



Ermineskin Newsletter July 15th 2022

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ERMINESKIN CREE NATION POWWOW 2022!



Ermineskin Cree Nation celebrated the annual summer Pow Wow starting with a Traditional Powwow on June 30th, 2022 and a Competition Powwow from July 1st to July 3th. It was a much anticipated celebration after the Covid restrictions in the past years that prevented large gatherings in our community. There was a handgame competition, as well, unfortunately weather played an issue for their partici-

pants. Sunday had one Grand Entry at 1 PM. The committee hosted a Healing Dance for all the Indian Residential School Survivors, the Jiggle Dress Dancers danced around the Survivors inside the circle as they performed their healing Dance for the survivors. It was an emotional experience for those in the circle and for those who witnessed it, it was a beautiful sight to see. See more photos on pages 6 and 7.

(CON'T) Powwow Celebration:

Sunday's specials included: Ermineskin Industrial Relations Special - Chicken Dance Special, And Jiggle Dress Special, as well as the Ermineskin Cree Nation Giveaway. The Ermineskin Emergency Operations Committee was also recognized and honored for providing recommendations for the leadership in helping to keep the community safe during the Covid -19 pandemic and Maskwacis State of Emergency.

"Honoured to attend the Final Grand Entry of the Ermineskin Cree Nation Powwow yesterday,"

Member of the Legislative Assembly for Maskwacis - Wetaskiwin, Rick Wilson.

"We were honoured by an invitation to the Maskwacis pow wow, at the site where the Ermineskin, Samson, Montana and Louis Bull First Nations will welcome Pope Francis," Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton.

"Thank you Ermineskin pow wow committee for the experience. You did a great job," Sharon Saddleback.

Fawn D Wood is at Maskwacis Bear Park:

"Day 1 in Ermineskin powwow here in Maskwacis Alberta was a good one... first time I get to just chill out

and spectate my little sister busted out a new dress and I have both my sisters here my kids are a little wild and it's always nice to hear and watch the drums".

The Indigenous Grill,

"SHOUT OUT TO ERMINESKIN POWWOW FOR HAVING US THIS PAST WEEKEND!!

DESPITE THE RAIN ON SATURDAY WE APPRECIATED THE COMMUNITY FOR STILL COMING OUT AND SUPPORTING US EVERY DAY THERE".

Chris Thomas Wells,

"Was a awesome weekend at Ermineskin pow wow 2022 head staff Mc Chris Thomas Wells Mc Elmer rattlesnake arena directors Nathan Littlechild Nav Thunderchild drum judge Nathan Rattlesnake host drum mountain Cree. You all did a excellent job. Also like to thank ermineskin chief and council and powwow community for asking me to be there mc really enjoyed my self was a great weekend. Thank you for your great hospitality.

Great Job Ermineskin Powwow committee for putting on a great powwow for everyone to enjoy!".

There was also a Parade hosted for the Powwow as well!

Congratulations to Our Powwow Parade Winners!

- 1st Place (Category 1) - Louis Bull Tribe
- 1st Place (Category 2) - Millie Mackinaw & her Summer Students
- 1st Place (Category 3) - Janine Wildcat
- 2nd Place - Caylene Wildcat
- 3rd Place - Sheila Morin & Family
- 4th Place - Charlene Wolfe



PAPAL VISIT to MASKWACIS



WALKING TOGETHER
POPE FRANCIS CANADA 2022



July 25th, 2022 Maskwa Park,
Maskwacis, Alberta
10 am

Transportation by Shuttle only
REGISTRATION
For Maskwacis Residents
Register: July 14 - 21, 2022
Monday to Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(780) 585-3435
(780) 585-3478



****Priority is Elders Survivors****
****Each Registrant must register themselves****

PAPAL VIST TO MASKWACIS

To Register call Monday to Friday

9 am to 3 pm, Register: July 14th to 21st.

Pope visit to Maskwacis is on July 25th, 2022

780-585-3435 Or 780-585-3478

You can register In-Person at the Ermineskin Elders Center

As well as register via email at: registrations@ermineskin.ca

*Priority is given to Elder Survivors

*Each registrant must call to register themselves

*Deadline to register is July 21st, 2022, at 3 pm.

