

**Ermineskin Newsletter August 6, 2025**  
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# M.C.T.C. FAMILY CULTURAL CAMP



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# New E.E.T.F Bylaw Information

The **Ermineskin Cree Nation EETF Deposit Account Law** was created to ensure that funds from the Ermineskin Education Trust Fund are managed and spent responsibly, with the primary goal of supporting the educational needs of both current and future citizens of the Nation. Rooted in the Nation's right to self-government, the law ensures that the community maintains control over how these vital resources are used.

Under the law, the **Chief and Council** are required to establish and oversee a Deposit Account held in a financial institution located on the reserve. All funds deposited into this account must be used exclusively for educational purposes, as defined by the law, and cannot be diverted for other uses. This ensures that the money continues to serve its intended purpose: enhancing educational opportunities for the Ermineskin Cree Nation.

To maintain transparency and accountability, the Chief and Council must ensure that the account is audited annually by an independent auditor. The results of these audits, along with detailed financial reports, must be shared with the Citizens of the Nation. Addi-

tionally, at least one annual information meeting is required, giving Citizens the opportunity

to review and discuss how the funds are being managed and spent.

The law also empowers Citizens to take legal action if funds are used in a manner inconsistent with its guidelines. This balance of accountability and protection encourages responsible practice and allocation of the Trust while acknowledging Ermineskin Leadership's role.

Lastly, the law is subject to annual review and can only be amended through a formal process involving Chief and Council resolutions and community ratification. This ensures the law remains relevant and continues to protect the educational interests of the Ermineskin Cree Nation well into the future.







## CREE CORNER

# Flying Up Month

August

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## Public Advisory



The Nation is working with **ISL Engineering**, **SFE Global**, and **Hydrasurvey** to conduct required operation and maintenance activities on Ermineskin's water and wastewater systems. Work will take place in **July, August and September**.

As part of this work, residents may observe crews operating around the lagoon, hydrants, valves and wells in Ermineskin. Please be advised that during this assessment, there is no anticipation of water supply disruption. You may notice temporary discolouration and/or sediment in the water while these activities are taking place, please be assured that the water is still safe and running taps for longer should clear the water.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Nation at **780.585.3741**

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to maintain and enhance the Community's water and wastewater system.

Thank you.



## Reminder

**NEXT ISSUE:**  
AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> 2025

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**  
AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> 2025

**KAYLA@ERMINESKIN.CA**

# Indian Boarding School

This settlement is in response to two lawsuits in Quebec and in the Federal Court filed on behalf of people who as children, suffered

loss of language and culture, abuse, and other harms because of their placement in the Indian Boarding Homes Program. The lawsuits sought compensation, recognition, and justice for the experiences and harms suffered by children in the Indian Boarding Homes Program.

On June 28, 2019, the Federal Court certified the Federal Court lawsuit as a national class proceeding. Canada and the court-appointed Representative Plaintiffs agreed to a settlement. On December 11, 2023, the Federal Court approved the Settlement Agreement as fair, reasonable and in the best interests of Class Members.

This means Class Members can apply for financial compensation. To receive compensation under this settlement, Class Members must file claims with the Claims Administrator, who is responsible for processing and making decisions on the submitted claims. Taking part in this settlement avoids the cost and uncertainty of a trial. There is no delay in obtaining a decision and compensation as



## THE INDIAN BOARDING HOMES CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Class Members will not need to file individual lawsuits or testify in court. The period during which Class Members can submit a claim is from August 21, 2024 to February 22, 2027.

In addition to this compensation, Canada is providing fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to create a foundation that promotes healing and transparency, by formally recognizing the harm caused by the Indian Boarding Homes Program. The foundation will also be used to preserve languages and culture.

A class action settlement is a decision resulting from a lawsuit. One or more people called “Representative Plaintiffs” sue on behalf of others with similar claims. All these people are “Class Members.” The courts resolve the issues for everyone affected. People excluded from lawsuits are those who choose to “Opt-Out.”

