



There have been some questions asked of members of the Rainbow Team: 'Why do we have Pride Month in June and Pride Week in August/September?'

The June celebration of Pride is now known as Pride Season. The occasion used to be referred to as Pride Month as determined by the federal government.

Pride Season is the term referring to the wide range of Pride events that take place over the summer (June to September) across Canada when 2SLGBTQI+ communities and allies come together to spotlight the resilience, celebrate the talent, and recognize the contributions of 2SLGBTQI+ communities. Although special attention is paid to the Pride events during the summer months, they happen throughout the year in many communities.

Historically, Pride gatherings emerged from the first large-scale protests for 2SLGBTQI+ rights. In Canada, the first demonstrations took place in Ottawa and Vancouver in 1971. By 1973, Pride events were held in several Canadian cities, including Montréal, Ottawa, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg. Toronto's Pride weekend in June is now among the largest Pride events in North America. Source: [Pride Season - Canada.ca](https://prideseason-canada.ca)

For Calgarians this year, Pride Week is taking place August 31 to September 6, 2026. For over 35 years Calgary Pride has brought communities together to celebrate visibility, creativity, and belonging.

Beyond the Festival Market site downtown there will be a network of venues across the city hosting Pride events. This will include performances, discussion panels and art markets, each event contributing to the larger celebration of queer arts and community life.

Of special interest is the Citywide Pride Interfaith Service; which is an annual inclusive worship service celebrating the intersection of faith and 2SLGBTQIA+ identity. The service is organized by Affirming Connections and Calgary's Network of Affirming Faith Communities. This interfaith event is inspiring in learning from other faith communities how they embrace each other. The date has not yet been published.

The Pride parade is set for September 6, 2026 – route and start time information is not yet available. For more information about Calgary Pride visit: [Home Page - Calgary Pride](#)

~ Linda Johnson, on behalf of St. Andrew's Rainbow Team