

4-H Alberta Day Detailed Schedule

Time	Location	Description
8:00 am to 8:30 am	Ballroom 106	Check In, Refreshments, Bench Show Entry Drop Off
8:30 am to 8:50 am	Ballroom 106	Welcome & Opening Comments - MC: Ava Diogenes Remarks from Tracy Gardner, CEO, 4-H Alberta Remarks from Sponsor Group Photo
9:00 am to 9:50 am	Halls ABC- Way Finder 1 - outside 106	Breakout Session 1A Behind the Scenes: Farmfair International Barn Tour
	Hall B Sales Ring- Way Finder 2 – outside 106	Breakout Session 1B Project Spotlight: Novice Beef Fitting Clinic <i>Farmfair International Team</i>
	Ballroom 106	Breakout Session 1C Ag Careers: How Major Events Come to Life <i>Explore Edmonton Team Panel:</i> <i>Nikki Lewandowski, Tegan Thompson, & Kalyn Van Horne</i>
	Room 108	Breakout Session 1D Project Spotlight: STEM: Models Rockets 101 <i>John Chin, Edmonton Model Rocketry Club</i>
	Room 108A	Breakout Session 1E Head, Heart & Health: Self Defence for Youth <i>TalonPoint Defence</i>
	Room 109 Hall B Sales Ring Hall F	Judging Competition: Consumer Classes & Oral Reasons Judging Competition: Livestock Classes Judging Competition: Other Animal Classes
10:00 am to 10:50 am	Halls ABC- Way Finder 1- outside 106	Breakout Session 2A Behind the Scenes: Farmfair International Barn Tour
	Hall B Sales Ring- Way Finder 2- outside 106	Breakout Session 2B Project Spotlight: Advanced Beef Fitting Clinic <i>Farmfair International Team</i>
	Ballroom 106	Breakout Session 2C Ag Careers: International <i>Paytten Sellick, A-Way to Work</i>
	Hall E Demo Ring- Way Finder 3- outside 106	Breakout Session 2D Project Spotlight: STEM: Robot Rodeo <i>Edmonton Public Library</i>
	Room 108A	Breakout Session 2E Head, Heart, & Health: Self Defence for Youth <i>TalonPoint Defence</i>
	Room 109 Hall B Sales Ring	Judging Competition: Consumer Classes & Oral Reasons Judging Competition: Livestock Classes

	Hall F	Judging Competition: Other Animal Classes
11:00 am to 11:50 am	Garden Court-Way Finder 1-outside 106	Breakout Session 3A Head, Heart & Health: Let's Tango Casa Tango
	Hall E Demo Ring-Way Finder 2-outside 106	Breakout Session 3B Project Spotlight: Canine <i>Stacey Talbot, Ned's Wish</i>
	Ballroom 106	Breakout Session 3C Ag Careers: International B.E.E.F International Panel
	Room 108	Breakout Session 3D Head, Heart, & Health: Mental Health Resources for Youth <i>Kids Help Phone</i>
	Room 108A	Breakout Session 3E Ag Careers: Scholarships & University Admissions <i>University of Alberta</i>
	Room 109 Hall B Sales Ring Hall F	Judging Competition: Consumer Classes & Oral Reasons Judging Competition: Livestock Classes Judging Competition: Other Animal Classes (Goats)
12:00 pm to 1:50 pm	Ballroom 106	Lunch Keynote Speaker: Brett Gardiner
2:00 pm to 2:50 pm	Edmonton EXPO Centre	Scavenger Hunt
	Room 109 Hall B Sales Ring Hall F	Judging Competition: Consumer Classes & Oral Reasons Judging Competition: Livestock Classes Judging Competition: Other Animal Classes
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Ballroom 106	Evaluations, Refreshments, Prizes, Closing Comments MC: Ave Diogenes

Breakout Session Descriptions

9:00 AM Sessions

Breakout Session 1A: Behind the Scenes: Farmfair International Barn Tour

TBD

This tour is perfect for anyone seeking an insider's perspective on a large-scale livestock show like Farmfair. Meet industry producers and gain valuable insights into the purebred beef sector from a real expert.

Breakout Session 1B: Project Spotlight: Novice Beef Fitting Clinic

Farmfair International Team

This clinic provides participants with essential techniques for proper handling, use of fitting tools, and achieving optimal presentation. Attendees gain practical skills and confidence to enhance their showing and grooming capabilities.

This clinic is ideal for Cleaver, Junior, or First Year 4-H Beef Members or any 4-H members in other projects

Breakout Session 1C: Ag Careers: How Major Events Come to Life

Explore Edmonton Community Initiatives & Agriculture Panel:

Nikki Lewandowski, Event Manager, Canadian Finals Rodeo

Tegan Thompson, Manager, Exhibits & Experience

Kalyn Van Horne, Manager, Entertainment & Attractions, KDays

Ever wondered what it's really like to run some of Alberta's biggest events? In this breakout session, event pros will pull back the curtain on their careers behind the Canadian Finals Rodeo, KDays, and Farmfair International. Hear how they got started, the unexpected twists along the way, and what it takes to bring massive events to life. If you're curious about creative careers, love big events, or want a behind-the-scenes look at the action, this session is for you.