**The Indian Boarding Homes Program** was created by the Government of Canada, placing children from First Nations, Métis and Inuit villages in communities to stay in private homes for the purpose of attending school.



# Class Action Information

**This Indian Boarding Homes Class Action settlement** is in response to two legal actions (Superior Court of Quebec and Federal Court cases) filed on behalf of Indigenous children who suffered harassment, abuse, loss of language and culture, and other harms as a result of their participation in the Indian Boarding Homes Program. Through the litigation, plaintiffs sought compensation, recognition, and justice for their experiences and harms suffered.

To be eligible for compensation, the Class Member must have:

- a. Been placed in a private home:
  - i. during the period of September 1, 1951, to June 30, 1992, for the purpose of attending school (this does not include placements for post-secondary education, such as college or university); or
  - ii. after June 30, 1992, if Canada was responsible for their placement; and
  - iii. Been alive on or after July 24, 2016; and
  - iv. Submitted their claim prior to the Claim Deadline, which is two years and six months

after the Implementation Date. Extensions may be granted in exceptional circumstances during the following six months, as provided for in the Settlement Agreement.

Every Class Member is eligible for a Category 1 payment of \$10,000. This is a single payment to anyone who was placed by Canada in the Indian Boarding Homes Program.

Class Members may also apply for compensation for abuse suffered, ranging from \$10,000 to \$200,000. This is called a Category 2 claim. The compensation paid will depend on the specific harms suffered, such as physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. You may hire a lawyer to help you submit your Category 2 claim. Canada will pay your lawyer an amount of 5% (plus tax) of the Category 2 payment you receive. That payment will not come out of your compensation.

Canada will not pay any lawyer fees for a Category 1 claim.

For more details or to check your eligibility, visit: <https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/> or call 1-888-499-1144.

## Eligibility & The Claim Process

If you were affected by the Indian Boarding Homes Program, now is the time to come forward and submit your compensation claim.

**Claimants must submit claims before the deadline of Monday, February 22, 2027.**

**To begin the claim process, follow these four steps:**

- 1) Determine Eligibility
- 2) Select the Claim Form Category
- 3) Choose the Appropriate Claim Form
- 4) Use the Claim Form Guide

CHECK ELIGIBILITY »

ABOUT THE CLAIMS PROCESS »







# Neyaskweyahk Classic Results

## Lady Warrior Race:

1. White Lightning  
Express

## Chief Race:

1. Chief Thunderstick

## Warrior Race:

1. White Lightning

## Rubber Tire:

1. Garth Rowan &  
Conrad Paul

## Chariot:

1. Brooklyn Daniels

## Chariot Buckle Dash:

1. Clayton Wildcat

## Wagon:

1. Curtis Wood

## Buckle Dash:

1. Fred Eagles

## Quad Dash:

1. Lanny Wood

## RODEO WINNERS

**Bare Back:** Creighton Janvier **Bull Riding:** Kein Munroe

**Novice:** Brayden Kriel **Jr. Steers:** Loucas Houle

**Ladies Barrels:** Ashtin Anderson **Jr. Barrels:** Bretleigh Delorme

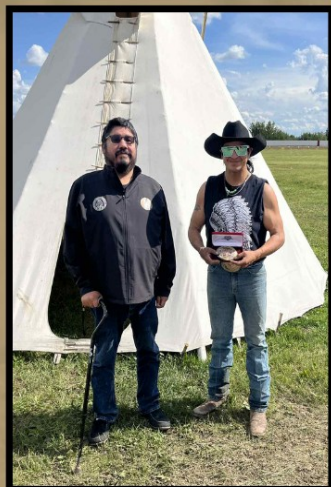
**Women's Bronc:** Josey Millward **Mini Bronc:** Layla Chausse