*This is for Maskwacis Residents

That event is expected to draw close to 15,000 visitors. The province said there will be restricted access to the QEII, as well as Highway 611 and 2A, in the vicinity of Ponoka, Maskwacis and Wetaskiwin. "While the government is working to minimize disruptions for travellers on Alberta highways along the papal motorcade routes, motorists can expect delays due to rolling road closures and should use alternate routes where possible. Delays can also be expected on area highways due to increased traffic generated by the events."

MASKWACIS COUNSELLING & SUPPORT SERVICE

Join us for a

LISTENING CIRCLE

In preparation for the Papal visit on July 25th. A representative from Our Lady of Seven Sorrows will be in attendance.

Wednesday, July 20th | 10-2:30
@ the NOK building

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT 780.585.2268 OR FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK @ MASKWACIS COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Time Line of Events:

Day of event July 25, 2022 Maskwacis

Ermineskin Cree Nation

9:00 a.m.

Everyone in the Arbor and outer arbor area to be seated and transportation completed

Transportation for outside the paved road area can continue to arrive.

2000 fixed seating inside arbor inner-grass area

4000 fixed seating around arbor area outer circle

9000 outside paved road area , outside grass field area on the outskirts of the arbour

10:00 a.m.

Pope arrives at Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Church. He will meet with Elder Survivors from each Maskwacis Nation. He will the head to Ermineskin Cemetery to pray. Then to the former Indian Residential School Site – Meet with the 4 Chiefs

10:30 a.m.

Arrive at Maskwa Park Grand Entry of sitting Chiefs and Former Maskwacis Chiefs

Program to begin.

11:30 a.m.

The Pope will depart and return to Edmonton

Transportation of Survivors out of Maskwa Park will begin

There will be numerous Park and Ride sites in throughout: Edmonton, Wetaskiwin area and Ponoka.

Maskwacis Survivors who reside on reserve will be transported directly from their home Nations. Transportation will For Ermineskin Cree Nation Members will be determined and time will be shared when confirmed. Visit the Ermineskin Website , Ermineskin Facebook page for the information or email registration@ermineskin.ca

How do I volunteer?

Visit papalvist.ca and click on the volunteer heading

Can one watch from home?

Yes, the visit will be viewable online; it can be viewed from the papalvist.ca website in the comfort of your home if you have access to the internet and wifi. Some news channels may or maynot have the event viewable live.

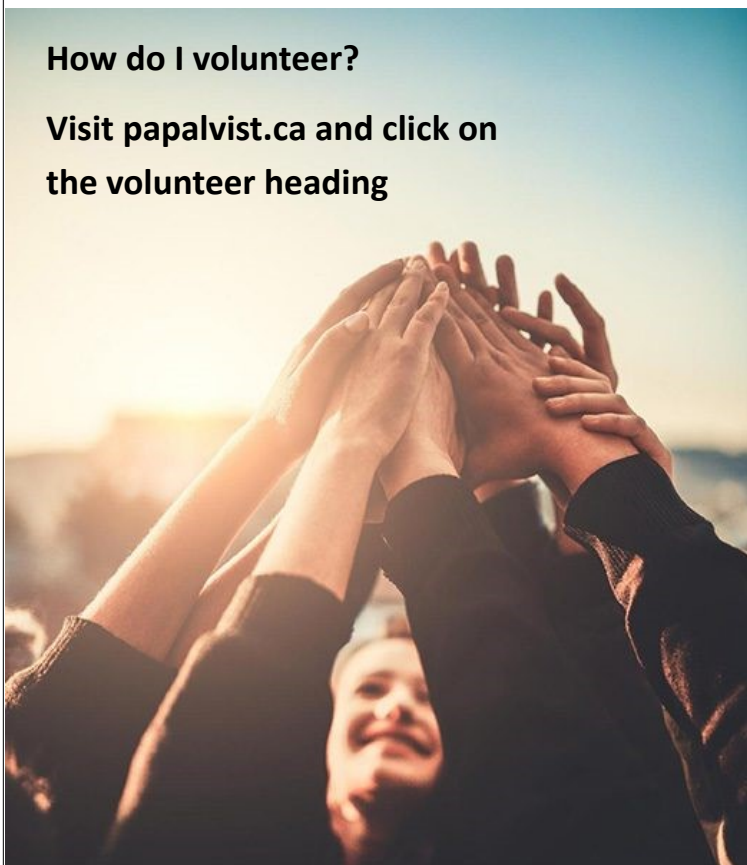
Will you be able to attend if you do not register? No, due to security reasons you must register prior.

