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Missanabie Cree First Nation

Happy Aboriginal Day!

Every year, at Gathering time, the people of the Missanabie Cree First Nation come together as families. Because of these Gatherings, our children have been able to connect with each other and to enjoy activities that encourage learning about our culture and traditions. This year the Gathering will be more focused on cultural and family activities. Family members are encouraged to take a more active role in planning these activities.

A year ago, the Ontario government announced its commitment to implement the 96 recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. This was reported in the front page article of the June 2016 issue of the

Bear Fax newsletter. Some of these recommendations concern child welfare, and they can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

It is painful to report that the Government of Canada has failed to provide child welfare services for First Nations that are equal to the level of service provided to other Canadian children, even when their own Human Rights Tribunal has ordered them to do so. Recently, a third non-compliance order was issued to the Canadian government regarding Jordan's Principle. (See page 10 for more information.)

As we recognize and celebrate our own history and culture on Aboriginal Day, we can remember the importance of fulfilling the sacred responsibility of raising our children to be proud of who they are, and to live a good life.

MCFN ANNUAL GATHERING - AUGUST 12-19, 2017 - REGISTRATION FORMS ATTACHED TO NEWSLETTER.

Events/Gatherings: **Follow MCFN on Twitter.** 

Residential School Historical Tour

June 9, 2017 Algoma University, Sault Ste. Marie, ON
<https://algomau.ca/event/historical-tour/>

Na-Me-Res Traditional Pow-wow

June 24, 2017 Fort York, Toronto, ON
www.nameres.org/annual-traditional-pow-wow/

All Ontario Chiefs Conference

June 13 - 15, 2017 Lac Seul First Nation, ON
<http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/node/1550>

Aboriginal History Month Celebration

June 28, 2017 Dundas Square, Toronto, ON
<http://ncct.on.ca/aboriginal-history-month-celebration/>

UNsettling Canada 150 - A National Call to Action

July 1, 2017 Everywhere, CA
http://www.idlenomore.ca/unsettling_150

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Chief and Council Reports

Watchay,

First, I would like to congratulate our new employees and state that I am looking forward to working with all of you moving forward.

I would like to report that we had very good discussions with the Federal Government in regards to our Land Claim. I am very optimistic. We are also gaining momentum in regards to the reserve status in the Missanabie area.

The comprehensive community planning meeting went well and the participants gave us constructive input on

the community plan.

The camp is looking at upgrades this year, and we are also upgrading the band office. We have already done some repairs on the front and sign for building, and we are planning to do more.

I am hoping to have lots of participation for the site visit to the Richmond site and the Canada's Wonderland trip. I hope to see everyone there.

In the spirit of community,
Chief Jason Gauthier



Wachay,

Summer is upon us, which means that we are getting close to our annual gathering. I am very excited to see everyone and to take part in my first gathering as a councillor. I will be present at this year's gathering. However, I will be leaving early Thursday Aug 17 as I will be standing in a wedding that weekend. I hope to see everyone there!

It has been a bit of a whirlwind for me learning all the processes within the position of Council. I pushed to have an orientation and strategic planning session, both of which did take place. During those sessions, we identified what portfolio each of us would focus on, I am lead on Economic Development and secondary on Culture.

I have been to all three of the most recent CCP meetings, and am excited that during this last meeting, which took place during May 26-29, we developed a plan to

engage the youth and our community. Details to come! I am also excited that we have decided that it is time to get our Economic Development Officer position back. The position has been posted and we intend to hold interviews near the end of June!

Lastly, I would like to welcome our new Youth Representative, Alexandra! As a previous Youth Rep. I understand the job that lies ahead of her and hope that we all can support her as much as possible.

Please feel free to email me at cparayko@missanabiecree.com if you have anything you would like brought forward to the rest of Chief and Council. I am a firm believer in the fact that we are guided by our community, so I need to know what you would like to see us focus on.