**Saddle Bronc:** Marvin Big Throat **Team Roping:** Tye Willows & Lane Wofle

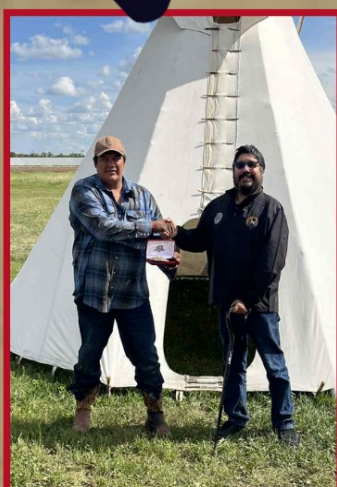
**Ladies Breakaway:** Jackie Foy **Men's Break Away:** Bill Foy



# Congratulations!



CURTIS WOOD



CONRAD PAUL



BROOKLYN DANIELS



JOSEY MILLWARD





**ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY WELLNESS  
FLAG FOOTBALL DAY CAMP**

From July 29 to July 31, over 20 young people had the chance to learn and practice flag football skills with former Edmonton Eskimo Eddie Steele. Despite the hot weather, the participants played passionately and enjoyed every moment. It's always wonderful to see our youth trying new activities, enjoying the outdoors, and interacting with one another.



## A BERRY GOOD TIME: HONOURING TRADITIONS WITH OUR ELDERS

Maskwacis Health Services offered Elders and their families the opportunity to pick a bucket full of fresh berries on Thursday, July 24, 2025.

Some individuals also volunteered to pick on behalf of the Elders who were unable to go due to physical limitations, generously donating their harvests. The Elders were grateful for the opportunity to pick berries for their families and ceremonies. The weather was warm and humid, but the cloud cover provided some welcome relief from the sun.



Photos by: Tara Cutarm



# JOB OPPORTUNITIES/COMMUNITY EVENTS



Ermineskin Cree Nation

## WE ARE HIRING!

July 29th, 2025

OPEN POSITIONS:

- ✓ **Administrative Assistant with the Ermineskin Neyaskweyâhk Arena Department**  
CLOSING: August 5, 2025
- ✓ **Senior Financial Analyst with the Ermineskin Finance Department**  
CLOSING: August 5, 2025  
\*\*Two (2) Year Contract\*\*
- ✓ **File and Administrative Clerk with the Ermineskin Finance Department**  
CLOSING: August 12, 2025
- ✓ **Executive Assistant with the Ermineskin Parks and Recreation department**  
CLOSING: August 13, 2025

**APPLY NOW**

Please submit applications, resume and criminal record check to:

[faith@ermineskin.ca](mailto:faith@ermineskin.ca)



**PSLAS Self-funded**



## ATTENTION

EETF is calling all post secondary students who are self-funded for the 25/26 Fall & Winter term to contact the EETF Office Manager via email or call the office phone. Please be ready to provide proof of enrollment.



**780-585-2135**

**COORDINATOR@EETFUND.COM**



MASKWACIS EMPLOYMENT CENTER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND SAMSON YOUTH AND SPORTS PROUDLY PRESENT

## MASKWACIS YOUTH EXPO

**AUGUST 18&19 2025**

8:30 am - 4:00pm DAILY

**MASKWACIS HIGH SCHOOL**

**DAY 1**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**DAY 2**

**CAREER FAIR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

ENTERTAINMENT, SPEAKERS, PHOTO BOOTH, DOOR PRIZES and more!!

*Special Guests*



**Keynote Kendal Netmaker**

Award-Winning Entrepreneur, Author, and Indigenous Speaker



**Entertainment Rebecca Strong**

Canadian Singer and winner of Canada's Got Talent 2024



**Exhibitor Registration**



**Sponsorship Form**

**ALL MASKWACIS YOUTH 15-30 YEARS OLD**

YOUTH REGISTRATION CONTACT  
780-585-4450 OR EMAIL  
[lacey@maskwacisemployment.ca](mailto:lacey@maskwacisemployment.ca)

Indigenous Services Canada Services aux Autochtones Canada



## EXCITING NEWS!

### Neyaskweyâhk Gas Bar Renovations Are Coming!

WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT RENOVATIONS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 18, 2025! THESE UPGRADES ARE PART OF OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING OUR FACILITIES AND SERVING YOU BETTER.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

STARTING SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025, THE GAS BAR WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO REMAIN OPEN THROUGHOUT THE RENOVATION PERIOD.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AND YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT DURING THIS EXCITING TIME OF IMPROVEMENT. THANK YOU!





