If you are unsure if you need to bring additional support, please contact <u>our office</u>.

What are those stars under each program?



Great question! The stars are to help you choose the right program for you based on what you may be looking for in these categories:

Social: friendship building, group activities, and time to talk to each other

Personal Growth: mindfulness, building identity, and improving YOU

Active: the level of physical activity (note: all programs are adapted for all levels of mobility)

Skill Development: creative, physical, and practical skills

Remember, 1 star is the lowest amount, and 4 stars is the highest!

#### **Have Questions?**

Our team has answers! Here's how to contact them:







### G.L.O.W.

#### Centre for Sexuality:

Ages 16+

Relationship & Sexual Health Education

In partnership with the Centre for Sexuality, we're offering a fun and inclusive program created for youth and adults with disabilities to learn about relationships, body confidence, and sexual health in a safe and supportive space.

Led by trained Centre for Sexuality educators, this 8session series covers topics like identity, consent, dating, communication, anatomy, and more! Helping participants build confidence and make informed choices.

Cost	<b>\$160</b> (\$20/day)
Day	Tuesday
Dates	September 23 - November 25
No Program	September 30 & November 11
Time	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Location	TBD

Social ★★★

Personal Growth 🛨 🛨 🛨



Skill Development  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ 

#### **Prospect:**

#### **Employment Skills**

In partnership with Prospect Human Services, we are offering an Employment Readiness Program for our members who are ready to build the skills they need to find and keep a job. Over eight sessions, participants will learn how to search for jobs, write a resume, practice for interviews, and build workplace confidence and communication skills.

Cost	<b>\$160</b> (\$20/day)
Day	Wednesday
Dates	September 24 - November 19
No Program	November 12
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Location	St. David's United Church

Social ★★★

Personal Growth \* \* \*

Active 🛨

Skill Development \* \* \*

### G.L.O.W.

#### Calgary Transit: Travel Skills

In partnership with Calgary Access, this hands-on workshop will teach participants how to navigate Calgary's public transit system safely and independently. Each week, participants will travel together to different areas of the city, learning how to plan routes, read transit maps, use transit apps, and build confidence riding buses and trains.

This is a great opportunity to explore the city while developing real-world independence skills in a supportive group setting.

Cost	<b>\$160</b> (\$20/day)
Day	Saturday
Dates	September 27 - November 29
No Program	October 11 & November 15
Time	10:00 - 12:00 PM
Location	Various Transit Routes in Calgary

Social ★★★

Personal Growth  $\star\star\star\star$ 

Active ★★★

Skill Development 🛨 🛨 🛨



### **About I.C.A.N!**

Registration varies by program

#### What is I.C.A.N.?

**I.C.A.N!** (Inclusive Community Activities with No barriers) is a **free** service offered to our members. With **I.C.A.N!**, participants are accompanied to a program in their community with a Rec Buddy, who will help create an inclusive space for the participant and the community program to grow.

Over the next few pages, you can find some of our I.C.A.N! Partners and learn about how to sign up for I.C.A.N!

#### What Does a Rec Buddy Do?

A Rec Buddy's main purpose is **inclusion** in a recreation setting. They will help your participant work toward their social and personal growth. Together with the community program, Rec Buddies will support and facilitate to ensure the program is a welcoming space for all.

A Rec Buddy is **not** a support aide. They do not provide personal care or behaviour support. If you need the additional support from a support aide, a Rec Buddy can still accompany you and your support aide to build the inclusive space.

What are those stars under each partner?



Great question! The stars are to help you choose the right program for you based on what you may be looking for in these categories:

**Social:** friendship building, group activities, and time to talk to each other

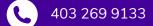
**Personal Growth:** mindfulness, building identity, and improving YOU

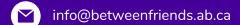
Active: the level of physical activity (note: all programs are adapted for all levels of mobility)
Skill Development: creative, physical, and practical skills

Remember, 1 star is the lowest amount, and 4 stars is the highest!

#### **Have Questions?**

Our team has answers! Here's how to contact them:





Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## How Does I.C.A.N! Work?

