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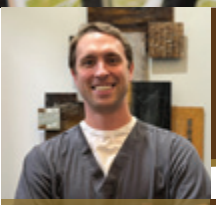
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2026 EVENTS

**WINTER CARNIVAL** — Fun for the whole family! Carnival games, s'mores around the fire, horse-drawn wagon rides. Feb 7

**BIKE PARADE** — Decorate your bike with streamers & balloons & join the group ride to Acadia to kick off Bike Month! May 30

**MOVIE IN THE PARK** — Enjoy a fun family movie under the stars in one of Acadia's greenspaces! Sep 4

**VELVET MIDWAY** — Adult Winter Carnival Gala. Upscale roaming cirque performers, with live music, cocktails, and canapes. Feb 7

**NEIGHBOUR DAY** — Bringing Acadians together to celebrate community at the block party! Jun 20

**SOUTHYEAST BREWFEST** — Live music. Great beer. Local craft breweries serve up their offerings for you to taste! Oct 17

**EASTER EGG HUNT** — Kids can hunt for eggs filled with treats at one of Acadia's many parks Apr 4

**PARADE OF GARAGE SALES** — Shop for unique treasures as the community of Acadia opens shop! Jun 27-28

**KIDS' HOLIDAY PARTY** — Visit with Santa, decorate cookies, make crafts & play games! Dec 5

**COMMUNITY CLEANUP** — Get started on your spring cleaning and get rid of your unwanted items free. May 16

**STAMPEDE BREAKFAST** — Pancake breakfast with live music, line dance lessons and petting zoo! Jul 4

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST** — Light up Acadia this holiday season! Prizes in various categories to be won! Dec

Check out ACADIACA.COM/EVENTS
FOR MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON ALL OUR EVENTS!

As we head into a busy and exciting spring season, May brings new energy to our community with events, opportunities, and continued momentum at the ACA. We're proud to share the progress we're making together and the many ways you can get involved.

**National Volunteer Week - Celebrating Those Who Give Back**

Last month, we proudly celebrated National Volunteer Week by recognizing the incredible individuals who give their time and energy to our community. We were honoured to host a dinner for our 2025 volunteers and their immediate families as a small token of our appreciation.

A special congratulations to Marvin Olson, our 2025 Volunteer of the Year and also newly named Lifetime Member of the ACA. Marvin is a long-standing volunteer who shows up time and time again to support our events, and his dedication to this community runs deep. His decades of consistent commitment and generosity truly embody the spirit of community!

**Easter Egg Hunt - A Community Celebration in April**

Thank you to all the families who came out to celebrate with us at this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Your enthusiasm made it our biggest event yet with record-breaking registrations! We're also incredibly grateful to our amazing community volunteers whose time and energy made the day so special. We can't wait for next year!

**Grassroots Soccer - Thanks to our Sponsors!**

A very special thank you to Little Caesars - Acadia and Oxford Learning Centre - Acadia for their generous support of our Grassroots and Adaptive Soccer programs. Their contributions help us deliver inclusive, high-quality programming for families in and around our community. We encourage our members to support these local businesses, whether grabbing a quick family meal or exploring high-quality educational support for your children! These valued partners make Acadia a stronger and more connected community, and we are so grateful for their involvement.

**Allandale Close Playground Replacement Project - Get Involved**

Fundraising is underway for the Allandale Close Playground replacement, and we're grateful for the strong start, including support from Little Caesars – Acadia's April promotion! Now, we invite our community to keep the momentum going. Every donation, share, and contribution brings us closer to creating a safe, inclusive, and vibrant play space for local families.

Visit acadiaca.com/playgrounds to donate or get involved.

**With Thanks and Appreciation**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Calgary Personal and Community Support Association for their generous $10,000 donation in support of accessibility enhancements in our facility. Their contribution will help ensure our spaces and programs are more inclusive and welcoming for all.

**Upcoming ACA Events and Happenings**

**Community Cleanup - May 16**

Declutter responsibly this spring at the ARC with free garbage and recycling drop-off. We'll also accept donations of books, clothing, toys, and kids' sports equipment.

More info at acadiaca.com/cleanup.

**Bike Parade - May 30**

June is Bike Month, so let's kick it off with a fun, family-friendly event! Decorate your bike, learn safety tips, and enjoy a short group ride around Acadia.

More info at acadiaca.com/bikeparade.

**Neighbour Day Block Party - June 20**

Join us at Allandale Playground for performances, activities, and our mini market. Vendor applications are now open! Email events@acadiaca.com to participate.

More info at acadiaca.com/neighbourday.

**Parade of Garage Sales - June 27 and 28**

Explore the neighbourhood and discover great deals during our community-wide garage sale event, proudly sponsored by Justyna Jakimowicz of Royal LePage Benchmark.

Register or learn more at acadiaca.com/pogs.