Breakout Session 1D: Project Spotlight: STEM: Robot Rodeo

Edmonton Public Library

Edmonton Public Library's bots have bolted and we need your help to wrangle them up! In this one-hour session, you will learn simple block-based coding, navigate tricky obstacles, and herd our Sphero robots safely back to the corral.

This session is ideal for Juniors and Intermediates

Breakout Session 1E: Head, Heart & Health: Self Defence for Youth

Talon Point Defence

A fun introduction to real-world confidence and self-defence. You will learn, move, and build confidence in a safe, supportive environment — while having a blast!

10:00 AM Sessions

Breakout Session 2A: Behind the Scenes: Farmfair International Barn Tour

TBD

This tour is perfect for anyone seeking an insider's perspective on a large-scale livestock show like Farmfair. Meet industry producers, explore post-secondary options, and gain valuable insights into the purebred beef sector from a real expert.

Breakout Session 2B: Project Spotlight: Advanced Beef Fitting Clinic

Farmfair International Team

This clinic provides participants with essential techniques for proper handling, use of fitting tools, and achieving optimal presentation. Attendees gain practical skills and confidence to enhance their showing and grooming capabilities.

This clinic is ideal for Intermediate or Senior 4-H Beef Members

Breakout Session 2C: Ag Careers: International

Paytten Sellick, A-Way To Work

Want to work abroad in agriculture but have no idea where to start? We can help! International Rural Exchange Canada (IREC) is a non-profit organization, recognized by the government of Canada, that runs the A-Way To Work program. Primarily we facilitate opportunities in the agriculture industry but have also branched out into horticulture, viticulture, and the hospitality/culinary sectors. With connections across the globe, we specialize in helping Canadian youth with work permits and finding jobs internationally. Domestically we work with host farms in Canada to welcome individuals wanting to experience Canadian agriculture.

Breakout Session 2D: Project Spotlight: Model Rockets 101

John Chin, Edmonton Model Rocketry Club

Have you watched the recent Artemis mission with astronaut Jeremy Hansen, launch, go around the moon, and return to earth? Are you interested in rocketry and maybe want to learn a bit more? This is your chance. Model Rockets 101 will cover the basics of model rockets, what they are, how they work and fly. This introduction to the hobby will let you build a model rocket, learn terminology, understand how a model flies and returns to the ground, and do this all in a safe manner.

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11:00 AM Sessions

Breakout Session 3A: Head, Heart, & Health: Let's Tango

Casa Tango

Step into the rhythm and energy of Argentina in this lively breakout session introducing participants to the basics of tango. As part of the Farmfair Feature Country program, members will explore the cultural roots of this iconic dance while learning simple steps and movements in a fun, welcoming environment. No experience or partner needed—just bring your energy and get ready to move.

This session is for Intermediates, Seniors, and Leaders only

Breakout Session 3B: Project Spotlight: Canine “Paws of Honour”

Stacey Talbot, Ned's Wish

Step into the world of working dogs with Ned's Wish for an inspiring and educational session that honours Canada's retired police and military canines. This breakout session is perfect for anyone passionate about animal science, canine programs, and service animals. Learn how training, discipline, and dedication shape the lives of these heroic animals.

Breakout Session 3C: Ag Careers: International

B.E.E.F International Panel: Mexico, Australia, Argentina, and United Kingdom

B.E.E.F. International (Battle of Emerging Elite Farmers) is an event that unites young agricultural leaders from around the world for an immersive week of competition, connection, and celebration at Farmfair International. In this breakout session, gain a global perspective on the cattle industry featuring a panel of BEEF International delegates. Hear firsthand about their experiences, challenges, and opportunities in modern beef production, as well as the diverse practices shaping the industry today.

Breakout Session 3D: Head, Heart, and Health: Mental Health Resources for Youth

Kids Help Phone

Join us for an engaging breakout session focused on youth mental health and wellness. A volunteer from Kids Help Phone will share information about the organization's services and programs available to youth, helping to destigmatize conversations around mental health and encourage help-seeking behaviours. Participants will also take part in a guided wellness activity designed to promote relaxation, positivity, and overall well-being, giving youth a chance to pause, connect, and leave feeling refreshed and supported.

Breakout Session 3E: Ag Careers: Scholarships & Admissions

University of Alberta

Join us to explore the University of Alberta's programs, admission requirements, and experiential learning opportunities, and discover how to leverage your 4-H experience to strengthen your scholarship application.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Brett Gardiner

Brett Gardiner is the most awarded western sports announcer in Canadian history and a thirteen-time Canadian Pro Rodeo Announcer of the Year. He has entertained audiences across North America, calling major events like the Canadian Finals Rodeo, Calgary Stampede, and the PBR Canada Cup Series on TSN.

Beyond the microphone, Brett is a passionate advocate for mental health and performance. With a master's degree in counselling psychology and doctoral studies in sports psychology, he works with elite athletes, teams, and organizations. Through his speaking and coaching, Brett shares his personal journey to inspire others to prioritize wellness and reach their full potential.