

New life for an old farm. In 1899, James Bower came west in search of land. He bought a half section from the Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company and soon arrived with two railcars full of furniture and his family's belongings. Mrs. Bower and their children joined him a few months later. The Bowers' Sunnybrook Farm became well known for its purebred cattle and herd of Percheron horses.

Along with tending his farm, James Bower logged near the Red Deer River canyon and made bricks from local clay. The farm was eventually taken over by his son, Norman. In 1988, Norman and Iva Bower embraced the idea of an agricultural museum in Red Deer by gifting part of their property to the community. The ten acres that now make up Sunnybrook Farm Museum include barns and workshops built by the Bowers.

School Programs at Sunnybrook Farm Museum

May - June

Pioneer Life program: **ECS to Grade 5.** Learn about pioneer life in Central Alberta including plowing, seeding, haying, harvesting, and more. Milk a cow, make butter, cook on a wood stove. 2-hour program.

Levers & Gears program: For **Grade 4.** How much weight can you move with a lever, a pulley? Do gear ratios really matter? Experiment at a number of stations, then apply your knowledge to graders, combines, and tractors. 2-hour program.

Bo Peep Program: **Pre-Kindergarten**. Explore the farm and learn about different animals as you help Little Bo Peep search for her lost sheep. 1.5 to 2 hours.

September

Harvest program: ECS to Grade 5. Experience harvest time in the pioneer days. See how the crops were harvested, winter fuel is prepared, the garden harvested. Grind grain into flour and taste preserves. 2-hour program.

The cost for these programs is \$6.50 per child.

Call **340-3511** today to book.



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