

Pancake Breakfasts

Join us in June at a location near you!

EQUS invites all of our members to join us at our Third Annual Pancake Breakfasts throughout the month of June. Staff will be serving up pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice. EQUS Board of Directors and Area Office Staff will be available at each event to talk and answer any questions members may have.

The free pancake breakfasts will be served at several locations throughout the EQUS Service Area, join us at the location that is most convenient for you:

- Evansburg: June 12, 8 until 10 a.m. at the Evansburg Legion (4823 50 Street)
- Darwell: June 13, 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Darwell School (54229 Highway 765)
- Rimbey: June 18, 8 until 10 a.m. at PasKaPoo Park (5620 51 Street)
- Pine Lake: June 20, 8 until 10 a.m. at Crossroads Ag Park #10 (36366 RR252, Red Deer County)

AT Walk

South Area EQUS members are invited to join us as we sponsor the AT Walk for a Cure and serve a free BBQ lunch to EQUS members and walk participants.

The 2019 AT Walk for a Cure will be happening rain or shine on Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Hilltop Dairy near Fort Macleod. (TWP 94045 HWY 811)

All EQUS members are invited to participate in the walk or just join us for lunch which will be served from noon until 2 p.m.



Be Prepared for Storm Season

Are you prepared for an outage? Weather and storms are a common cause of outages and, while EQUS crews work around the clock to restore power as quickly as possible, major outages can occur, especially during storm season, and it's important to ensure you and your family are prepared.

Outage Preparation Tips:

- Keep your EQUS Area Office phone number written down somewhere so you can easily report your outage.
- Download the MyEQUS app ahead of time. The outage feature provides updated maps and restoration time estimates and allows outage reporting.
- Avoid opening your fridge and freezer unless necessary, they can keep food cold for 24-36 hours if kept closed.
- Never leave lit candles unattended.
- Avoid overloading the system - use the breaker box to turn off major appliances and wait 10-15 minutes after your power is restored to turn them back on.
- Consider keeping an emergency kit ready at home with flashlights, batteries, back-up phone chargers, bottled water and other essentials for your family.



Automated Metering Infrastructure Coming Soon to EQUS!

EQUS has some exciting new technology coming to our meters in 2019 and 2020. As rural Alberta's electricity experts, it's our commitment to our members to provide dependable services and innovative solutions that can help keep rates low over the long-term. After completing a successful pilot project in EQUS' Central Area we have decided to proceed with a full deployment of our unique ultra-rural network of smart meters.



Your meter remotely connects with EQUS, eliminating the need for you to submit meter readings!



Smart Meter measures usage every 15 minutes

Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) is an integrated system of smart meters, secure communication networks and protected data management systems that enable two-way communication between members' meters and EQUS. The smart meters will provide EQUS staff with accurate consumption information that can help better manage demand and, in the event of an outage, EQUS is notified immediately enabling crews to respond faster and reduce outage times. These meters will also eliminate the need for manual meter reads as well as fees for staff meter reads in the Central and North Areas.

AMI technology can often be found in urban centres, where clusters of meters create a strong signal, however EQUS will be the first utility in Alberta and Canada to adapt and deploy this technology with ultra-rural meters that are often separated by significant distances.

The meters and network equipment will be installed by contractors selected through an RFP process and members will receive a notice in their bills prior to any work being done with information about the equipment being installed and a contact for further information.

Schedule of AMI Deployment:

June to September 2019 - Installation of Central Area network equipment

September to December 2019 - Installation of Central Area smart meters

2020 - Installation of North and South Area network equipment and smart meters

For more information about AMI visit our website at: equs.ca/ami



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2019 Scholarship Applications

Con-GRAD-ulations EQUUS students!

Each year, EQUUS proudly supports the development of youth from our membership by offering post-secondary scholarships to four graduating students. Our scholarship program recognizes the academic accomplishments of the children of our member-owners and provides \$1,500 to assist in their post-secondary endeavors.

