



**Queens' Alumni  
Committee**

**2026 Calgary Stampede Queens' Alumni Visiting Royalty  
Itinerary**

*\*Please note this itinerary is subject to change\**

**Thursday, July 2 – Arrival and Royalty Committee Welcome Reception (5–8 p.m.)**

**Meal(s) included:** Light dinner.

The Calgary Stampede Royalty Committee invites all Visiting Royalty to attend the Welcome Reception in the Heritage Room at Hotel Blackfoot, from 5–8 p.m. A light supper will be provided.

- Open to all Visiting Royalty whether you meet the criteria for the Calgary Stampede Queen's Alumni program or not.
- Accreditation provided for those who applied.
- Meet the 2026 Calgary Stampede Princess and the 2026 Calgary Stampede First Nations Princess.
- Opportunity to ask last-minute questions about the Calgary Stampede Parade.
- Please prepare a short speech about yourself and the organization you represent.
- Dress Code: semi-formal/formal
- **Please RSVP by June 1, 2026, to [visitingroyalty@calgarystampede.com](mailto:visitingroyalty@calgarystampede.com).**
- Chaperones are provided by the Queens' Alumni.

**Friday, July 3 – Parade Day (6 a.m. – noon)**

**Meal(s) included:** Breakfast is only provided to the Visiting Royalty in the VIP seating section.

**Please read the following carefully!!**

You have 3 options:

1. Ride a rental horse
2. Ride your own horse
3. Watch the Parade from the Queens' Alumni-hosted VIP seating

If you choose to ride:

Whether you ride your own horse or a rental, you must apply to ride in the Parade through the Calgary Stampede Parade Committee, no later than June 1, 2026, by emailing [julie.lemire@shaw.ca](mailto:julie.lemire@shaw.ca).

**\*\*\* Please note: The Calgary Stampede Queens' Alumni has no responsibility or say over who rides in the Parade. Please direct all questions to Julie Lemire of the Calgary Stampede Parade Committee. No last-minute changes can be accommodated after June 1, 2026.**

Parade entries are available to ALL Visiting Royalty for the 2026 Parade, regardless of whether they are involved in the Calgary Stampede Queens' Alumni Visiting Royalty program.

**1. Horse rental**

- provided by John Scott Motion Picture Animals  
contact: [info@johnscottproductions.com](mailto:info@johnscottproductions.com)  
\$500.00 CAD + GST or \$ 450.00 USD *Payment due upon booking!!!*  
Book no later than June 1, 2026 (limited supply)
- Pick up from host hotel to rental horse is provided.
- You must fill out Parade Application (Insurance required). This application is found on the Calgary Stampede website.

**2. Ride your own horse**

- Must find your own way to horse from host hotel (direct pick-up or Uber). Please note there is NO parking in downtown Calgary during the Parade.
- You must fill out the Parade Application (Insurance required). This application is found on the Calgary Stampede website.

**3. Watch from the Queens' Alumni-hosted VIP seating**

- There is no cost to watch from the VIP seating. Round-trip transportation is provided from the Host Hotel to the Parade seats. Breakfast and Chaperones provided.

\*\* Following the Parade, all Visiting Royalty will have a free afternoon and evening to explore Calgary and/or Stampede Park.

**Saturday, July 4 – Tour of Downtown Calgary & Rodeo Day (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

**Meal(s) included:** Breakfast and lunch.

This day includes round-trip transportation from the Host Hotel to the events. The day will consist of traditional pancake breakfasts, dancing, mingling, lunch, multiple stage introductions and of course the Calgary Stampede Rodeo.

\*\* Free evening!!

**Sunday, July 5 – Elbow River Camp Tour, the Calgary Stampede Evening Show and Fireworks! (10 a.m. to end of show/ approx. midnight)**

**Meal(s) included:** Light lunch/snack and dinner. Please have a good breakfast before you leave the hotel

This day includes round-trip transportation from the Host Hotel to events. The day will start in the Elbow River Camp and finish at the Calgary Stampede Evening Show, with many stops along the way. The Rangeland Derby presented by Play Alberta, Indigenous Relay

Races presented by ENMAX, and the Grandstand Show presented by Freedom Mobile, will keep you cheering all night long, only to finish with the most spectacular fireworks display. Please be prepared for a late evening!

**Monday, July 6 – Giddy Up Grits (7 a.m. – Noon) – Optional, but encouraged**

**Meal(s) included:** Breakfast.

Giddy Up Grits is the Stampede Queens' Alumni's signature Stampede event for children in our community with developmental disabilities and their families. The event features a variety of family-friendly activities, including musicians, face painters, balloon artists and Stampede mascots. Attendees also have the exclusive opportunity to interact with farm animals and enjoy North American Midway Entertainment's Great FUNtier and select Midway rides. This all takes place before Stampede Park opens to the public, and we are proud to have hosted this event since 1979.

This day includes round-trip transportation from the Host Hotel to the event.

RSVP to Courtney (2019 Stampede Princess) no later than June 15 to confirm your attendance: [cdinnre@gmail.com](mailto:cdinnre@gmail.com)