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The Canadian Angus Association National Convention is your annual opportunity to get involved with your Association and see what is happening with the Angus breed in Canada. Meet fellow Angus breeders from across Canada and visit the CAA National Headquarters, Angus Central. This weekend event will provide plenty of networking opportunities, informative sessions and fun! Join us in Calgary June 4th – 6th and see what is happening in your Association. Whether it is your first time or you are a regular attendee, there is something for everyone.

Highlights include:

A Kids Program will be available on Friday and Saturday during the day for young children. Supervised activities and play time will allow kids to join in on the fun so parents may attend the sessions and meetings. We are working with a local 4-H club who will provide the supervision on site at Angus Central Friday and at the hotel Saturday.

Cattlemen's Connection Day is the new Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed Day. Join us for a one day gathering for all members of the beef value chain as we look to the future of beef production in Canada and work together to strengthen our industry. The day will include an industry panel and keynote speakers in the morning followed by local tours in the afternoon. Your registration fee includes lunch and a steak BBQ dinner that evening. The day will be hosted by the Canadian Angus Association at our national headquarters, Angus Central.

The Northern Alberta Angus Club Tour is an optional tour on Sunday, June 7th. The bus will depart the Radisson Airport hotel at 8 AM and the first stop will be at the Lacombe Research Station and will include viewing of the historic grounds, purebred herd and some feed and pasture research information, with a light lunch will be provided. The second stop will take you to the hamlet of Hoadley to view Bar Heart, J Heart and Thiessen Red Angus cattle and 4-H displayed Angus influence animals. A vet presentation on parasite control will be available along with sponsor displays. The day will cap off with a steak supper and refreshments. The entire day is complementary; just indicate you would like to join us for the day when you register and reserve your seat on the bus.

Monday's Banff Tour is an optional day trip out to the renowned Banff National Park. The bus will depart from the Radisson Airport hotel at 9 AM on Monday, June 8th and head west for stops at Moraine Lake, Lake Louise, and the town of Banff. First up, Moraine Lake is situated in the Valley of the Ten Peaks; you might recognize its iconic image as the lake featured on the old Canadian twenty dollar bill! Next up, Lake Louise! A Canadian treasure without which no visit to Banff National Park is complete; see the Chateau Lake Louise and the emerald green lake for yourself! There will be a final stop in the town of Banff where you will have time to explore the area and have lunch on your own. Visit the shops of Banff Avenue, explore the Banff Springs Hotel, ride the gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain or just relax and soak in the Banff Upper Hot Springs. Your registration fee includes transportation and your entrance fee into the park. Lunch and any additional activities will be at your own cost.

Thursday Tours- Golf For those interested in spending a relaxing day golfing on a beautiful, rustic course, surrounded by farmland, wildlife and water, Beaver Dam Golf course is just what the doctor ordered. Located in the hamlet of Madden, this course was built by the Walsh family, a pioneer family dating back to 1889. While trying to diversify the family farm almost 25 years ago, Loris, suggested to his sons, Harley and Richie, that they build a golf course in the coulee that couldn't be used for farm land. It was Loris's hope that this golf course could sustain the entire Walsh family on the property, rather than his sons having to find work off farm during the off-season. Now the golf course which has been open since 1991 employs some 25 people, including both brothers Harley & Richie; their spouses, Vivian &

Linda; their oldest sister Deb; along with a new generation, Richie and Linda's daughter, Kendall and her husband John. The course also features a kitchen ran by Harley and Richie's mother, Helen Walsh, whose cooking skills are so appreciated by golfers and neighbours people are always stopping in for coffee on a regular basis. This course may seem a little rustic, but once you get out on the fairways, you will see this is a true gem – not to be missed by any casual or enthusiastic golfers.
<http://www.beaverdamgolf.ca/contact/>

Thursday Tours- Shopping

Pasu Fine Dining Experience & Sheepskin Boutique will attract anyone interested in a unique shopping experience. Located north of Crossfield, this most interesting little shop is situated on a working sheep farm. While at Pasu you will have an opportunity to speak with the owners, wander the yards to see the sheep and beautiful gardens, as well as visiting the gallery boutique filled with some very interesting and unique gift ideas. Before you leave, you will have a chance to enjoy lunch. \$20 will be charged for lunch up front. The lunch options are lamb Shepard's pie, Ham sandwich or Roast Beef sandwich with soup or salad, a beverage and finished off with their famous Saskatoon/apple pie. <http://www.pasu.com/>

Our second stop will be another unique shopping experience, Irvine's Tack & Western Wear. Can you imagine 63,000 square feet of retail space located north of Crossfield, on a horse farm? Well that is where you will spend the afternoon of your shopping experience. No matter what you are looking for: be it tack, jeans, boots, furniture or western toys, you will find it here. Irvine's Tack & Western Wear got its humble beginnings selling saddles out of the shop, and now has turned into a multi-building catch-all location for your western shopping needs. Irvine's has been touted as "Canada's Largest Western Store"; you will have a wonderful time wandering the main store which has hundreds of pairs of jeans, boots and shirts. They have a great selection of giftware, children's clothing, buckles, jewellery, and tack in addition to the western wear; make sure you wander over to the furniture building as well. <http://www.irvines.ca/>