All my relations,
Chelsie

From the Desk of:

BAND ADMINISTRATOR

Aaniin,

It has been a very busy month in Administration! We have held interviews for three (3) positions and can report that we have very qualified individuals that will help us in our capacity to meet and deliver Missanabie Cree First Nation business. The positions and successful incumbents are as follows:

- Community Benefits Agreement Implementation Coordinator – Stephen Hawkins
- Community Development Coordinator – Gloria Harris
- Youth/Elder Coordinator – Jackie Fletcher

We have yet to recruit an Economic Development Officer, however that will take place during the month of June.

The Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) took place May 26-29/17 – thank you to staff who jumped onboard

to organize and ensure its' success. It was great to meet more of our members and found that it was an interesting, engaging and thought-provoking session with many good conversations and ideas.

Island View Camp is operational with the staff there working hard and diligently to ensure our customers are taken care of. There are preliminary plans to make funding available for capital repairs to the existing infrastructure. A “call out for your input on infrastructure development” has been posted in this newsletter, so please provide your feedback. (See page 11.)

Business is going full force ahead and we are on its' heels and working hard for our membership.

Miigwetch,

Doreen Boissoneau, Band Administrator

POST SECONDARY OFFICER

Oki/Tansi/Wachay,

We have received over 20 applications for post-secondary funding for classes to start in September. Deadline was May 15th. All applications received after this date will be subject to funds available. Nevertheless, if you are thinking of maybe going this academic year... maybe for a January 2018 start, apply.... If you do not apply, the sure answer is a “no funding available”. All applicants will be informed of the decision. Those who applied by May 15th, will know by the end of June. If you apply after May 15th, it may be later than that.

High school students: if you are not sure about post-secondary, check out the dual credit programs available

in your area of the country. These programs offer an opportunity to get both a high school and a college credit. They are also opportunities for you to explore what it is all about. (See page 19.)

All students but especially those of you who achieved B's or higher, please apply to the post-secondary institution of your choice for their indigenous awards, entrance awards, continuing awards. Also IndSpire is a very good program. Local colleges and your education officer/counsellors are willing to assist you with those forms.

Best wishes to all for a great summer!

Regards, Deb Clement

GATHERING COORDINATOR

Oki/Wachay/Danetahda/Tansi/Boozhoo/Greetings,
Members:

Our Gathering is coming up. August 12 to 19th – Saturdays are travel days.

A list of accommodations will be posted in visible spots and at the Multi-Purpose Centre. If you have indicated on your registration form that you will share with someone and you do not see your name, look for the other name. Please remember that healthy able bodied young folks may not get a bed assigned to them.

Please know that the number of activities depends on how many of our members step up to volunteer. We ask and encourage more participation. The current schedule has spaces for adults, youth and children's activities.

Please contact me or Lesley if you have ideas or are willing to assist with any of the below or other activities. Also **please remember to register by July 7th**. We need to be firm with this date. All those who register after this date are not guaranteed assistance with travel nor any assigned accommodations, as we have a tighter budget than last year.

Definitions:

?? = needs someone to take lead or needs helpers
JJ or SH or other initial means someone has taken the lead - they will/may need helpers

- Bannock cook-off - JF
- Bingo - JF
- Auction - SH (B&LR assisting)
- Crib tournament - JP
- Drum, pipe, rattle - L&T
- School supplies - LG
- Fish derby - CM ?? Boat rentals will be the responsibility of the member
- Fireworks - DJ
- Resume - SC & JF
- Canoe trip for youth - CM (the other one)
- Tipis going up in July - CM (the other one) plus ??
- Variety show - ??

- Euchre tournament - ??
- Learn how to dance - ??
- Other ideas ??

Children's activities daily - such as below.... And other ideas??

Workshop facilitators - feedback from members and staff say that they like to attend hands on events that people can walk away with something they make, as do the children: these are all just suggestions until we have the volunteers to do the activity.

