

Canadian National Festival 2024
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Festival Report
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To All,

The Festival 2024 committee meets on a monthly basis in preparation for next year's event. All the committee's are working hard in their own departments with the main thrust is now upon us with less than 1 year to go.

Current registration numbers are now growing almost daily. The last I looked there were 139 registered. There are many leaders from across Canada and abroad already registered totalling (36) including callers, round dance instructors and clogging instructors. There are plans on having a room for the Cloggers but this will depend on if we get enough dancers and instructors (currently we have 4 instructors).

With the added requirements we needed to book 3 more meeting rooms at the Glenmore Inn (Operations, Panel/meetings, Storage rooms.).

There is discussion with the committee to make plans on various fundraising initiatives. We do not qualify for several possible grants but there are still a couple that we looking at applying for.

There are currently 2 exhibition groups that will be attending and entertaining the Festival dancers. The exhibition groups are from Colorado and California. Plans are being made for a Barn Dance on Friday evening following the evening dancing.

Plans are being made with a tour company to provide a city tour and possibly a tour to Banff between the Calgary Stampede and the Festival. (Details TBA)

There are a number of additions that will be added to the website in the near future.

A solo meet and greet meal (paid for by the individuals attending this event) is planned on Wednesday at the Glenmore Inn.

Do you want to save some money?

The early bird registration fee will end in September so I urge everyone to get the word out and register early to take advantage of this discount. Also, promote if anyone is planning on attending Calgary early to see the Stampede to book your room very early because the city fills up very fast for Stampede. We are lucky the Glenmore Inn has reserved a bunch of rooms for us at a discount before and after the Festival. It is recommended if you want tickets and a good seat to the Rodeo and/or the Grandstand show they go on sale 8 months before the Stampede.

As you can see there are lots in the planning yet to be done but we have a great hard working committee and they are up to the task.

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