**ARC - Your Community Space in Action**

The Acadia Recreation Complex (ARC) is our community building, and we're proud to see it come alive this spring with large tradeshows, markets, and a wide range of activities for all ages. These events not only bring energy into our space but also help support the ongoing sustainability of the ACA. Be sure to check out the What's Up at the ARC poster on page 9 to see what's coming up!

**Make a Difference Where You Live, Work, and Play**

There are many ways to get involved and make a meaningful impact at the ACA - whether through volunteering or joining our team. As we continue strengthening our governance, operations, and programming, we're looking for people who want to help shape the future of our community. From committees and coaching to events and staff roles, every contribution matters.

Visit acadiaca.com/careers, check page 11 for volunteer opportunities, or email volunteer@acadiaca.com to get involved.

**Let's Stay Connected!**

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @acacalgary for the latest updates. And if you haven't already, become a member! Your membership directly supports the programs, events, and spaces that bring our community to life. Join today at acadiaca.com/membership and help shape Acadia's future.

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- oversee membership value, including management of the I ♥ Acadia Business Partnership program
- monitor membership trends and report to the Board
- collaborate with other committees to support organizational goals

**HELPFUL SKILLS:**

- strong interpersonal and relationship-building skills
- leadership or committee experience
- ability to engage members and local businesses
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### VOTE

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### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

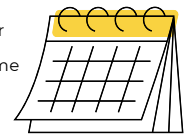
Keep up to date with all the happenings in the community, including new infrastructure developments, planning, traffic, events, programs, townhall meetings, ward news, and City news.

### MEMBERS ONLY PERKS

ACA members get discounts on various local area food and retail outlets. In addition, members get access to the ARC Social Lounge and 15% off room and ice bookings at the ARC for private events!

### FREE EVENTS

Most of our events are free or at a very reduced rate for members. The ACA hosts some great events each year, such as the Winter Carnival, Stampede Breakfast, Neighbour Day, and more!



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Thanks to community support for the Good Food Box Program, individuals and families in Acadia can now purchase boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables at an affordable price – approximately $1 per pound of produce – and have those boxes delivered to the ARC for pick up. Note that the prices for 2026 have increased by $5 for each box.

Due to seasonal availability, the contents of each box cannot be guaranteed. However, all Good Food Boxes contain the maximum amount of produce available to ensure clients get the best value for the price. There are three box sizes to choose from, and the program is available to everyone regardless of income level.

| Box Size | Price | Weight |
|---|---|---|
| Small | $35 | 15 to 20lbs* of fruits and vegetables |
| Medium | $40 | 25 to 30lbs* of fruits and vegetables |
| Large | $45 | 35 to 40lbs* of fruits and vegetables |

**Weights are approximate.*

If you are interested in purchasing a Good Food Box, please complete the contact form online at acadiaca.com/goodfoodbox or email goodfoodbox@acadiaca.com. Once your order is confirmed, payment instructions will be sent to you. Payment must be made within one day of the order deadline. Boxes are available monthly and can be picked up at the Acadia Recreation Complex, 240 - 90 Ave SE. Visit our website acadiaca.com/goodfoodbox for more details.

**Good Food Box Order Deadlines and Pick Up Dates For 2026**

| Order Deadline - Friday | Pick Up Date - Wednesday<br>From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm<br>or 4:00 to 6:00 pm |
|---|---|
| May 1 | May 13 |
| May 29 | June 10 |
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To learn more about these roles and to apply please contact volunteer@acadiaca.com.

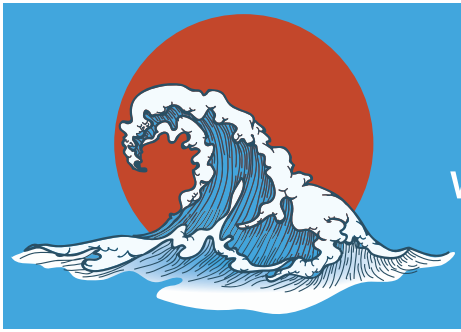
**Membership Committee Chair**
Our membership is the heart of our organization, and we are looking for a motivated individual to lead this important committee. The Membership Committee Chair helps strengthen member engagement, retention, and growth by welcoming new members, supporting a positive member experience, and providing insight and recommendations to the Board on membership trends, structures, and opportunities. This is a great role for someone who enjoys building relationships, thinking strategically, and making a meaningful impact in our community. Please reach out today if you have the ability to take on this very impactful role!

**Volunteer Coordinator**
The Acadia Community Association runs on volunteers, and we are looking for a volunteer coordinator to help keep things running smoothly. We are looking for someone with strong people skills to help recruit and onboard new volunteers, as well as support and manage current volunteers. Key responsibilities would also include the maintenance of volunteer records and coordinating volunteers before and during ACA events. If you are organized, reliable, and have an eye for detail, consider joining us in this integral position!