- o Painted rocks, kite, origami bird, cardboard doll house/bed, dream catcher, decorated picture, macaroni statue, Christmas ornament, door stopper, wind chime, puppets, candle holder, pot scrubbers
- o Key chain, book marker
- o Horseshoes
- o Hand bound personalized journal
- o Sketches, water colour art pieces
- o Jars of jam
- o Scavenger hunt
- o Follow the trail
- o Medicine walks
- o Medicine teachings
- o Easy to make recipes
- o Tipi raising contests
- o Calligraphy skill; cursive writing skill

Vendors: ?? - responsible for own set up, space is limited for indoors.

Kitchen helpers ??

Please contact me with your ideas or offers of help in organizing these activities.

Regards,
Deb Clement
Gathering Coordinator
Missanabie Cree First Nation
Ph: 705-254-2702 ext. 227

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER - PATTI LESAGE

Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action**Child Welfare**

We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to commit to reducing the number of Aboriginal children in care by:

Monitoring and assessing neglect investigations.

Providing adequate resources to enable Aboriginal communities and child-welfare organizations to keep Aboriginal families together where it is safe to do so, and to keep children in culturally appropriate environments, regardless of where they reside.

Ensuring that social workers and others who conduct child-welfare investigations are properly educated and trained about the history and impacts of residential schools.

Ensuring that social workers and others who conduct child-welfare investigations are properly educated and trained about the potential for Aboriginal communities and families to provide more appropriate solutions to family healing.

Requiring that all child-welfare decision makers consider the impact of the residential school experience on children and their caregivers.

We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with the provinces and territories, to prepare and pub-

lish annual reports on the number of Aboriginal children (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis) who are in care, compared with non-Aboriginal children, as well as the reasons for apprehension, the total spending on preventive and care services by child-welfare agencies, and the effectiveness of various interventions.

We call upon all levels of government to fully implement Jordan's Principle.

We call upon the federal government to enact Aboriginal child-welfare legislation that establishes national standards for Aboriginal child apprehension and custody cases and includes principles that:

Affirm the right of Aboriginal governments to establish and maintain their own child-welfare agencies.

Require all child-welfare agencies and courts to take the residential school legacy into account in their decision making.

Establish, as an important priority, a requirement that placements of Aboriginal children into temporary and permanent care be culturally appropriate.

We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to develop culturally appropriate parenting programs for Aboriginal families.

Elders Speak

ATTENTION

MCFN MEMBERS

"WANTED"

OUR HISTORY

The Elder's Council would like to encourage all the Members to contribute in the history of Missanabie Cree.

We are interested in all our family trees to elaborate further on the information we currently have acquired.

Please come forward with your information on your families. Please send all your material to Terri Montgomery at tmontgoery@missanabiecree.com.

Thank you on behalf of the Elder's Council.

Elders Squeak

Wachay Elders and Elders Council,

We will need to know, who will be taking the bus from Sault Ste Marie to the MCFN and Richmond Signing Ceremony. Please contact myself or Councillor Cory McLeod or Shereena at the band office.

This past Tuesday at Chief and Council meeting, I have confirmation from Chief Gauthier that the Elders will receive a blanket. He estimated a Hudson Bay Blanket to be approx. \$100.00 dollars. This is in appreciation of our Elders for all their work that they have done for our First Nation. Chi-Meegwetch!

Another item secured is transportation for the Elders during the 2017 Annual Gathering. Chief Gauthier has assured me that he has secured a side by side and also the golf cart that was purchased last year will be operational for the Elders to get to and from the Kee Kaw Naw (Multi-Purpose Facility) and other activities.

It is that time of year to gather any donations for the Elders Fund Raising BINGO and Auction. We rely on everyone to make this event a most enjoyable and fun evening. It is you that makes this night a huge success.

I want to say how happy I am to see the Otisiabi Matriarchal Society come to life again. It was uplifting to sit with the women and discuss issues that relate to all of Missanabie Cree First Nation. I think we identified 10 issues that need to be addressed but the most important issue for me is getting status for my great grandchildren. They are no longer recognized by INAC, but are still so much a part of me and I know there are many others in our band that are affected or will be affected.

