

# Ermineskin Newsletter August 11th, 2022

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## **Cheering On The Youth In The Alberta Indigenous Games!**



2022 AIG Record Breaking Registration Numbers 4,000+ on your phone, iPad, computer or share via screenshare athletes at this year's Alberta Indigenous Games!

2022 AIG Sports Categories: Ball Hockey /Baseball/ reasonable. Also with the subscription you will be able to Volleyball/ Cross Country/ Beach Volleyball/ Rugby/ Ca- have a recording of all your athletes/teams games to noe/ Kayak/ Hand games/ Soccer/ Athletics/ Golf/ Ar- download and to save! Has capability to even create a chery/ Basketball / Fast Pitch/ Lacrosse!

Show some support and let them hear your cheers!

streamed! For sure all of Basketball, Volleyball, with a orded later on! "AIG CEO Jake Hendy potential up to 8 other sports!!!

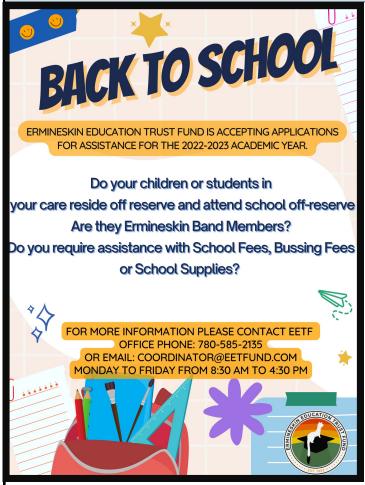
You will be able to watch all the games of all the sports 18th, 2022.

on your TV for one set rate to be determined that is highlight reel! We are also sharing this with the University Come out to watch your Maskwacis youth athletes! & College coaches for scouting opportunities for our older talented youth!

"Latest News! Exciting new partnership with Baller TV! Neat feature to be able to stay in touch with your kids Families & friends back home in their communities will games, you will now be able to watch the kids and now be able to have the option to purchase a subscrip- teams and cheer them on while they play live or if you tion to be able to watch many of our sports games live have to miss the live games you can still watch it rec-

Games will in and around Edmonton from August 12 to

### Are You Ready For Back To School?



Be Sure to stop by at Maskwacis Cree Senior High School (Formerly Ninishkonahk Secondary School) for a fun celebration for Ermineskins students for back to school. This is a great opportunity for these young students to get re-acquainted with their fellow students. Summer is nearly over, and they will soon be in their classrooms continuing their studies once again.

BACK to SCHOOL Going back to school can be a stressful and struggling moment for parents and guardians. Watching their children grow up and becoming independent. The feeling can be unbearable and overwhelming. With the mixed emotions of Anxiety, Fear and Loss. Here are some helpful tips and tricks to help with those overwhelming thoughts and feeling of your little ones leaving the nest and beginning their own little path of kindergarten here is what you can do:

- 1. Ensure your child has been full rested and has eaten their breakfast as it is the most important meal of the day!
- 2. Stay positive and think of happy thoughts as this is the proudest moment for your child.
- 3. Encourage and excite them on what they will be learning inside class.
- 4. Don't leave without saying goodbye and keep it brief and momentarily.

Hopefully these help you and your child.

