

PIN Newsletter

Fall 2010 Edition



Everyone (well, at least those of us of a certain vintage!) knows all about the “Three Rs”—reading, ‘riting and ‘rithmetic. The 2011 PIN Conference introduces a new take on the “Three Rs”: think **R**iverboats, **R**odeos, and **R**ockies. Welcome to Alberta!

Plan to attend the 2011 PIN Conference, hosted by the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT, in Edmonton), Olds College (in Olds), and the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT, in Calgary). Our interesting and exciting program contains lots of opportunity to learn from and with your colleagues—and, of course, we’ll show you the very best of our famous Western hospitality.

Program

Given the times in which we find ourselves, with many institutions facing educational and economic challenges, and with students having increased educational choices and opportunities, how can we continue to serve students?

The theme of PIN 2011 is **Innovative Ways to Enhance the Student Experience**. We are contributing to the future citizens of the world. What is our responsibility? How can we enhance our students’ experiences to prepare them for a future that is unknown? The keynote address will inspire us to consider how our organizations help create the future and how we can enhance our students’ experiences as we prepare our students for their journey into this future.

The keynote address sets the stage for the rest of our program, in which we’ll look at innovative ways to enhance the student experience. We’ll talk about everything from applied research opportunities to learning innovations in our buildings to study-abroad initiatives to initiatives for aboriginal learners. We’ll also showcase our facilities, so you can explore first-hand what we’re doing to enhance our students’ experiences.

Social/Cultural Events

To complement our educational program, our social and cultural events will let delegates and companions experience the best of what Alberta has to offer.

In Edmonton... delegates and companions will enjoy our art galleries, conservatories, and museums, take a lunch cruise on one of our Riverboats, and tour our Legislature Building. Companions will also enjoy a trip to West Edmonton Mall (North America's largest shopping and entertainment centre) and take part in cooking lessons at NAIT, offered by NAIT's professional cooking chefs.

In Olds... delegates and companions will be greeted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, take part in a Ranch Rodeo and Cookout, and enjoy dinner and entertainment at the Diamond Buffalo Guest Ranch, in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

In Calgary... delegates and companions will be white-hatted, enjoy a closing dinner at Heritage Park, and have an optional Relax in the Rockies day, where you can spend the day golfing in Kananaskis or sightseeing and shopping in Banff. Companions will also enjoy a day trip to Drumheller (Alberta's answer to the Grand Canyon), make chocolates and braid bread with SAIT's Pastry and Baking Arts chefs, and enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the Calgary Zoo.

Itinerary-at-a-Glance*

Sunday, June 12 (NAIT – Edmonton)

3:00-5:00 Conference Registration and Check-in at Hotel MacDonald
 3:00-5:00 PIN Executive Committee Meeting
 6:15-7:30 Welcome Reception

Monday, June 13 (NAIT – Edmonton)

8:30-9:00 Opening Remarks and Agenda Overview
 9:00-10:15 Keynote session: Enhancing the Student Experience – Jill Shaver
 10:15-12:15 Facilitated Dialogue among Delegates
 12:30-2:00 Lunch – Ernest's Dining Room, NAIT
 2:00-4:00 Institutional Presentations
 6:00-8:30 Tour and Dinner at Art Gallery

Tuesday, June 14 (NAIT – Edmonton)

8:30-11:00 Tour of NAIT and profile of student experiences
 11:30-1:00 Lunch on Riverboat
 1:00-4:00 Tour of Muttart Conservatory, Alberta Museum, and Legislature

Wednesday, June 15 (Olds College – Olds)

8:00-10:00 Travel from Edmonton to Olds
 10:00-11:00 Fine Arts & Multi-Media Centre – welcome and Institutional Presentation
 11:00-11:45 Tour of Community Learning Campus
 11:45-1:00 Rodeo Ranch and Cookout
 1:00-2:30 Tour of Olds College Campus
 2:30-3:00 Tea in the Botanic Gardens

3:00-4:00 Applied Research Demonstrations
 4:30-7:30 Dinner and Entertainment at Diamond Buffalo Ranch
 7:30-8:30 Travel from Olds to Calgary; check-in at Sheraton Eau Claire

Thursday, June 16 (SAIT – Calgary)

8:30-9:15 Welcome breakfast at SAIT
 9:15-10:15 Session: Applied Research – innovative ways to enhance the student experience
 10:45-12:00 Session: Aboriginal Learners – innovative ways to enhance their experience
 12:00-1:30 Lunch and White Hat ceremony – Highwood Dining Room, SAIT
 1:30-2:30 Tour of SAIT
 2:30-4:00 Institutional Presentations

Friday, June 17 (SAIT – Calgary)

8:30-10:15 Session: Health Programs – Paramedic Training and Simulations OR
 Session: Energy Programs – Wellsites and Living Labs
 10:15-12:00 Session: Trades and Technology Complex – Designing Facilities for Our Future Learners
 12:00-1:00 Lunch at SAIT
 1:00-2:15 Session: Innovative Study Abroad Opportunities: Leveraging Institutional Relationships
 2:15-4:00 PIN Business Meeting
 6:00-8:30 Closing dinner at Heritage Park

Saturday, June 18 (SAIT – Calgary)

Optional day: Relax in the Rockies – Golfing in Kananaskis OR Sightseeing and Shopping in Banff

* itinerary subject to change

Cost (in Canadian dollars)

Conference Costs: Delegate Fee \$1,000
 Companion Fee \$ 900

Includes: meals listed in the conference itinerary, ground transportation in Edmonton, Olds and Calgary, social/cultural excursions, and transportation to Kananaskis/Banff

Excludes: hotel accommodation, airfare, airport/hotel transportation, golf green fees for Kananaskis, meals not listed in the conference itinerary

Accommodation and Air Travel

Accommodation:

Delegates/companions to make own reservations. We have obtained special conference rates; reservation information will be posted on the PIN website (www.pinnet.org), as of December 1, 2011. Please note that hotel rates do not include breakfast charges.

Edmonton: **Hotel MacDonald:** \$209 /night for 3 nights (in Canadian dollars)

Check-in: Sunday, June 12, 2011

Check-out: Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Reservation Procedure

Call toll-free at 1-800-441-1414 and identify yourself as visiting NAIT for the PIN Conference (Block code: NAIT0611)

Note: Reservation cut-off date for conference rate is **May 12, 2011**

Website: <http://www.fairmont.com/MacDonald>

Calgary: **Sheraton Suites Calgary Eau Claire:** \$229/night for 3 nights (in Canadian dollars)

Check-in: Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Check-out: Saturday, June 18, 2011 (or Sunday, June 19, 2011, if you are staying for the optional Relax in the Rockies Day)

Reservation Procedure

Call toll-free at 1-888-784-8370 and identify yourself as attending 2011 PIN Conference

Note: Reservation cut-off date for conference rate is **May 24, 2011**

Website: <http://www.sheratonsuites.com>

Air Travel:

Arriving: Edmonton International Airport
(approximately 40 minutes/\$55 Cdn taxi ride to hotel)

Departing: Calgary International Airport
(approximately 35 minutes/\$45 Cdn taxi ride from hotel)

Registration

Registration forms will be posted on the PIN website (www.pinnet.org) on January 15, 2011.