Can you drive or walk to the site? The area is only accessible by shuttle busses, some roads will be closed and open only to busses and security or emergency vehicles.



WALKING TOGETHER

POPE FRANCIS CANADA
24 - 30 JULY 2022



Summer Youth Camp 2022



The 2022 Summer Youth Camp has been off to a great start this July! So far the youth have participated in lacrosse, golf, and basket ball and are

So don't forget to register before its too late!



looking forward to the traditional teachings portion of the camp. Food and drinks are provided to participants and equipment is lended out for whatever activity they are participating in, We would like to extend a special thanks to the organizers and volunteers who managed to make this event happen. loosen. Coming up in august there will be another series of camps focused on fun activities such as paintballing and going to a waterpark or movie theatre.



Important Announcement From Chief And Council

The following statement was made as of July 13th 2022; On behalf of the Ermineskin Cree Nation Chief and Council, Our Staff and our nation members please know that we do share in the grief of finding little Frank Young. As we watched the family's presentation at the Assembly of First Nations on July 5th, 2022 in Vancouver for support, I could not help but feel the pain and dilemma that the family was in. We are Saddened by the outcome and wish to offer our sincere condolences to the family of Frank Young, to the Read Earth Cree Nation, and everyone who as-

sisted in the efforts to bring him home.

We must take each day and appreciate on another. –Chief Randy Ermineskin





Photo by: Grace Cutarm

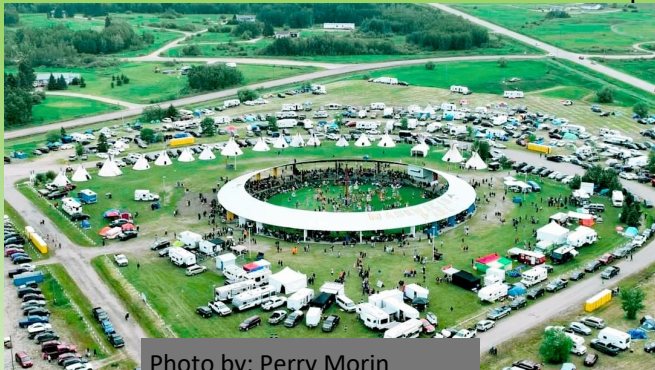


Photo by: Perry Morin





Drone Photo
by: Perry
Morin



Photo by: Jolayne Lee



Settlement Request Form Deadline Extended

As of July 12, 2022: Extension Request Form Now Available

The Extension Request Form is now available for Class Members who miss the July 13, 2022 claims deadline.

Note that Extension Request Forms and Claim Forms must be received by the Claims Administrator by January 13, 2023 at 11:59PM Pacific Standard Time (PST).

All requests for extension are reviewed by the Exceptions Committee and approvals are not automatically granted. Although we anticipate flexibility in processing an Extension Request Form, Class Members will need to identify a reason as to why they have been unable to file a claim by the July 13, 2022 deadline. The Extension Request Form can be mailed/emailed by contacting Class Counsel at 1.844.539.3815 or dayschools@gowlingwlg.com. Class Counsel remains available to assist, free of charge, during the extension period. Mental health and wellness support also remains available through the Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310 or the online chat at hopeforwellness.ca open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

June 13, 2022: Extension of Claims Process

About 150,000 people have filed their claims, which exceeds the third party actuarial estimates of 120,000 to 140,000 claims. That said, it was anticipated that some people will miss the claims deadline. The Settlement Agreement therefore provides a possible extension period of six (6) months – extending the deadline to January 13, 2023. This date is three (3) years from the start of the claims process and four (4) years from the publication of the court approved Settlement Agreement.

The Claims Administrator will release the Extension Request Form on or before July 13, 2022. Although we anticipate flexibility in processing an Extension Request Form, Class Members will need to identify a reason as to why they have been unable to file a claim by the deadline. The Extension Request Form will be available on indiandayschools.com and can be mailed/emailed by contacting Class Counsel at 1.844.539.3815 or dayschools@gowlingwlg.com. Class Counsel remains available to assist, free of charge, during the extension period. Mental health and wellness support also remains available through the Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310 or the online chat at hopeforwellness.ca open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



FEDERAL INDIAN DAY SCHOOL CLASS ACTION

Special Hockey Announcement!

The Edson Eagles are very excited to announce the Signing and return of Assistant Captain Naslund Ermineskin!