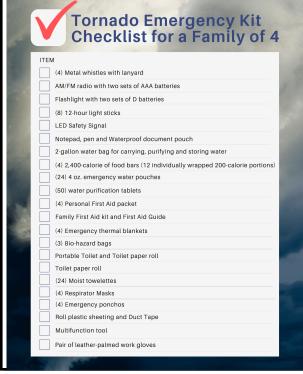


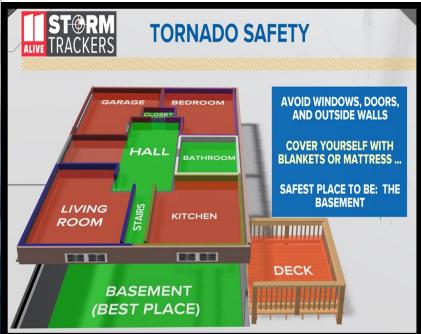
# **TORNADO SAFETY ADVISORY**

As of late you may have noticed a sudden surge in tornado warnings and or watches, we would like to clarify the difference between the two as well as what you can do both to prepare in advance for a tornado and what to do during an active tornado. The key difference between a tornado warning and a tornado watch is a tornado watch indicates a high probability of a tornado happening while a tornado warning is alerting you to a tornado in progress. When a tornado warning is issued you typically have around 15 minutes to find cover. A tornado preparedness kit should meet your 10 basic disaster survival needs, those being; water, nonperishable food, breathing protection, first aid, shelter, warmth, communication, light, tools, sanitation and hygiene. We have taken the liberty of providing an example checklist below.

In the event that a tornado is approaching it is advised that you take

shelter on the ground floor or preferably basement of the building you are in while ensuring you are away from any windows or doors to the outside. If you are driving or are in a mobile home seek shelter elsewhere, over 50% of all deaths caused by tornado happen in mobile homes. If no nearby shelter is available attempt to find a ditch and lay in it keeping your body as low to the ground as possible. Protect your head as best you can from any flying debris and be prepared to move if needed. If possible avoid buildings with widespan roofs such as gymnasiums, churches, or auditoriums as those buildings have a high possibility of collapsing. If such a building is your only available shelter try to take cover under a sturdy structure such as a table or desk. To report a tornado if you are able please call 1-800-239-0484







POSTERS IN PLAINS CREE

# Seasons



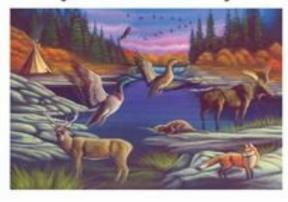






Takwākin (Autumn)

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Pipon (Winter)





## Ribbon Skirt Making

On August 9th, 2022 K.K.I (Kanawemahwasowin Kamik) hosted one of their many events at the N.O.K (Neyaskweyahk Okimaw Kamik) building. Community members were instructed on how to create ribbon skirts. The skirts are traditionally worn and sewn

with ribbons as they had in the past. Marleigh Cutarm one of the participants created her first ribbon skirt and also created a matching ribbon skirt for her baby girl. They both have matching ribbon skirts to wear at traditional events and ceremonies.





## Ermineskin Staff Golf Fundraisers



ECN Staff Golf has
two draws opening
today! In person purchasing only. Tickets
are available at the
main administrative
building. Let security
know and they will
direct you to the appropriate offices.
During the time of
the fundraising
events, offices will be
closed on September
1st, 2022.



## CONTINUED INTERVIEWS OF THE POPE VISIT

### Survivor Seeks Denunciation of Doctrine of Discovery

By Jeffrey Heyden-Kaye

Witnessing Pope Francis's apology to Canada's First Nations for the legacy of the Indian Residential Schools was important to survivor Cara Currie Hall.

Cara, who is originally from Maskwacis but lives in the United States, told reporters just days before the Pope's apology on July 25, that it was important for her to be a witness.

"My family comes from here, my mother, father, from here, and my grandparents are all from here," said Cara.

As a family member of parents who suffered under the Indian Residential School system (Cara was also a day-school student), Cara educated German television reporters about why Pope Francis's apology was so significant. She pointed to the <u>Doctrine of Discovery</u>, a <u>Papal Bull written in 1943</u> that set the future of all the world's Indigenous Peoples including those on Turtle Island.



Cara wanted the Pope to renounce the doctrine. "It was the basis of all of the racist legislation around the world," she told reporters.

The doctrine allowed the taking of lands and resources so long as the inhabitants were also

were also turned to the Catholic faith.

"That allowed governments

to take our lands and resources it did not acknowledge us as human beings," said Cara.

One line in the doctrine confirms her comments: "... that the health of souls be cared for and that barbarous nations be overthrown and brought to the faith itself."

