

# 2026

# RV LEARNING WEEKEND SCHEDULE



RVDA of ALBERTA

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MAY 22-24

Ol' MacDonald's Resort



### Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>



## 8:30AM – 10:00AM

### Your Poo & You (Water Systems)

Corner 1

Stephen Hockridge, SAIT RV Tech Instructor

Eww, gross! Let's learn how to properly handle the dirty side of camping. Sewer system issues can lead to expensive headaches, but a few simple tips can help you avoid costly repairs. We'll also cover fresh and gray water systems so you can keep everything flowing smoothly. After this session, you'll be feeling spring fresh!

### Getting There & How to Park Your RV

Corner 2

Robin Bunker

This session will cover pre-travel checklists & tips, hitching up, arriving at the campsite, parking the RV, & getting set up.

### Beyond the Burgers: Easy Camping Meals and Tips

Corner 4

Audrey Lambert

Struggling with food storage in your RV kitchen? Having a hard time imagining how to prepare meals while on the road? Trying to camp more and stress less about meals? Then we have a seminar to help you out! We have 50+ years of RV experience and we've designed "Beyond The Burgers" to offer you some tricks to make your camping meals a success. Learn how to strategically maneuver meals in your smaller space. Includes tips for prep, storage and cooking meals along with a few tasty, tested and true recipes from our RV kitchen to yours.

## 10:30AM – 12:00PM

### Ask a Certified RV Tech: Beginner

Corner 1

Warren Thunstrom & Ron Goerzen, SAIT RV Tech Instructors

Certified RV Technicians have a wealth of knowledge about all types of RVs, and this seminar is designed for new RVers. If you're preparing for one of your first trips, this is your chance to get expert advice! Learn the basics, from leveling your unit to understanding plumbing and electrical systems, and get your questions answered by a Certified RV Technician.

### Leveling 101: A Semi-Comprehensive Guide to RV Leveling and Set Up

Corner 2

Mark Selanders, R&D Lead, RV SnapPad

RV SnapPads are the world's only permanent jack pads—no more placing, retrieving, or storing plastic or wood blocks for leveling! Join thousands of RVers who have made leveling their RV faster, easier, and more convenient.

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### Propane 101: Cylinders & Systems **Corner 4** David Westercamp, Westys Coaches

The Propane System is one of the most versatile utilities in your RV. It not only provides you with heat, but can cool your refrigerator, cook your food, give you light and can even make electricity. Get ready to discuss propane safety, cylinders and systems in your rig. We will look at why propane is the primary fuel choice in the RV industry, the types of cylinders used to store and transport it, and the built-in safety systems of the cylinders and your rig. While RV appliances are beyond the scope of this presentation, we will discuss troubleshooting your propane system, what steps you can take to fix minor issues, and when it's time to seek help from your RV Tech or Certified Propane Inspector.

1:00PM – 2:30PM

### Ask a Certified RV Tech: Advanced **Corner 1**

Warren Thunstrom & Ron Goerzen, SAIT RV Tech Instructors

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### Your RV Wishlist: Upgrades, Accesories, & Improvements **Corner 2** Robin Bunker

Keep your RV in top shape for the travel season! This session covers essential maintenance, including proper use of water and sewer systems, appliances, propane systems, exterior sealants and seals, running gear, tires, and more. Learn how to prevent issues and ensure a smooth, trouble-free RVing experience.

### Fall and Winter Maintenance **Corner 4** Andrew Marquis, SAIT RV Technician Instructors

After a great summer of camping, fall is approaching, and it's time to prepare your RV for the off-season. This session will walk you through winterizing your plumbing lines, protecting the exterior, and key preventative maintenance tips to keep your RV in top shape for next season.

3:00PM – 4:00PM

### Buying Your RV **Corner 1** Stephen Hockridge, SAIT RV Technician Instructor

Make an informed RV purchase with expert guidance! This session will highlight key factors to check when buying a new or used RV, including often-overlooked component expiry dates. We'll also discuss matching your tow vehicle to your RV, considering family size, towing capacity, and camping style. Plus, explore the pros and cons of new vs. used RVs to find the best fit for your adventures!

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## If I Only Knew – A Ladies Only Session **Corner 2** Robin Bunker

Ladies, do you ever feel overlooked or hesitant to ask questions in mixed company? As a former SAIT instructor with extensive experience working with both men and women, Robin is here to support you. This session is designed for women who RV alone, with other women, or with a partner. Robin will answer any questions you have about understanding and operating your RV—whether it's a camper, trailer, fifth wheel, or motorhome. From electrical and plumbing to the finer points of operating your RV, no question is too small. LADIES, THIS SESSION IS FOR YOU!

## Solar Systems 101 **Corner 4** David Westercamp, Go-Power

Go-Power is a Canadian electrical company specializing in the RV market. During this course you will gain hands on knowledge on different types of solar panels and examples on how they're correctly installed. You'll be shown what parts you need to build your off-grid system and how to calculate what size panels meet your needs.



9:00AM – 10:30AM

## Appliance Maintenance **Corner 1** Andrew Marquis, SAIT RV Technician Instructors

How are RV appliances different from those in your home? Is there a filter to change on your furnace? What's an anode rod, and why is it essential for your water heater? Why does your water stink? Get answers to these questions and more in this session on RV appliance basics. Learn the best practices for using and maintaining your RV appliances to maximize their lifespan and ensure the best possible experience on the road.

## Gentle Chair Yoga **Meet at Corner 3** Sandra Haracsi

Relax, stretch, and recharge with Gentle Chair Yoga! Join Sandra, a certified yoga instructor, for a welcoming and accessible session designed for all levels. Bring your own lawn chair and enjoy a calming experience outdoors.

## Proper Care & Feeding of Your Slides & Awnings **Corner 4** David Westercamp, Westys Coaches

Learn the essentials of slide-out construction, drive mechanisms, and routine maintenance to keep your RV in top shape. This session will also cover the care and adjustments of awnings and slide toppers, helping you prevent issues and extend their lifespan.