Naslund is 6 foot 1 200lb 20 year old left handed Defenseman from Ermineskin. The skilled defenseman had 15 goals and 24 assists for 39 points in only 31 games last year in his rookie season. Look to see Naslund explode this year.

Welcome back Nas!



Ermineskin Community Interviews on Papal Visit

On July 11th Ermineskin hosted a press interview with various members of the community in regards to the Pope's impending visit. Among the community members interviewed were residential school survivors and family members as well as counsellors who will be offering support during the event.



Karen Wildcat spent three-years at the Ermineskin residential school. She said she didn't realize that it was a bad experience until hearing other experiences at a Truth and Reconciliation Commission event in Edmonton. "All the people there telling their stories and

brought out candles for all the birthdays not celebrated. I was triggered from that." Wildcat thought about how she was taken away from her family, even through they were nearby — in some cases in the same building. "My two younger brothers were on the other side of the residential school sleeping area... it was split in two. I never realized... they were there, and we were just like a hallway away." "That was one of my main triggers and my main healing that I needed to do... Just being robbed of that family life," Wildcat said. Wildcat struggled for years, and about 30 years ago she turned to the catholic church to help work towards healing. "I didn't allow the creator into my life until I was 29-years-old. I had a grudge on him since I was young." "I gave myself a choice, either I become an alcoholic or I follow you, because I had two daughters to think about," she said. The papal visit is surfacing a lot of emotions. With an expected apology from Pope Francis for the church's role in residential schools, it's another step forward for Wildcat. "This is a time of healing and reconciliation. We have the opportunity right now to be open to that and to start that healing journey, if you haven't started already," Wildcat said.

15,000 people are expected to be in Maskwacis July 25th for the Pope's visit. To help survivors who are struggling ahead of the day, support workers are

holding a listen circle for survivors to share. Members of the local catholic church are also invited to listen. The day the pope is in the community, 150 support workers will be on site to help anyone who is struggling. "We are treating it as a triggering event. We don't always know how people are going to respond and the emotions can be strong, and we just want to support them in the most respectful way as possible," Maskwacis Counselling & Support Services Peyasu Wuttunee said. "Just being attentive to people's needs and if they need mental health supports or emotional supports we will be providing that."

Bruce Cutknife is a day school survivor. He remembers children being punished harshly. "We were in grade one, and it was called baby class and I used to wonder for years why they called it that," Cutknife said. "There I realized it was because children were



always crying in the class." "It was brutal... getting slapping in the face, hair pull, poke or getting beat," Cutknife said. He remembers a girl being beat with a yard stick. He said the teacher broke the stick in half while hitting her, and took both halves of the yard stick and continued hitting her. "The idea that the church has somehow beaten in to you unless you are Christian and civilized you are less than human." Cutknife doesn't plan to go see the Pope, but he hopes the apology is sincere. "Hopefully it's sincere and it's heartfelt. It means a lot to come in and issue the apology because for a lot of our people that's what they want because of the damage that was inflicted upon them," Cutknife said. "It matters what happens after this apology is rendered and how reconciliation will continue."

-This article taken from globalnews.ca

Upcoming Events/Classifieds

Jason Wolfe Presents:

Pathway to Education & Employment

July 25th - 29th, 2022
 Location Ermineskin NEST
 12 Participants
 Apply Now
 Deadline July 19th

Description: To Assist nation members with knowledge and insight from a FIRST NATIONS perspective. Also intrinsic awareness and environments, Ideas and Concepts. Recognize the humanity and dignity of participants.

TOPICS:

- PERSONAL AWARENESS * WHAT IT MEANS TO BE INDIGENOUS IN SOCIETY TODAY
- EDUCATION
- LEARNING STYLES
- FORMAL AND INFORMAL LEARNING

If you have questions, call NEST at (780)-585-0191



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PEMATISEWEN SUMMER PROGRAM
Indoor & Outdoor Activities
 OPEN TO FAMILIES - PARENTS MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE

July Day Camp
 18-22 July 2022

Day Camp Location
 Ermineskin Bear Park

August Land Based Training
 15-19 August 2022

Register Here for the Camps

July Weekly Activities
 Tuesdays and Wednesday from 1 pm to 4pm

- Scavenger Hunt/Activities
- Family Movie Day
- Activities/Elder Teachings
- KKI Midway
- Floor Hockey/Canvas Painting
- Family Swim

August Weekly Activities

- Horse Therapy (2Days)
- Family Movie Day
- Talent Show/Soccer Tips
- Conflict management/Games
- Family Swim
- School Prep (2Days)

More info: Phone (780) 585-3721 ask for Andrea or Steven

ECN

20% PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION FOR THE SETTLEMENT

JULY 15TH, 2022
10:00 AM-3:00 PM

THE 20% PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION FOR THE SETTLEMENT WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE NEYASKWEYAHK OKIMAW KAMIK (N.O.K) FROM 10AM TO 3PM.

