



Alberta Guardian

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to you we were able to support Special Olympics Alberta and local affiliates throughout the Province by providing stable funding for sports programs. In 2018 you helped us continue with our flagship fundraisers such as the Polar Plunge and Free Our Finest while introducing a few new events such as Battle of the Badges and Wine for Winners. With your continued support and hard work we are looking forward to another incredible year! Thank you for all you do for your communities!

IT'S POLAR PLUNGE SEASON

We are thrilled to kick off another Polar Plunge season and Edmonton will be the first plunge this year on January 27th at Lake Summerside. Mr. Lube has jumped on board to offer great incentives again this year with all Plungers receiving flip flops to get to the hole, collector towels for those raising at least \$250 in donations, and a Polar Plunge UnderArmour Undeniable duffle bag for those that raise at least \$750. Our goal this year is to raise \$250,000 across the province so spread the word. Register today at www.alberta.polarplunge.ca

Upcoming Events

We are always looking for volunteers and committee members. Even if you have an hour or two to spare we hope you can come out! Please contact the event lead below if you would like to be part of our upcoming events. Thank you for helping us makes dreams a reality for over 3,300 Athletes across the province.

2019	Event	Location	LETR Lead
Jan. 4 – 6	Harley Raffle Calgary Motorcycle Show	Calgary	Paul Manuel pmanuel@telusplanet.net
Jan. 11 – 13	Harley Raffle Edmonton Motorcycle Show	Edmonton	Cal Kowton ckowton@shaw.ca

January 27, 2019	Polar Plunge	Edmonton	Amanda Trenchard Amanda.Trenchard@edmontonpolice.ca
February 2, 2019	Polar Plunge	Lethbridge	Mathieu Champagne mchampag@taber.ca
Feb. 7 – 10	Harley Raffle Calgary Boat and Sportsman Show	Calgary	To be determined
February 8, 2019	Opening Ceremonies Winter Games/Final Leg	Calgary	Katrina O'Reilly Katrina.OReilly@gov.ab.ca
	Cops, Pops & Pizza	Cross Iron Mills	Sylvain Nicolas sylvain.nicolas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
February 16, 2019	Battle of the Badges	Wetaskiwin	James Jones james.jones@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Feb. 22 – 24	Harley Raffle Calgary World of Wheels	Calgary	Paul Manuel pmanuel@telusplanet.net
February 23, 2019	Polar Plunge	Calgary	Randy Taylor randy.taylor@gov.ab.ca
February 23, 2019	Battle of the Badges	Camrose	Kelly Bauer kbauer@camrose.ca
March 1 – 3	Harley Raffle Medicine Hat Spring Trade Show	Medicine Hat	To be determined
March 7 – 10	Harley Raffle Camrose Home Garden and Farm Show	Camrose	Jim Jones james.jones@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

March 9, 2019	Polar Plunge	Red Deer	Kevin Duval duval@albertaanimalservices.ca
Mar. 14 – 17	Harley Raffle Edmonton Boat and Sportsman Show	Edmonton	Steve Schmidt Steve.SCHMIDT@strathcona.ca
March 16, 2019	Polar Plunge	Medicine Hat	Aaron Brevik aaron.brevik@mhps.ca
Mar. 15 – 17	Harley Raffle Red Deer Home Show	Red Deer	To Be Determined
Mar. 20 – 23	Harley Raffle Lethbridge Home and Garden Show	Lethbridge	Blaine Stodolka stodolka@telus.net Mat Champagne mchampagne@taber.ca
Apr. 12 – 14	Harley Raffle Tri Municipal Trade Show (Stoney Plain/Spruce Grove) \$799 (tentative)	Stoney Plain	To Be Determined
Apr. 12 – 14	Harley Raffle Grande Prairie Home and Garden Show	Grande Prairie	Chris Manuel cmanuel@cityofgp.com
Apr. 26 – 28	Harley Raffle Fort McMurray Spring Show	Ft. McMurray	Craig Beson ccmp1616@gmail.com

Meet one of our great Volunteers!



In this edition of the Alberta Guardian we want to introduce you to Amanda Trenchard. Amanda currently sits on the Provincial LETR Operations Committee as the Edmonton Region Chair Person. She has been in this leadership role for 8 years and is an active contributor on the Committee.

In 2007 Amanda joined the Edmonton Police

Service (EPS) and after working as a patrol constable in a Division for 7 years, she transferred to the Community Policing Section. Having been exposed to the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) while coaching at the 2006 National Summer Games, she contacted the EPS Torch Run coordinator to volunteer with the organization. This was done while volunteering with Special Olympics Edmonton. In 2010 Amanda took over the role as the Edmonton Police Service LETR Coordinator and gained a seat on the LETR Provincial Executive.

As a Torch Run and Special Olympics Volunteer, Amanda has participated in and/or organized numerous fundraising events: Special Olympics Edmonton Bowl-a-thon, Cops and Lobsters volunteer and event lead, Free Our Finest event lead, Torch Runs in provincial track meets, International Conference host night organizer, 2011 Special Olympics Alberta Winter Games Final Leg, Cops and Crepes, Polar Plunge event lead, World Games Final Leg Representative.

Amanda has been a volunteer with Special Olympics (SO) since 1998 starting in Saskatchewan and since 2007 in Alberta. For that entire time she has been a head coach for the indoor and outdoor soccer programs, snowshoeing program, and also coached fitness training and floor hockey.

Amanda is a carded soccer referee and has volunteered in that capacity for Special Olympics at Provincial, National and International Special Olympics Games. In 2007 she was a soccer official at the Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Shanghai China and as well at the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Athens Greece. Amanda is a strong advocate for the athletes she coaches and is a mentor to many.

Amanda is a strong advocate for Special Olympics athletes. She makes sure athletes are engaged in all aspects of LETR. She is a mentor to many athletes, and engages athletes in activities outside of Special Olympics. In November 2018, she is accompanying an Edmonton area athlete to Las Vegas where the two of them will run in the Las Vegas Half Marathon.

Amanda's commitment to Special Olympics also led her to coordinate the 2016 and 2017 "No Good Way" events in the City of Edmonton.

Amanda's efforts in the law enforcement community and the community at large have been recognized with the Alberta LETR Distinguished Service Award, the Beverly McLean Award, named the Kiwanis Edmonton Top Cop 2011 and Special Olympics Edmonton Female Coach of the Year 2010. In 2013 Amanda was honoured with City of Edmonton "Salute to Excellence Citation Award" for Community Service.

In 2017, Amanda was recognized by Special Olympics Alberta with the LETR Outstanding Contribution Award. She does not seek recognition and shys away from the attention when it does occur. Her sole focus are the athletes of Special Olympics. Whether this is as their coach and mentor, or as an integral part of LETR raising the much needed funds. In 2018 Amanda received the John Carion Unsung Hero award at the International Conference in Las Vegas. She truly is an "unsung hero" and we are so grateful to have her on our team.

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