



## Membership Update – April 2021

Greetings CRE Members!

You have probably heard the news about Big Valley Jamboree being post-poned until 2022. With that news, CRE had to make the difficult decision to lay off two team members. Making these difficult decisions now ensures that CRE is financially viable when we come out of the covid tunnel. In contrast to that unfortunate news, CRE was successful in receiving the Canadian Summer Jobs grant for 3 summer staff. This means that CRE pays \$1/hr of these staff's wages over the summer. We will add two staff in the campground and one in operations to keep the grounds maintained.

The Camrose Drive-In is back in May! Join us for the viewing of Disney's Brave on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30PM. This is a fun movie with a strong mother figure in celebration of Mother's Day. The Drive-In is FREE but we ask that people pre-register as we can only fit so many people in the parking lot. We hope you join us for this fun, safe, community event.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/disneys-brave-cre-camrose-community-drive-in-tickets-150202386381>

The Camrose RV Park is open and we are excited to have guests staying with us and more bookings rolling in! This year at the campground we are selling bags of ice for \$3 and firewood for \$?. You do not need to be staying at the campground to purchase ice or firewood.

Remember that CRE members receive a 20% camp site discount when booking a stay at the Camrose RV Park for 2+ nights! Penny McEachern, our wonderful campground manager, is happy to answer any of your questions through email [reservations@camroservpark.com](mailto:reservations@camroservpark.com) or phone 780-678-2888.

CRE is once again giving out five garden plots for the community and teaching them how to garden. This is the second year of the garden plot program and it has shown successful in engaging community members at CRE. Urban agriculture becomes increasingly important as more people live in cities. As an agriculture society, CRE believes in teaching people how to grow their own food. Once people grow their own food, they engage with farmers more about where more of their food comes from. That is a win for everyone involved.

As you know, the CRE Acreage and Garden Show was not able to kick off in person as originally planned. We created limited speaker stage sessions in place of the event this year. We had speakers from Camrose County, TME Farms, Cherry Grove Florist, and Battle River Landscape Supply and Design! Members will get first access to these sessions so stay tuned for an email with the details. Sessions will be free for the public to view.

Make sure to subscribe to the Camrose Regional Exhibition YouTube channel to never miss out on an episode of the Rural Opportunities Podcast! The latest episode was on Farmzy! Farmzy is an agritourism website that makes it easy for people to book real farm adventures and helps farms share their experience with you. It is farm adventures made easy! Farmzy was founded by Matt and Graham Graff who are farmers right here in Camrose County. Check out the episode here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jWa76J8D0k> The next episode comes out next week with Ken from Battle River Train Excursions!



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Thank you for being a part of the CRE Membership. It feels like it has been another slow year but CRE is still charging forward with positive momentum. Thank you for being a part of making It Happen Here at CRE!