Within the doctrine there is mention of the lands and their precious resources and the need to take advantage of those resources.

For Cara, the presence of Prime Minister Trudeau, who was not asked to speak, and Mary Simon, the Governor General of Canada and representative of the Queen, was also significant.

Her parents and grandparents had no choice but to attend an Indian Residential School because it was a legislative decision. These were people who were removed from their families for extended periods of time and who lived in atrocious conditions, added Cara.

"To hear the Pope and to know he's coming here for this sort of business is critically important, once again to correct history and to bring justice," she stated.

The significance of Pope Francis's visit cannot be understated. Cara reminded reporters that the Pope and Catholic church carry a large amount of authority. She sees this type of action as a benefit for future generations such as for her children and grandchildren. "They will not have to live with that oppression."

"We are people that are spiritual, we understand our relationship with the creator. We are people of the land. We know we have souls, and all people do," said Cara.

### **Learning About Her Parents' Past**

Cara learned after her mother passed away the suffering her parents faced.

Cara's father went to Indian Residential School when he was five and he was raped by a nun, but he was never able to articulate what happened to him. Her mother was beaten as a young girl, so violently that she was knocked unconscious.

"And she was put in an infirmary," explained Cara. "And this is in her record."

"I wondered, what could a little child do that warranted something so violent?" asked Cara.

The significance of an apology is another thing that cannot be

understated. When Cara explained to her mother that then Prime Minister Stephen Harper apologized to Canada's Indigenous Peoples, it was a significant moment.

"She bawled, she cried. She cried so deeply she couldn't breathe," said Cara. "She was trying to catch her breath and this sobbing was such a deep cry."

Her mother explained that she always wanted to have the chance to tell someone what they took from her. Cara felt hope and said that God had not forgotten them.

"We're strong and resilient and the DNA of warriors runs through us," said Cara.

### **Making the Journey Home**

The very action of packing up and returning to Maskwacis was difficult because it meant revisiting old pains and being triggered by the stories of the past.

She reminded reporters that some people would prefer not to see the Pope.

"They don't want the apology. They don't want him to come," she said.

However, the apology will lead to action, or it should, stated

Cara. "We need to move from apologies into action and we need to be able to find a way within ourselves to move from trauma, especially survivors."

"The depth of the trauma should not be underestimated."

Cara wants to see a full implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. Pope Francis's apology is number 58. Repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery is also on the list of Calls to Action and is mentioned no less than four different times in the Calls to Action.

Some efforts in those Calls to Action has been made. Cara wants to see further action to work in good faith with Indigenous leaders as mutual partners to dismantle past legislative action against Canada's Indigenous Peoples. She'd like to see that action in the United States as well.

Despite anticipation for the renunciation of the Doctrine of Discovery, Pope Francis did not make mention of it during his visit. However, he did admit in an interview with reporters on his return to Rome that his descriptions of the assimilation of Canada's Indigenous Peoples in Indian Residential Schools were like genocide.



Ermineskin Cree Nation would like to extend the warmest welcome to our new Director of Finance, Prabodh Regmi. Mr. Regmi started working for the nation on July 29th 2022. He is from Edmonton Alberta. Raj came to Canada on 2007 as an international student and is now a Canadian citizen. He lives in Edmonton with his wife and two kids. Specializing in Finance and Accounting, he has an MBA from UofA (2009). He is designated CGA CPA (2016) and CAFM (2020). He has over a decade's experience in Accounting. His email address

prabodh@ermineskin.ca.

# ERMINESKIN **NEST**

**BASIC SAFETY TICKET TRAINING** 

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Call Out:
Ermineskin
Members from
Pigeon Lake
& Buck Lake

Training to be held in Pigeon Lake
Anyone interested please call
Ermineskin NEST at (780) 585 -0191
and leave your Name and Phone
Number

### SAMSON POWWOW

The Samson powwow will be happening this weekend at the Bear Park: showcasing our dancers, singers and the specular sights and sounds of the powwow celebrations. There will also be hand games and specials for those wanting to compete and show their talents and traditional skills. Travelers will come from all over the province and states to visit and spend time watching the dancers and their beautifully crafted and hand sewn regalia dancing to our traditional drums and songs; as our powwows are meant to bring us all together to celebrate in the circle of life. Another powwow to visit will be hosted down south in the Siksika Nation. On August 10th, 2022 Louis Bull hosted a powwow for their nation and celebrated their elder Solomon Bull's 82nd birthday.