YOU'RE INVITED TO

# NEST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT

FRIDAY, AUGUST  
15TH  
11:00AM - 2:00PM

FOOD  
DOOR PRIZES

JOIN US AND LEARN ABOUT  
THE NEST DEPARTMENT!

LOCATED AT NEST PARKING LOT  
\*SECURITY WILL BE ON-SITE\*

## Supply Chain Training Program

Program Starts: August 25, 2025  
Deadline to apply: August 20, 2025  
Prerequisites:  
18+, high-school diploma/GED required, & driver's license is an asset.  
For inquiries or to apply, contact:  
NEST - (780) 585-0191  
Location: Maskwacis, AB



### What is Supply Chain?

Supply chain jobs address the different steps required to bring a product to a consumer - from manufacturing, transportation, and warehousing, to purchasing, marketing, and sales. The supply chain industry is rapidly growing to address the diverse and evolving needs of everyone in Alberta.



### About the Program:

This 5.5 month training program includes in-class learning and a 4-week work experience placement. This program is designed to provide an introduction to the main supply chain jobs in Alberta, as well as professional skills needed to be successful in the workplace.

### Supply Chain Careers

- ENTRY LEVEL**
- Inventory Analyst
  - Customer service
  - Buyer/Planner
  - Logistics Coordinator
  - Operations Specialist
  - Warehouse Associate
  - Data Entry Clerk
  - Shipping & Receiving Specialist
  - Inventory Associate
  - And more!
- SENIOR LEVEL**
- Supply Chain Manager
  - Purchasing Manager
  - Logistics Director

Neyâskweyâhk Employment Skills Training is partnering with Channer Consulting & Training and Supply Chain Canada, the largest association for supply chain professionals in Canada for more than 100 years. Upon completion of this program, learners will be eligible to receive their accreditation from Supply Chain Canada, a nationally recognized certification and standard.



## SILVERWOOD THEME PARK, IDAHO CORE MEMORY FIELD TRIP!

5-Day Adventure | Ages 9-16 |  
September 9-13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

FIRST 45  
ECN BAND MEMBERS  
REGISTERED

- Criteria & Requirements:
- Valid ID (passport or government-issued)
  - Birth Certificate
  - Parent/Guardian Consent Form
  - Valid Indian Status Card

APPLY  
NOW!

- Application Deadline: August 28, 2025
- The first 45 completed and approved applications will be accepted. Incomplete entries are not valid. Packages can be picked up at Rec

Presented by Ermineskin Community Wellness and in collaboration with KKI

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: Ermineskin Community  
Wellness 780-585-3741  
Summer Mackinaw, Rec Programmer 780-585-3088



Apply  
today!



## Back To School

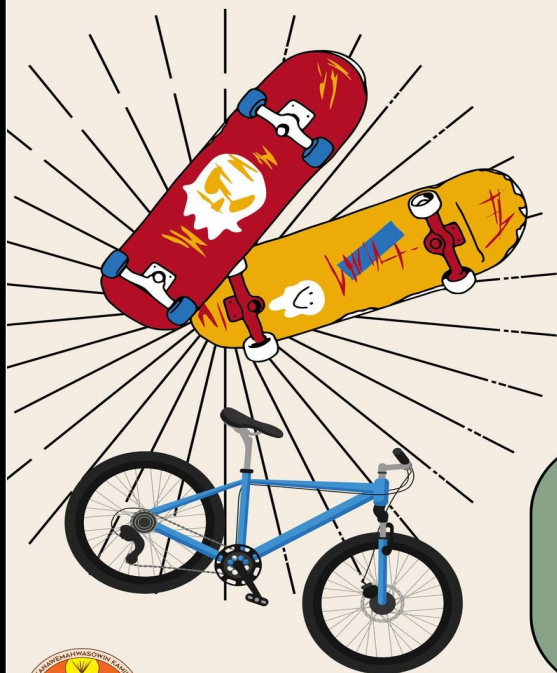
STUDENT'S WHO RESIDE OFF RESERVE  
AND ATTEND SCHOOL OFF RESERVE  
CAN APPLY FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES,  
SCHOOL FEES, BUS PASSES/FEES,  
FIELD TRIPS AND MORE WITH EETF