**NEW!** 

What best describes you?	Follow these steps:
You have a program in your community that you want to join with a Rec Buddy	<ol> <li>Reach out to info@betweenfriends.ab.ca to let us know that you would like a Rec Buddy to join you at a community program.</li> <li>Let us know the details of your program (including dates and location), and contact details of someone from the community program.</li> <li>Let us know what you would like a Rec Buddy to support you with in your community program.</li> </ol>
You want to join one of our Partner programs listed in this guide	<ol> <li>Reach out to info@betweenfriends.ab.ca to let us know you would like a Rec Buddy to join you at a Partner program.</li> <li>Sign up for the Partner's program after confirming with our team.</li> <li>Let us know the details of the program (including dates and location), and contact details of the program leader or manager from the Partner program.</li> <li>Let us know what you would like a Rec Buddy to support you with in your program.</li> </ol>
I.C.A.N! sounds cool, but you don't have a program in mind, and you don't see anything in this guide that you're interested in	Reach out to our team at <u>info@betweenfriends.ab.ca</u> and let us know! Tell us a bit about your interests, and we can help you find something.



### I.C.A.N! Partners

Registration varies by program

#### **StoryBook Theatre**

StoryBook Theatre in Calgary is a vibrant and imaginative studio bringing the magic of music and storytelling to life on the stage. It's more than just a venue for performances. StoryBook Theatre is an inclusive community hub for aspiring singers, actors, dancers, directors, and behind-the-scene talents.

Website	storybooktheatre.org
Program Questions?	info@storybooktheatre.org
Location	Beddington Theatre Arts Centre

Social ★★★

Personal Growth  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ 



Skill Development ★★★★



# Volunteering

Register Anytime!

#### **Volunteer in Training**

Volunteer in Training (VIT) is a **free** service offered by Between Friends, that helps our members gain the skills they need to become volunteers.

VITs volunteer in a full session of either W.E.S.O.A.R! or Camp Bonaventure, and have the support of a VIT Leader. The VIT Leader will provide coaching support and ensure an inclusive learning environment so that VITs can develop the skills to confidently volunteer anywhere!



Email volunteers@betweenfriends.ab.ca to get started!

#### **Aktion Club YYC**

Aktion Club YYC is a **free** club that meets once a month to volunteer as a group. They also meet up a few times a year to do a fun, social night together to celebrate! Our members develop initiative and leadership skills, **give back to their community**, integrate into society, and gain new experiences.

In partnership between Kiwanis Club of Calgary Northmount and Between Friends, Aktion Club YYC provides opportunities for adults with disabilities to demonstrate the **dignity and value** of citizens living with disabilities.

Email info@betweenfriends.ab.ca to get started!



# Interested in Volunteering?

We'd love to have you! Sign up below to get started:



Camp B Registration



W.E.SO.A.R! Registration



403 269 9133



volunteers@betweenfriends.ab.ca



Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

# Ways You Can Give

Between Friends is where people with disabilities can feel connected, empowered, and have meaningful experiences through social and recreational programming. Consider giving today and help Between Friends continue to be a place where our participants can connect, grow and belong.



# **Important Dates**

#### **AUGUST**

August 13	Fall Program Guides Released @ 9:00 AM
August 27	Fall Program Registration @ 5:30 PM  • Note - phone line registration option will be open from 5:30 - 6:30 PM

#### **SEPTEMBER**

September 1	OFFICE CLOSED - Labour Day
September 21 - 27	First week of W.E.S.O.A.R! & G.L.O.W. programs
September 30	NO PROGRAMS & OFFICE CLOSED - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

#### **OCTOBER**

October 11-13	NO PROGRAMS & OFFICE CLOSED - Thanksgiving Weekend
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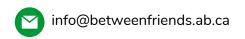
#### **NOVEMBER**

November 5	Holiday Special Events Program Guides Released @ 9:00 AM	
November 9 -15	NO PROGRAMS & OFFICE CLOSED - Fall Break	
November 19	<ul> <li>Holiday Special Events Program Registration @ 5:30 PM</li> <li>Note - phone line registration option will be open from 5:30 - 6:30 PM</li> </ul>	
November 29	Last day of Fall Programs	

#### **DECEMBER**

December 1 - 15	Holiday Special Events
December 20 - January 4	OFFICE CLOSED - Winter Holidays





# **Important Dates**

#### **AUGUST**

#### SEPTEMBER

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#### **OCTOBER**

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