### **Current Job Offers**

As of June 2nd, 2022

- Manager with the Ermineskin Arena, CLOSING: August 15th, 2022 Parks and Recreation department

CLOSING: August 10th, 2022

- Cook with Ermineskin Daycare Department

CLOSING: August 10th, 2022

-Secretary with the Ermineskin Daycare Department

CLOSING: August 10th, 2022

-I.T. Security Analyst with the Ermineskin I.T. and Communications department

CLOSING: August 15th, 2022

-I.T. Support Specialist with the Ermineskin I.T. and Communications

department

CLOSING: August 15th, 2022

-Custodian/Janitor with the Ermineskin CLOSING: August 22nd, 2022 **Property Management department** 

-Two (2) Program Aid/Drivers with the CLOSING: August 22nd, 2022 Ermineskin Arena, Parks and Recreation department

CLOSING: August 15th, 2022

-Neyaskweyahk Sub Division & Band Units Administrative Assistant with the

Ermineskin Property Management department

CLOSING: August 22nd, 2022

-Septic Truck Operator Assistant with the **Ermineskin Property Management** 

department

CLOSING: August 22nd, 2022

-Executive Assistant with the Ermineskin Arena, Parks and Recreation

department

-Administrative Assistant with the Ermineskin Brighter Futures department

-Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Mentor/Support Worker with the

Ermineskin Brighter Futures department

CLOSING: August 22, 2022

-Director with the Ermineskin Personnel Department

CLOSING: August 24, 2022 \*\*Three (3) Year Contract\*\*

-Tribal Administrator with the Ermineskin Administration department \*\* Two (2) Year Contract\*\*

Closing: August 24th, 2022



# Ermineskin Education Trust Fund will be hosting their Annual Awards Night October 15, 2022

**ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:** ERMINESKIN CREE NATION MEMBERS ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

ATTENDANCE: KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 2 GR 3-6

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - students in Grades 9 - 12 are eligible who receive an average overall grade of 80% or higher in their academic year

GENERAL INTEREST AWARD - eligible students are those who have completed or participated in an extracurricular activity that promotes physical, spiritual intellectual, and mental

### PLEASE SUBMIT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2022:

- 2020-2021 Report cards for Academic and Attendance Awards
   2021-2022 Report cards for Academic and Attendance Awards
- Supporting documents for General Interest Awards

PARENTS CAN DROP OFF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AT THE EETF OFFICE OR SUBMIT VIA EMAIL COORDINATOR@EETFUND.COM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EETF COORDINATOR LISA LITTLECHILD: MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30-4:30 AT (780) 585-2135 OR COORDINATOR@EETFUND.COM

EETF celebrates 40 years of Educational Excellence

### AUGUST 2022

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	1	CIVIC HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	PIMATISIWIN HORSE THERAPY 9AM-4PM	WETASKIWIN MOVIE THEATER: LIGHTYEAR 2:30PM \$\phi\$	4	5	6
7		8 International Cat Day	9 TALENT SHOW/SOCCER TIPS ERMINESKIN ARENA 1PM-4PM	10 HORSE THERAPY 9AM-4PM	11	12	13
14	<b>1</b>	15 ELDER TEACHINGS LAND BASED TEACHINGS	16 TIPI TEACHINGS LAND BASED TEACHINGS	MEDICINE PICKING LAND BASED TEACHINGS	18 FISHING/ELDERS TEACHINGS LAND BASED TEACHINGS	WRAP UP OF LAND BASED TEACHINGS	20
2	1	22	23 CONFLICT MANAGEMENT/ GAMES BEAR PARK 1- 4PM	WETASKIWIN POOL FAMILY SWIM 1-4PM	25	International Dog Day	27
0 0	8	29	30 SCHOOL PREPART ACTIVITIES/ HAIRCUTS FOR CHILDREN ERMINESKIN ARENA 9AM-4PM	31 SCHOOL PREP ACTIVITIES/ HAIRCUTS FOR CHILDREN ERMINESKIN ARENA 9AM-4PM	1	2	3