Direct Deposit will be issued to bank accounts

THANK YOU.
 MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE DEPARTMENT STAFF

DRIVING TO SUCCESS CLASS 7

JULY 25TH - 29TH, 2022
 AGES 14-17 ONLY

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have access to internet and zoom
- Must attend online classes everyday
- Must have valid identification (Birth Certificate, Indian Status, Parent/Guardian must have valid ID also)
- Must not have any fines

DEADLINE: JULY 20TH, 2022

To register contact:
 faith@maskwacisemployment.ca
 780-585-4450

Neyaskweyahk Employment Program



OPEN RECRUITMENT

SET UP AND TAKE DOWN

N.E.P. is looking for 20 workers for the Papal Visit Chair setup and take down for JULY 22nd and 25th, 2022

APPLY NOW

Call: (780) 585-2101

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & EMPLOYABILITY ESSENTIALS

JOIN US: **JULY / AUGUST 2022**

This personal and professional development course is open to youth ages 18 - 30 years old and will guide learners through traditional cultural teachings and equip you with the tools needed for personal growth and independence, as well as the foundations that will set you up for success as you enter the workforce.

APPLY NOW!



CHANNER
CONSULTING & TRAINING

For program information, please contact:

NEST at 780-585-0191

A workshop designed to help you begin healing your life in a simple easy and effective way. The tools you will learn in this program will help you reach a deeper connection with your cultural roots in a healthy healing manner.

"Bridging the Gap" between

Cultural Identity and mental and emotional healing.

July 6, 7, 8 2022

August 15,16,17 2022

9:00am to 3:30 pm each day

Located at the NEST classroom at Ermineskin Mall

15 spots available for each workshop

To Register, please call Ermineskin NEST @780 585 0191

Lunch and snacks are provided.

Facilitated by Lindsay Nepoose
Certified Workshop facilitator and Licensed coach

This workshop will benefit you if:

* you have tried everything to get your life back on track but cycles keep repeating.

*you are ready and willing to commit to true change and growth

*You know you have past issues holding you back but you don't know where to start.



MALE YOUTH CULTURAL/SURVIVAL CAMP

with Brighter Futures

Cultural & Creative Outdoor Activities for BOYS ages: 12 and Above

AUGUST 7 -11, 2022



REGISTER ASAP!
SPACE IS LIMITED

ACTIVITIES:

- Storytelling
- Fire safety, building, and maintenance
- Fun Games
- Nature-Based Mentoring AND MUCH MORE!



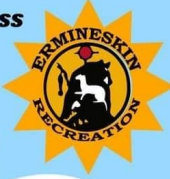
CONTACT:

(780) 585-2000 | futuresbrighter@yahoo.com

Ermineskin Recreation & Community Wellness

YOUTH GATHERING 2022

5 Day Overnight Camp



JULY 18 – 22, 2022

STURGEON LAKE CREE NATION, ALBERTA

ERMINESKIN YOUTH AGES 12+ UP

FREE



First 13 Registrerec

To Register Please Contact Ermineskin Community Wellness at (780)585-3741

Mobile Mammography Screening is coming to:

Maskwacis Community Health Centre July 19 to 22, 2022

To book an appointment, please call Sonia or Kayla at 780-585-2266.



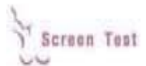
Appointments are required. Call to book:

1-800-667-0604 (toll free)

To learn more visit: screeningforlife.ca

Due to COVID-19, Screen Test is taking a number of precautions to ensure the safety of our clients and staff. Details will be shared when you call to book your appointment.

Thank you for supporting Screen Test over the past 30 years. Together we are saving lives, one community at a time.



Post until: Jul. 22, 2022

SCREEN TEST

The Neyaskweyahk Human Services Building

NHS

STARTING JULY 14, 2022
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

will be Closed



All Appointments will be postponed until the office reopens, and clients can rebook. We apologize for this inconvenience.