

Dames on the Range

Rural Women in Business



Calendar of Events

All programs are subject to change – new events may be added throughout the year.

May

Centre Peak High Country Adventures - Trail Rides.

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May 20

Bar U Ranch National Historic Site - Opening Day!

Immerse yourself in ranching history... Free cake and coffee served at the Visitor Center to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Calgary Stampede. Discover the interesting connection between the Bar U Ranch and the first Stampede in 1912.

All Special Events begin at 1:00 pm and are subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling depending on weather conditions. For event information call 403.395.3044

June 8, 9 - The Vintage Chicks Sale

Antiques and collectibles, repurposed vintage finds, art and handmade goods. Priddis Community Hall - Friday 4PM to 8PM Saturday 9AM to 4PM - \$3 at the door. More information at <http://thevintagechicks.blogspot.ca> or <http://wowandthen.blogspot.ca>

June 9

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Join us on the range for a traditional Cattle Drive! \$430.00/person + GST. We have limited the size of the group to a maximum of six people. More details on our website: <http://www.centrepeakhighcountryadventures.com/cattle-drives.html> Contact Dame Kate 403.628.2178 or CPHCA@hotmail.ca to reserve your spot.

June 10

Bar U Ranch National Historic Site

Chuckwagon Cook-Off Roundup Camp cooks were men of ingenuity, adaptability and perseverance. Join us for the Bar U Cook Off and sample our competitor's version of beef stew and biscuits cooked over an open camp fire just like they did 100 years ago.

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July 1

Bar U Ranch National Historic Site - Canada Day

Free admission! Come out for an official flag raising ceremony while touring the ranch and taking part in the family activities. We're having an Old Fashioned Country Celebration!

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July 6, 7, 8

Oxley Ranch Tours - U Cowgirl U Break Away

Break Away from the herd and Ride the Range on the Historic Oxley Ranch. Cowgirls will be enjoying the great outdoors along with a variety of unique activities for you and your horse. Includes a Horsemanship Clinic and Cattle Handling Clinic with Master Horseman, Marty Gardner of Flattop Horsemanship. Cowgirls will use new skills on our final day together for our Round up & Cattle Drive. We will be riding and touring archaeological areas on the ranch, learning about the long line of lady ranchers who have called the Oxley home over the last 100 years. As well as a Range Appreciation Tour combined with the Ranch Obstacle Course to put your new cowgirl skills to the test. Cowgirls will need to rustle up their own breakfast, although coffee & lunch supplies in the store house will be available to help yourself. Evening meals will be provided along with campfires and live western music. Cowgirls are encouraged to arrive the night before to set up camp before our first day of activities.

This Ultimate Cowgirl and Cowpony Campout is \$795.00 a \$200.00 deposit will hold your spot in the U Cowgirl U BreakAway. For more information please contact Jennifer White 1-403-549-2457 or theoxley@xplornet.ca

July 8

Bar U Ranch National Historic Site - Roundup of Memories.

A crackling campfire, cowboy coffee and the chuckwagon by Pekisko Creek. Welcome to Roundup Camp for an afternoon of western entertainment, as local ranchers, historians, poets and musicians honour a way of life. Friends of the Bar U Trail Ride.

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July 14 and 15

Sierra West Cabins and Ranch Vacations - Frontier Cattle Drive

"The Best Little Cattle Drive in the West" Cost - \$350.00+GST/person (your horse) or \$530.00+GST/person (our horse & tack) Saddle up and ride with the Sierra West gang on our 2012 Cattle Drive. This year our trip will take you through some of the most scenic mountain countryside nestled close to the base of the majestic Livingstone Mountain range in southwestern Alberta. Step back into the pages of time and experience a taste of the "Old West" as we ride the open ranges, drive cattle, indulge in down home country cooking and tell yarns and sing songs around the campfire. You will marvel at the breathtaking scenery, serenity of nature and the comradeship of fellow horsemen. We'll create an adventure you'll remember forever - Reserve Your Saddle Today! Contact Dame Ginny 403.628.2431 or info@sierrawestcabins.com

August 3, 4, 5

Oxley Ranch Tours

Experience the Historic Oxley Ranch Learn about its long line of Lady Ranchers and their undying love for The Freedom of the Open Range. Camp at Ranch Headquarters.