# **Upcoming Events/Classifieds**





Class Members can apply for an extension starting

July 14, 2022 to submit their claim until January 13, 2023

The Extension Request Form will be available at indiandayschools.com or can be mailed/emailed to you by contacting Class Counsel at 1.844.539.3815 or dayschools@gowlingwlg.com starting July 14.

# WILDLAND

NGCI is calling out all trained & experienced Wildland

Fire Fighters!

## We are seeking the following positions:

- . Crew Leaders
- . Crew Member
- Bucker & Faller positions

Join Our Team!

\*\* Competitive wages\*\*

### **Contact For More Information:**

Tricia Wildcat (780) 585-3000 Ext. 234

Ermineskin Election Information



# Wy-Co Alcohol

& Drug Testing Dates:

July 26 – August 11, 2022: Results must be obtained by the Electoral Officer no later than 5:00 pm on August 11.

Alcohol and Drug tests are REQUIRED under the ECN Custom Election Law and MUST be completed prior to the Nomination Date.

12 Panel Test + ETG Cost \$250.00. Scheduling should be done ASAP. To comply with Wy-Co scheduled dates. Wy-co may request proof of prescription where follow up is required.

Costs Associated with the test are the responsibility of the candidate.

WY-CO appointments: (403) 790 - 7442

Elections Officer:

Loretta J Pete Lambert Chief Electoral Officer

1-306-343-7383 petelambert@shaw.ca

### 🔊 NEYASKWEYAHK CREE NATION 🕃

# STAFF GOLF

September 1st 2022

Montgomery Glen Golf Course Wetaskiwin, Ab

8:00am Breakfast Buffet/Registration 9:00am SHOTGUN START 3:00pm Chicken & Rib Buffet

Dpen to ONLY ECN Staff +1Guest (\$125)



Mulligans \$10 each MAX 2 per player Men's and Ladies KP, Longest Drive, Longest Putt. Hole in One & more!

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: AUGUST 30TH
NO LATE ENTRIES

CONTACT: MARCELLA CHILD-PAUL 780-585-3866 ALISON LITTLECHILD-ALBERT 780-585-3741 (EXT 265)

OD (EVE 240)

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.

### **Cultural Identity** emotional healing and mental

ugust 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. ou 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.



FIRST NATIONS TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP INC. & THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA AUGUSTANA CAMPUS PRESENT:

# MIQUELON LAKE **KNOWLEDGE** CAMP

August 15-19th, 2022 Augustana Miquelon Lake Research Station

In this FREE 5 day-long day camp, you will learn about nature, astronomy, ecosystems, and more! Open to youth aged 14-18 | Lunch and snacks provided Register now until August 5th online at www.TSAG.net











Transportation to and from camp will be provided. Must be able to travel to the Subway in Samson Mall, Maskwacis to catch the bus to camp.



WITH FORMER EDMONTON ESKIMOS EDDIE STEELE + CALVIN MCCARTY

Combined 23 years of CFL experience & 2015 Grey Cup Champs





DAY 1: AUGUST 23 **ERMINESKIN RECREATION** 11AM - 3PM. AGES 11-17

DAY 2: AUGUST 24 SAMSON BALL DIAMONDS 11AM - 3PM. AGES 11-17

All camp participants receive an autographed picture of each coach Youth will also learn football techniques such as: general skills and drills, team competition, importance of character & leadership

Ermineskin Registration and much more! contact: (780)585-3088

Samson Registration contact: (780)585-3012

## URGENT UPDATE



**ERMINESKIN CREE NATION** NOMINATION MEETING **COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES** AUGUST 24, 2022 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

NOTICE FOR NOMINATION MEETING AND **COUNCILLOR ELECTION** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE ELECTORS OF THE ERMINESKIN CREE NATION THAT A NOMINATION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2022 FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCILLORS. THERE ARE FOUR (4) POSITIONS AVAILABLE.