The four scholarships are awarded to the two top female applicants and the two top male applicants and are based on a combination of their academic and non-academic accomplishments, volunteerism, community involvement and personal pursuits. The recipients are chosen by a member committee that reviews the applications and all supporting materials submitted.

To be eligible to receive a scholarship applicants must be recent high school graduates planning to enroll in the first year of a full-time post-secondary program that is at least two years long. They must also be residents of Alberta and have a parent or legal guardian who is an EQUUS member.

Find out more about EQUUS scholarships and get an application form online at: equus.ca/community/scholarships.

The deadline to apply for 2019 scholarships is August 1, 2019.



2018 EQUUS Scholarship recipients
Dawson Pahl and Nicole Armstrong

Operation Round Up(dates)

Congratulations to the recipients of the first round of 2019 Operation Round Up funding:

- **Sundre Municipal Library** - Funds to purchase two Daisy Readers for the visually impaired.
- **Cremona School Enhancement Society** - Funding towards construction of a basketball court at Cremona School.
- **Kcs Association** - Seeds of Literacy project.
- **1st Sylvan Lake Scouts** - Funds to purchase storage of seasonal and camping equipment.
- **Aspire Special Needs Resource Centre** - Funds to purchase car seats for Rural Transportation Program.
- **Innisfail Seniors Drop-in Society** - Funds towards purchasing new kitchen appliances.
- **Hays Arts & Crafts Society** - Development of Hays Museum.
- **Relay Education** - Funds for materials to deliver Kids World of Energy classroom program.
- **Camp He Ho Ha** - Funding to purchase privacy screens for campers.



The next application deadline is June 30. Programs that benefit youth and seniors in EQUUS' Service Area could be eligible to receive up to \$5,000.

**For more information visit:
equus.ca/community/operation-round-up**

REMINDER: EQUUS GOLF TOURNAMENT



Join us at the 13th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

JULY 17, 2019, INNISFAIL GOLF CLUB

There's still time to register! EQUUS invites you to join us for the 13th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, benefitting mental health initiatives in our Service Area.

Enjoy nine holes of golf, a steak lunch, team prizes and the opportunity to socialize for a worthwhile cause. Be sure to register early as spots are limited, the 2018 tournament was sold out early!

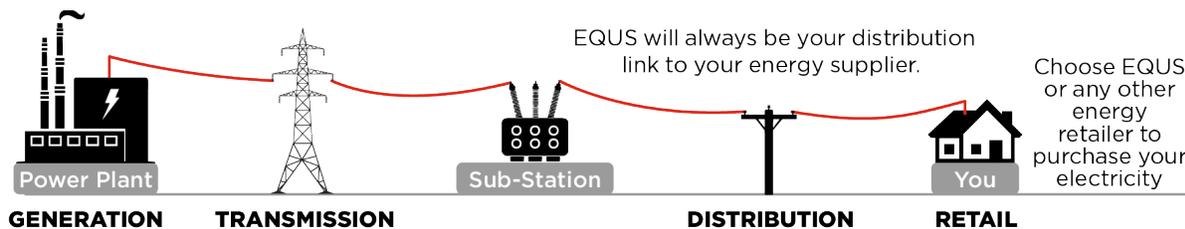
To register or for information on sponsorship opportunities contact Megan Hanson, Event Specialist at 403.506.5736 or email mhanson@equus.ca

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



EQUUS is proud to welcome Altec Industries Ltd. as our returning tournament title sponsor for 2019.

The EQUUS Annual Charity Golf Tournament has a variety of other sponsorships opportunities for you and your business to get involved and help support mental health initiatives in our Service Area.



All members are free to purchase electricity services through EQUUS' regulated rate tariff or from a retailer of their choice. The delivery of electricity to you is not affected by your choice. If you change who you purchase electricity services from, you will continue receiving electricity from EQUUS. For a current list of retailers you may choose from, visit www.ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310.4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Power  Out?

To report a power outage in your area, or for other services such as construction or vegetation management, please call your local Area Office.

Main Office
1.888.211.4011

North Area Office
1.888.627.4011

Central Area Office
1.877.527.4011

South Area Office
1.888.565.5445

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