

OUR STORY - Ponoka Ag Society 2023

PAS Vision: Doing great deeds to inspire, support, and create vitality in our urban & rural community.

 $\pmb{\mathsf{PAS \; Mission:} \; \mathsf{Use \; our \; resources \; \& \; collaborate \; with \; \mathsf{like-minded \; groups \; to \; gather \; in \; meaningful \; ways.}}$

Event	Month	Participants	Volunteers	Total Hours
AAAS Convention \$ support	February	8	8	2 full days
+ \$ support for Report: Impact	of Ag Societies			
Vintage Gymkhana	February X2	32	4	20 hrs.
with Rimbey		12 spectators		
Ranch Rodeo	February	65 local, Vegreville,	13	200 hrs.
&		Calgary		
Kids Mutton Bustin' & Roping		250 – 300 spectators		
Central AB Team Penning	Mar. & June	416 Adults 58 youth	192	626 hrs.
CATPA		BC, AB, Manitoba	80 Spectators	
5 Evenings of Open Rides with	Feb April	176	3	43 hrs.
Obstacles				
Ponoka Riding & Roping 4 days	Arena \$2,400	160 + kids & adults		
5 Shows with Northern Alberta	Oct. – July	490 Adults	98	2,352 hrs.
Reined Cow Horse	-	15 youth		
Region 3 Meeting in Rimbey	November	6	6	24 hrs.









Gather

Share

Practice

Learn

Compete

Celebrate



Bk. Elk, HS Rodeo, Open Ride



1st Place Ranch Rodeo



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Casino in Red Deer	May 1 & 2	18	18	111 hrs.
High School Rodeo District 2	May 12 – 14	705 Lots of spectators	40	1,200 hrs.
Gardens & Butterflies	May 18 Pick-up	230 gardeners Age 3 to 93	10	60 hrs.
Black Elk Cutting	May & Sept.	175 adults 20 youth Canada & USA	13	771 hrs.
Youth Centre Ag Camp	July	30	2	6 hrs.
Mecca Glen Farm Safety EIEIO Presentation	October	140 students + staff	3	5 hrs.
Ponoka Ag Event Centre Society	12 months	3 reps on the board Classroom TV	5	80 hrs.
4 \$750 Scholarships	September	Lukas Sandin Tegan Poitras Marissa Cunnington Braydon Lubach	1 ****** HUGE	6 hrs. ************************ Arbutus Nursery Battle River Insurance Benchmark Commodities
Community Support – FCSS Cancer Fund, Santa's Anon., Community Xmas	December	\$500 X 3 causes	THANKS to our	Bobtail Nursery Conny's Greenhouse Gov't of Alberta
Seat on the Bus Donation Minor Hockey Jerseys	September Nov. 2023	\$1,600 \$3,500 U 15 Team	2023	Green Acres Seed Potatoes Jones Boys Western Wear
Support to all 5 4-H Club Achievement Day Activity	February	\$ 5,150	SUPPORTERS &	Main Street Hardware Meadowbrook Pet Cremat.
Winter Barrel Series Youth High Point	March	Saddle to Greta Wurtz	VOLUNTELIA	Ponoka FCSS Ponoka Stampede Assoc.
\$20,000 Cash Raffle	July	Winner Albert Edwar of of Athabasca		Rowland Parker Associates UFA & VJV

Impacts of these events/activities:

- 1. Increased activity and income at the Calnash Ag Event Centre making it a community hub.
- 2. Increased economic activity in the Ponoka area: hotels, restaurants, service industries, retail, etc.
- 3. Encouraged like-minded participants to gather, learn, develop, compete and share their passions.
- 4. Provided opportunities for people to come together, watch the skill, competition development.
- 5. Provided financial support to all age groups for are variety of ag & community activities.
- 6. Provided opportunities to learn: farm safety, 4-H, Ag Camp, Gardens & Pollinators, equine events
- 7. Almost 6,000 hours of volunteer time to make things happen!
- 8. Responded to needs in community Handivan, sport, food security, xmas, cancer fund





Ponoka Youth Centre Ag Camp trip to Jungle Farm in Innisfail

Lukas Sandin receives 1 of 4 awards