



Provincial Equine Leaders' Forum (PELF)

The Alberta 4-H Centre and Lakedell Centre were hosts to the 5th Biannual Provincial Equine Leaders' Forum (PELF) from February 22 – 24, 2008. 4-H leaders from across Alberta were joined by leaders from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, the Yukon and Montana to learn about various equine activities.

The conference, planned by members of the Provincial Equine Advisory Committee (PEAC), began Friday with a presentation by Jeff Goodwin, Head of the Colorado 4-H program on horses, kids and ethics. This session provided leaders with lots of food for thought and also lots of laughs. In addition, delegates were given a sneak peek of the upcoming 4-H video. Muffy Knox discussed the video, how it might be used by 4-H clubs as well as reviewing Level 1 – 3 assessments.

Saturday and Sunday consisted of a variety of select a session topics ranging from games to aid in teaching horse theory to bits and biting to equine photography and nutrition.

The weekend's activities concluded with another presentation by Jeff Goodwin, this time focusing on Commandments for 4-H Leaders which once again involved lots of laughter along with a great message for 4-H leaders.

"It is through the work of the Provincial Equine Advisory Committee that we are able to offer a program for 4-H Equine Leaders which provides training in such a great variety of topics," commented Janet Kerr, 4-H Specialist. *"I know that the leaders who attended PELF will return to their clubs with new ideas and renewed enthusiasm for the 4-H Equine program."*

Sponsors of this event were: [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada](#), [Alberta Motor Association](#), [Apache Canada](#), [Farm Credit Canada](#), [Intervet](#), [Ketchum's](#), [Lammle's Western Wear](#), [NetKaster](#), [Olds College](#), [Peavey Mart](#), and [UFA Cooperative Ltd.](#)

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