

2014 Spring Newsletter

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Past Events

The 20th Anniversary of the FOESA Banquet was a sold out success. Tracy Millar was a crowd favorite and Duane Papke was the saddle winner. We would like to welcome New Directors Tim Reinhart and Sean Connelly.

The Wardens at Ponoka Legion April 5th 2014 – Hosted by Dale and Barb Olsen assisted by FOESA Directors Tom, Larry, Tim and Dale. The event netted FOESA \$2,200.

2014 Mane Event Red Deer April 25 to 27th – 120 memberships were sold and raised \$2795. Thanks to the persons that worked the Mane Event. Members; Murray Hagel and Adair MacDonald. Directors; Dale Marshall, Tom Reinart, Larry Frischke, Linus Clark, Murray & Barbara Few, Tim Reinhart and Roger Bratrud

On-Going Volunteer Projects for 2014

- Complete the installation of trail signs on and around Ya Ha Tinda Ranch is scheduled for May 24th
- Finish maintenance on horse trails south of the Red Deer River
- Complete the painting of the horse stalls at the Bighorn
- Bighorn flood mitigation project

Volunteers are always welcomed for projects please contact any Director for information

2014 BANQUET DONORS

Please Remember to Support These Businesses Whenever Possible!

Alberta Invasive Species Council	Leo's Castle Building Supplies
ATB Financial	Mary-Anne Jablon - MLA
Bangs and Company Hair Salon	McCabe Livestock
Boston Pizza Innisfail	Murfs Outdoor Equipment
Brisco Wood Preservers Ltd.	NAPA- Sundre
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Jodie's Janitorial	Vertex Professional Services Ltd.
Joe Anglin - MLA	West Country Sports
Kal Tire Innisfail	Eagle Hill Co-op
Kodiak BBQ Caterers	Wilds Home Hardware
Ben Poltorak	Zoetis

2014 Memberships

Your Membership is now due for the
2014 calendar year usage.

This includes the Panther, Bighorn Creek, Eagle Creek, Cutoff Creek and
Hummingbird Campgrounds.

If you use the facilities the
Family Membership is \$20 per year.
Donations Welcomed

**Reminder, memberships can now be paid at the Hummingbird Campground
Staging Area in a green metal membership box.**

A Letter from the President

It has been 20 years since that first meeting at Mountaineer Lodge. Do you think that the people at that first meeting would have any idea where the Friends would go in 20 years? We have five campgrounds we look after, a good working relationship with Parks Canada, Big Horn Backcountry Access Management Group and countless other organizations. We have a great volunteer group of people, almost 600 family memberships and a large number of people and businesses that make financial donations. For the last 20 years we have also had a great bunch of directors who have worked hard to make the Friends what it is today. It is a great organization with a great future.

Thanks to all the members,

Dale Marshall
President of FOESA

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New Projects for 2014

Bighorn	Installation of highlines at the North end of the campground.
Hummingbird	Installation of additional highlines at the West end of the campground.
Cut-Off Creek	Installation of a 2 nd outhouse at the North end of the campground.
James Lake	Trail upgrades

Key Upcoming Dates...

May 24th – Bighorn campground clean-up

June 7th – Hummingbird campground clean-up and social

July 19th – FOESA Family ATV Poker Rally at the Hummingbird Recreational Area

Sponsors Welcome – Contact Directors

Tyler Holinski (403) 848-2243

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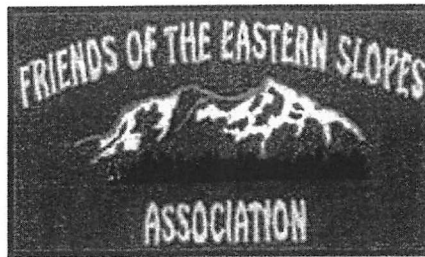
- Registration 9am till 11am - \$25
- Steak dinner to follow
- Poker Hand Prizes
 - 1st Prize – 2000 watt generator
 - 2nd Prize – Chainsaw
 - Door Prizes

August 9th – Annual FOESA Trail Ride and Poker Rally at Bighorn Campground

- We are in need of 6 Buckle Sponsors at \$250 each
- Please contact Roger Bratrud (403) 350-6949 or Tom Reinhart (403) 358-8135

February 21st, 2015 – AGM and Banquet at the Innisfail Legion

FOESA has engaged in communication with West Central Tourism Parks and Recreation over the possibility of re-opening and managing additional back country campgrounds.



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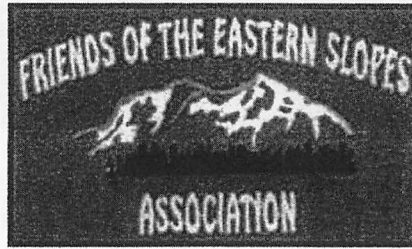
- Finish trail signage project
- Finish maintenance on trail south of the Red Deer
- Bighorn stall painting
- Bighorn flood mitigation project
- Proposed new projects
- Bighorn north highlines
- James Lake Trail upgrades
- Hummingbird highlines
- Cut-off north outhouse

Events you are Invited to this Year

- The annual clean up and social at the Ya Ha Tinda campground May 24, 2014
- Spring clean up and social at Hummingbird June 7, 2014
- Quad trail ride poker rally Hummingbird July 19, 2014
- Annual trail ride poker rally at Ya Ha Tinda Aug 9, 2014
- Tentative Eagle Lake fishing derby
- AGM and Banquet at Innisfail Legion Auditorium Feb 21 2015

We are asking for your support and to get involved with us looking after the Eastern Slopes. This will help keep our trails and campgrounds sustainable for our children, their children and generations to come. If we don't work together to keep them maintained they may be closed forever. You can find out more about us or contact us for a membership at the following address:

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