THE CPIC AND AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TRIBAL LAW OFFICE BY AUGUST 11, 2022 AT 5:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME,

THE ELECTORAL OFFICER WILL RECEIVE THE RESULTS FROM THE WYCO THE DRUG TESTING COMPANY VIA EMAIL BY NO LATER THAN AUGUST 11, 2022 AT 5:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME. THE COST OF TESTING IS BORNE BY THE

THE ELECTION FOR THE COUNCILLOR POSITION WILL BE ON AUGUST 31, 2022. THE POLL WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

THE ERMINESKIN CREE NATION ADMINISTRATION WILL HOST AN ON-LINE FORUM. THE DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE FORUM, PLEASE CONTACT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OR CALL (780) 585-3741.

PREPARED AND POSTED THIS 14 TH DAY OF JULY, 2022 AT THE ERMINESKIN CREE NATION.

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Loretta J Pete Lambert Chief Electoral Officer T: 1-306-227-3373

FAX:

1-877-339-7781E: loretta@petelambert.ca



### **OFFICE** TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE **PROGRAM**



ORIENTATION:

September 6, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

PROGRAM DATE:

September 12 - October 6, 2022

Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm LOCATION

Courses will be held at NAIT Main Campus

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- CCTO101 Windows Desktop Operating System
- CCTO121 Microsoft Teams
- CCTO160 Microsoft Outlook Foundations
- CCTO130 Word Level I
- CCTO230 Word Level II
- CCTO330 Word Level III
- CCTO135 Google G Suite Productivity Apps
- CCTO140 Excel Level I
- CTO240 Excel Level II

CONTACT THE INCOME SUPPORT OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION







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## **Nehiyaw Atisowin**

Nehiyaw Atisowin is an Adult Literacy program which is offered through Maskwacis Cultural College. This unique program includes:

>>> Math refresher

>>> Language Arts refresher

>>> Cree language introduction (beginner Cree, Cree culture refresher, Cree syllabics)

>>> Life Skills (Personal and professional skill development)

Cq: LbudyCc Popa. "ALdYA.

### PROGRAM DETAILS:

- >> September Start date
- >> 12 week program
- >> Mon. Thurs, Daily 9-3 PM >> School supplies provided
- >> NHS Classroom Ermineskin Mall location
- >> Space is limited (12 capacity)

### REQUIREMNTS:

>>MCC Application

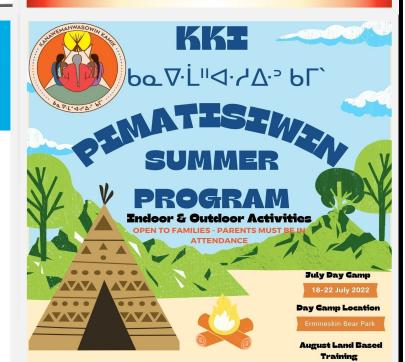
>> Commitment to complete the program

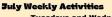


Please contact us to register:

Neyaskweyahk Human Services 780-585-3835

Kenneth@ermineskin.ca





**August Weekly Activities** 

Family Movie Day

- Tuesdays and Wednesday from 1 pm to 4pm · Horse Therapy (2Days)
- Scavenger Hunt/Activities Family Movie Day
- Activities/Elder Teachings
- KKI Midway
- Family Swim
- Floor Hockey/Canvas Painting Family Swim
  - School Prep (2Days)
  - More info: Phone (780) 585-3721 ask for Andrea or Steven

· Talent Show/Soccer Tips

Conflict management/Games

