

- Official Club Name: **The Friendship Force of Calgary Region**
- Closest Airport: Calgary International Airport. Ambassadors will be met by their hosts at the airport.
- The maximum number of ambassadors the club can host is 25 (prefer 20).
- About the club: Our club was formed in early 2001, with a relatively small number of members, but very interested in meeting people from different but stable countries and cultures. The club's membership is holding at approximately 50. We have met a lot of good people in both inbound and outbound exchanges; looking forward to more of the same.
- About the region: Calgary is located at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow Rivers in the rolling foothills of the Rocky Mountains in southern Alberta. The population is now just over one million people, and is one of the most rapidly growing cities in Canada, yet we are able to maintain a small town ambiance. Our economy is based on the petroleum industry, electronics and agriculture. Calgary is home to the world famous Calgary Stampede held in July, and to Spruce Meadows, site of several major world equestrian championships each year. Canada Olympic Park showcases some of the venues of the 1988 Winter Olympic Games held in Calgary, and features the Olympic Hall of Fame and Museum. The Park continues to be used year round by athletes from all over the world as a training site as well as world events being held there every year. There are many things to see and do right in the city, and also within a short drive of less than two hours, such as Banff-Lake Louise to the west, and the Royal Tyrell Museum of Paleontology to the east.
- About the exchange: We have an exciting itinerary with a distinctly Western theme planned for our Ambassadors. Depending on the time of year and events taking place during the exchange, visitors will be treated to samples of our Western heritage, watch an international equestrian jumping competition, experience early Prairie history at Heritage Park, enjoy a Western barbecue complete with square dancing, and much more.
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