

2024 Conservation Conference Youth and Companion Program Announcement

We are excited to release the Youth and Companion Programs for our conference next year. Our next conference will take place at Medalta in the Historic Clay District of Medicine Hat, and as such, our programming will ensure that youth and companions have an opportunity to participate in some of the unique programs the Medalta has to offer.

Both Youth and Companion Programs will have a short Meet & Greet session on Thursday evening during our tradeshow. Bring your Smartphone (or partner with someone who has one) for the chance to participate in a digital Goose Chase!

Youth Program

The youth will attend this year's keynote address at the conference on Friday morning. Medalta programs they will participate in include a tour of the facility and a hands-on clay workshop. Other offerings include a Field to Fork presentation, learning about some of the AFGA programs in Alberta, building survival kits, and a presentation on bear safety. We will also enjoy an afternoon of swimming at the Holiday Inn Pool.

On both evenings, the youth will attend the Awards and Silent Auction Dinner and the President's Dinner with their parents or guardians.

Companion Program

The Companion program will enjoy a tour of Medalta, a Field to Fork presentation, and a Pottery class on Friday (bring an apron and/or old clothes!). On Saturday, we will participate in a planting workshop with a local greenhouse and participants will also take part in a wine tasting. Companion Program participants will also attend the Conference Banquet on Friday Night and the President's Dinner on Saturday.

The Medicine Hat Chamber of Commerce will provide a downtown map for participants who would like to do a self-guided tour of the downtown during their free time or after the conference concludes.

2024 Conservation Conference: Youth Program Schedule*

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Time	Activity	Location
6:00pm	Registration and tradeshow begin	Medalta
7:00pm	Youth delegates meet & greet	Medalta
9:00pm	Bus to Hotels	

Friday, February 23, 2024

Time	Activity	Location
8:00am	Bus to Medalta	
8:30am	Keynote speaker	Medalta – main room
10:00am	Break	
10:30am	Medalta Tour	Medalta program area
12:00pm	Lunch	Medalta – Kiln
1:00pm	Conservation Leadership	
2:00pm	The 5Cs of Survival	
3:00pm	Field to Fork Presentation	
4:00pm	Sign out to parents: free time	
5:00pm	Bus to Medalta	Youth will attend with conference delegates.
6:00pm	Award Dinner	
9:30-10pm	Bus to Medalta	

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Time	Activity	Location
9:00am	Bus to Medalta	
9:30am	Clay project	Medalta program area
12:00pm	Lunch	Medalta – Turning room
1:00pm	Bear Safety presentation	Medalta – Turning room
2:30pm	Bus to Holiday Inn	
3:00pm	Swimming	Holiday Inn
4:30pm	Sign out to parents: free time	
5:30pm	Bus to Medalta	Youth will attend with conference delegates.
6:00pm	President's Dinner	
9:30-10pm	Bus to Medalta	

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2024 Conservation Conference: Companion Program Schedule*

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Time	Activity	Location
6:00pm	Registration and tradeshow begin	Medalta
7:30pm	Companion delegates meet & greet	Medalta
9:00pm	Bus to Hotels	

Friday, February 23, 2024

Time	Activity	Location
8:30am	Bus to Medalta	
9:00am	Medalta Tour	Medalta program area
10:30am	Break	
11:00am	Field to Fork presentation	Medalta – Kiln
12:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm	Clay Workshop	Medalta program area
4:00pm	Bus to hotel: free time	
5:30pm	Bus to Medalta	
6:00pm	Banquet and Auction	Medalta banquet hall
10:30pm	Bus to Medalta	

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Time	Activity	Location
9:00am	Bus to Medalta	
9:30am	Windmill Garden Centre planting workshop	Medalta – Turning Room
12:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm	Wine Tasting	Medalta program area
3:00pm	Bus to hotel: free time	
5:30pm	Bus to Medalta	
6:00pm	President's Dinner and Awards	Medalta banquet hall
11:00pm	Bus to Medalta	

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