- Climbing hills, crossing creeks
- Test yourself and your horses communication skills on the ranch obstacle course
- Ride through the Range Cattle the true Matriarchs of the ranch.
- Tour Archaeological areas on the ranch.
- Enjoy a dip in the creek
- Live entertainment around the campfire.
- Connect with your Animal Spirit Guides.
- Special Guest Julie Walker of Full Circle Adventures will be leading the group on a Good Medicine Workshop focusing our awareness on a Nature Walk to gain ancient knowledge of Mother Nature's unbridled gifts that surround us in the Native grasslands of the Foothills.

Due to the intimate nature of this package space is limited, ensuring that everyone will get the personal time needed to experience and enjoy this extended weekend. The ranch has 2 only campers available so ideally guests will bring their own campers. For more information please contact Jennifer White 1-403-549-2457 or theoxley@xplornet.ca

August 4

Bar U Ranch National Historic Site – Friends of the Bar U Trail Ride.

Support the Friends of the Bar U Historic Ranch Association on their annual day ride into original Bar U grazing lands. Everyone welcome. Ride your own horse or take a seat on a horse-drawn wagon. Call 403.395.3330 for information.

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August 12

Bar U Ranch National Historic Site – Old Time Ranch Rodeo

Competition demonstrating traditional ranching skills that are still used today on ranches throughout the country. Join us for an exciting afternoon of Broke Horse Racing, Team Sorting, Branding and Doctoring, and Wild Cow Milking, as teams of working cowboys from Alberta ranches compete for silver Bar U belt buckles, and bragging rights!

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August 12, 13, 14 - Skies Alive!

A weekend in the country to view the annual Perseid's Meteor Showers - and a full moon! Join us for an introduction to astronomy (Dame Heidi, Alberta Parks will bring her telescope to describe what we are looking at above), interpretive hikes at all times to enjoy the landscapes in daylight and the long shadows of evening - lots of opportunities to see wildlife and birds. Daytime napping is recommended. Bring your camera or a good book for some quiet time. Schedule commences with an afternoon hike/tour and after dinner, we'll settle in to wait for dark. The following day, after a hearty breakfast, we'll tour or hike another area where we'll have lunch outdoors and return to the buildings for a rest before supper and another late night. Suggestion . . . head for bed early and set your alarm to get up and see the stars – 2am to 4am is the best.

Other activities available – wagon ride, photography, art and entertainment for extra charges.

2 night minimum stay:

\$390/person includes 2 night's accommodation, meals and 'live' entertainment!

3 nights:

\$505/person includes 3 night's accommodations, meals and entertainment.

- Hosts: Alberta Parks, Brown Creek Ranch Vacations, Chimney Rock B&B, Full Circle Adventures, Janet Sippola Western Artist, Joyce Pallister-Bronsch, Oxley Ranch Tours, Sierra West Cabins and Ranch Vacations
- To register: Contact Dame Debbie 403.646.0151 or websterranch@xplornet.ca

August 24, 25, 26 - Oxley Ranch Tours

Camp and 'Ride the Range' on one of Alberta's oldest working cattle ranches. Guests will be introduced to the fine art of Vaquero-Style horsemanship and cattle handling. Master Horseman, Marty Gardener of Flattop Horsemanship will be leading our group in the horsemanship and cattle handling clinics.

Riders can expect to spend plenty of time in the saddle, progressing daily, enjoying and developing new horsemanship skills with other horsemen and horsewomen. We encourage guests to arrive the night before to set up camp and settle in before our first day of activities.

3 day adventure for you and your horse \$795.00

- Day 1 Horsemanship Clinic focusing on foundation horsemanship skills. After lunch, try out the ranch obstacle course and go for an open range appreciation tour.
- Day 2 Start early with a short ride then begins our Cattle Handling Clinic.
- Day 3 Another day in the saddle, Round Up and Cattle Drive. Enjoy your lunch out on the range.

Guests need to wrangle their own breakfast. Coffee and lunch supplies will be available for bag lunches, all evening meals will be provided. Evening entertainment includes star gazing, coyote howling & live western music around the campfire! For more information please contact Jennifer White 1-403-549-2457 or theoxley@xplornet.ca

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September 8 - The Fall Landscape

As the landscape enters its season of rest, watch for wildlife migrations while birds prepare for their trips all framed by changing colours. Guided hike and meals included. \$145/person

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September 9

Bar U Ranch National Historic Site - Chore Horse Competition.

A glimpse back in time to when horsepower was used for everything from delivering milk and hauling fire wagons to constructing roads. Watch as today's teamsters guide their heavy horse teams through a timed course of skill-testing manoeuvres.

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