Contact the Office Manager for more information  
[coordinator@eetfund.com](mailto:coordinator@eetfund.com)  
780-585-2135





# SKATEBOARD COMPETITION



Ermineskin Recreation & KKI presents **all-ages** Skateboard Competition and Bike Rodeo!

Date : **11<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Time : **10:00AM - 12:00PM**

Location : **Ermineskin Rec Building**

## & Bike Rodeo

- Judging starts at **11:00AM**
- Category separated by age
- Door prizes, games, and fun competition!
- Light snacks & refreshments provided
- (REGISTERED ECN MEMBERS ONLY)

\*Subject to change\*



Contact Ermineskin Recreation for more information **780-585-3088**



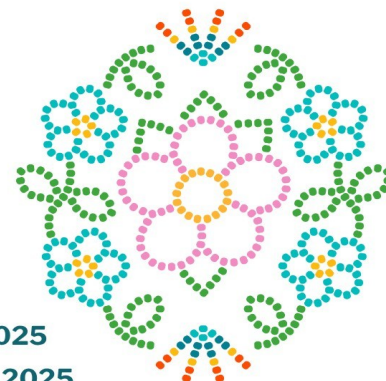
MASKWACIS EDUCATION  
SCHOOLS COMMISSION

# Welcome Back

Welcome back MESC Students! We hope you had a fun filled summer!  
We are excited to have awasisak fill classes & halls!

### Important Dates:

- New student registration deadline is **Friday, August 29, 2025**
- First day of school for K5 - Grade 12 will begin on **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**
- First day of school for Headstart & K4 will begin on **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**



### Registration

Are you ready for back to school? Have you registered your awasisak for the upcoming school year? Here is everything you need to know for new & returning students: [www.maskwacised.ca/registration](http://www.maskwacised.ca/registration)

### MESC Parent Portal Assistance

Updating your MESC Parent Portal is essential for MESC Returning Students. Not only does it Register your child(ren) to a MESC School, it also gives MESC Transportation important student information such as: house number, land location and emergency contacts that is needed for busing services.

For MESC Parent Portal Assistance, please contact:

**Candace Swampy at (780)585-3243**

Email: [candaceswampy@maskwacised.ca](mailto:candaceswampy@maskwacised.ca)

### MESC Transportation

Do you have students that need busing for the 2025-26 school year?

Parents with students attending MESC schools will need to ensure their house number, land location and update parent contact numbers using the [MESC Parent Portal account](#). Contact MESC Transportation for pick up times, land location, and any other questions. Please note: **If your children live at the same house and attend the same school, the bus route will be the same.**

For MESC Transportation questions, please contact:

**Cindy Nicotine at (780)585-0803**

Email: [cindynicotine@maskwacised.ca](mailto:cindynicotine@maskwacised.ca)



Ermineskin Community Wellness Presents, in partnership with KKI:

# Back-To-School Mini Carnival

Children's event for Ages 5-10



August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1:00pm-3:30pm

\*Subject to change\*



## N.O.K Building

Popcorn, bouncy castle, face painting, wagon rides, snacks, balloon twisting, photobooth!

The first 100 ECN band members will receive free back-to school shoes, while sizing and quantities last!



Contact Community Wellness for more information 780-585-3741



MASKWAGIS EDUCATION SCHOOLS COMMISSION

"SADDLE UP FOR SUCCESS"

# Back to School Celebration

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

THERESA C. WILDCAT EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

