



Hello!

As you know, registration opens December 8th @ 10 am MST. We have had a few questions that I'd like to clarify before sharing more fun facts on the Stampede.

Fees

RV Rig + 1 Adult \$700 USD

Extra adults \$300 each USD

This means that two people coming in one trailer/RV unit will pay \$1000 USD total.

What does the fee include?

Day 1 - BBQ welcome supper

Day 2 - Pancake breakfast

Day 3* - Stampede VIP Experience for the day, with entrance to Stampede, reserved seating (in the good seats!), and western themed catered lunch at Stampede. More details on the day to come!

Day 4* - Stampede Evening Performance with entrance to Stampede for the day and reserved seating.

Day 5 - Private train tour leaving from Aspen Crossing

*All transportation is included using luxury motorcoach

Will you be a first timer to the Stampede?

[Here are a few tips for first timers](#)

One great thing is by being part of the Stampede rally, a lot of the logistics are already sorted, such as tickets to shows, parking and transportation!

[The Modern Traveller also has some great tips](#)



Stampede Fun Facts, Let's Talk Animals!

The Stampede website has a [whole page](#) dedicated to FAQs about animals. Here's a few of the questions from the page and some I thought were really interesting.

How many animals participate in the Stampede?

Approximately 7,500 animals take part in the annual Calgary Stampede, from horses, cattle, and sheep to pigs, donkeys, goats and poultry. Most don't spend the entire time at Stampede. Their owners and caregivers move them in and out, with some staying just a few hours.

What kind of vet care is there for the animals?

A large team of veterinarians are on site 24 hours a day throughout the Calgary Stampede should an owner require care for their animal. In addition, observational veterinary inspections take place and veterinarians are present at competitions and circulate throughout the barns and exhibition spaces. Animal owners can also bring in their own veterinarians if they wish and students from the University of Calgary's School of Veterinary medicine study animal behavior throughout the Stampede.

Are all rodeo animals trained?

Rodeo animals are high-performance athletes. The bucking horses and bulls have been bred and raised to participate in the sport of rodeo at the Stampede Ranch, and receive rodeo specific training. The timed event animals are also experienced in the sport, and have been introduced to the arena to ensure they are familiar and comfortable with their surroundings. The horses ridden in Barrel Racing, Steer Wrestling and Tie-Down Roping are highly trained athletes in their own right, and travel with their owners, the competitors, from rodeo to rodeo.

Where do the animals come from?

The [Stampede Ranch](#), sitting on over 23,000 acres of open grassland, has been home to the Calgary Stampede's world renowned *Born to Buck* breeding program and stock contracting business since 1961. The program was created when the Stampede identified the need for highly skilled equine athletes that could match the talents of the competing cowboys. Today, the Calgary Stampede is recognized as the only rodeo that runs its own stock contracting business, and Stampede bucking horses are recognized as some of the best, high scoring, and most consistent in the rodeo industry.

For other events, the competitors bring their own horses. When not on the rodeo circuit, these horses can be found with their riders on family ranches working cattle or enjoying vacation "in the back 40".



Have a Great Week and Remember to Tell Your Friends About the Rally!

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