**Grants Writer**
Grant funding is essential to our ability to deliver inclusive programs, events, and services for our community. We are seeking a volunteer Grants Writer to research and write funding applications that help make this work possible, while also building valuable, transferable skills. This role offers hands-on experience in grant research, persuasive writing, and working with nonprofit leadership - all while directly enabling programs that strengthen connection, belonging, and access in our community. Reach out today to see how you can make a lasting impact on where you live, work and play!

**Event Committee Members**
Our events bring our community together, and we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support our Events Committee. Working alongside our Events Coordinator, Sarah Bruinsma, committee members help plan and deliver beloved annual events such as Winter Carnival, Easter Egg Hunt, Bike Parade, Neighbour Day, Stampede Breakfast, Movie in the Park, Fall Fair, and the Kids' Holiday Party. Whether you can help with one event or several, your involvement plays a key role in creating high-quality, community-centred experiences for our neighbours.

Reach out to events@acadiaca.com if you can help plan and organize one of these events, or if you have any questions on how you can help!



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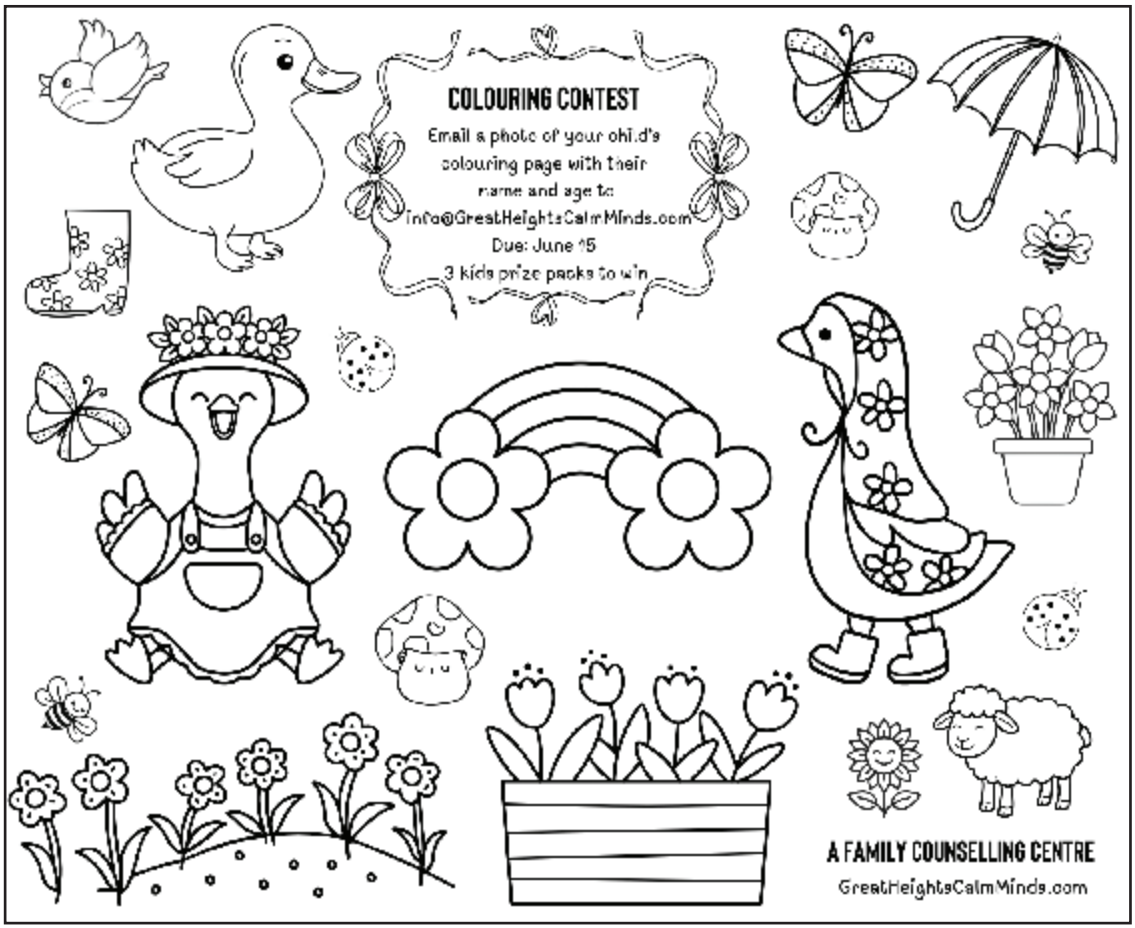

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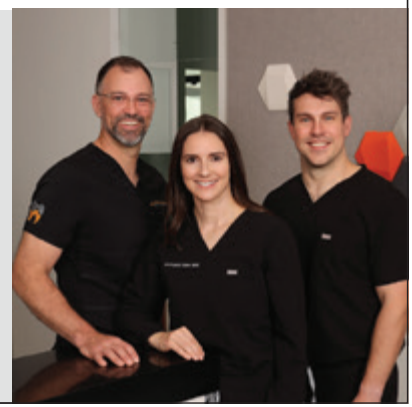

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