



SEVENTH ANNUAL PROVINCIAL EQUINE LEADERS' FORUM

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4-H leaders appreciate the opportunity to get together and visit. So, when you get a bunch of leaders together that have a project in common it seems as though this is even truer. This was evident from the noise level in the lodge of the 4-H Centre the weekend of February 10 – 12.

Over 100 4-H leaders from across Alberta came together for the 7th Annual Provincial Equine Leaders' Forum, a biannual event hosted by the Provincial 4-H Equine Advisory Committee and the 4-H Branch.

The weekend line-up included a variety of speakers and sessions that informed leaders about the 4-H Horsemanship levels, parasites, biosecurity, ranch roping, equine chiropractors, record books, nutrition and saddle fitting to name a few. On Saturday evening Brad Andres of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development spoke about being prepared for an emergency situation and the importance of having a plan for animals and people if you are faced with an emergency such as a fire or flood. His presentation certainly gave people something to think about.

After all the sessions were complete and the leaders had soaked up as much information as possible, Corine Verbeek along with other members of PEAC provided some fun and games for the leaders to participate in. It was no surprise a couple of rousing games of spoons followed.

At the end of the weekend, leaders headed home refreshed and with an abundance of knowledge and ideas to share with their clubs, despite the jam packed weekend.

Thanks to our Presenting Partner – UFA Co-operative Limited for their support of this event. Not only was UFA the Presenting Partner, they also donated tickets to the Scotties Curling

There was no shortage of learning opportunities at PELF

Tournament in Red Deer to the Silent Auction. Partner Supporters of PELF are Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Growing Forward, Government of Alberta, Kubota Canada Ltd., Lakeland College, Lammle's Western Wear and Tack and Servus Credit Union. PELF is hosted by the Alberta 4-H Centre. ❀



Clinicians Wes and Terry Kopas give informative ranch roping session