We are not only coming together to support each other but we are also going to network with other women's groups for support, i.e. Ontario Native Women's Association. There is a drum that will be given to us as soon as Shirley lets the person know when we are ready to receive it. It will be transported from Toronto free of

Please support your Elders. Meegwetch!

All MCFN Elders who are 55 yrs. old are welcome to get active. It is up to you to insert yourself and get involved with your First Nation.

Join us for our next Elders Council Meeting, which will be June 15th, 2017 at 6:30 pm. All you have to do is pick up the phone and join our teleconference. The toll free phone number is 1-888-575 5157. Guest code (1671069#). We are most excited in our development as an Elders Council. We have been working closely with Elizabeth Angecneb, our Governance Coordinator. Chi-Meegwetch to Elizabeth for her expertise.

If you want to know any information about our Joint Ventures, or find out about your First Nation's business, pick up the phone and listen to the Chief and Council Meetings. The phone number is 1-888-575-5157 guest code (7880374#).

Meegwetch

Laura-Lee Rawlyk, Aush Kii Ish Kwayo
Elders Liaison

charge.

We are having a conference call sometime in June, can't remember the date right now but it will be in the newsletter, I believe.

We set a date of July 9, full moon, to come together at Island View and start doing our ceremonies. We have no funding at this point. We are going to bring our own food and stay with others wherever we can. We are going to have a fire, do a full moon ceremony, water ceremony, sing a woman and man drum song, bring strawberries, to name a few of the activities that we will doing.

Please come if you can.

Jackie Fletcher

Elders Speak

Calling all Artists!

Calling all artists and would-be artists of all ages and genders

to create and bring a piece of art, any style to the Gathering.



Show us your talents!



The theme is 'Peace and Community'.

Some examples: Painting, drawing, sculpture, carving, crafts, poetry, music and song, stories, dance, skits, etc.

You are only limited by the size of your imagination. Your art piece must be transportable.

We will arrange the displays during the Gathering at Missanabie. We are asking that you consider donating your piece(s) to the Elders Council for auction to raise funds for the Elders.

Miigwech, MCFN Elders Council

MCFN Bannock Making Contest

This year the Gathering Committee is holding a "bannock making contest". Please register your name with June Markie at the band office.

- Make your own bannock wherever you are staying or bring it with you.
- Three judges (includes 1 youth) will be available to judge your cooking.
- Peanut butter, butter and jam will be available as accents.



Three categories:

Best tasting

Most creative

Best consistency

Community News and Notes

Happy birthday to my amazing sister June



Love you dearly, Jackie



Happy birthday to my beautiful granddaughter, Tiffany

This bouquet made me think of you.
Nanny Fletcher

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR GRANDSON
GAGE OUELLET



From Mooshum



Happy Birthday to my great great-nephew, Landon. XXOO Auntie Jackie.



Community News and Notes

Canada's Wonderland Trip for Youth—July 8, 2017



A trip to Canada's Wonderland for youth, up to age 24 is being planned for Saturday, July 8th.

A bus will be departing from the Wellington Square Mall in Sault Ste. Marie on **Friday, July 7, at 10 pm** to travel to Toronto through the night. There will be a stop for breakfast before entering the Park in the morning.

People will spend the day at the Park and leave at **5:00 pm, Saturday, July 8**, to go back to the Soo.

Please note: Youth under 13 must have an adult chaperone.

If you can get to the Sault please come, and we will also be able to pick people up on the way and meet at the park if you are able.

If you are travelling from the Toronto GTA, please ensure that you register with June Markie by June 30th, so that your Park tickets can be reserved.

In order to receive a ticket, registration is required by June 30, 2017.

To register, call June Markie at MCFN - 705-254-2702, ext. 221 and leave your name and contact information.

Check our website and facebook page for more information.





CAMP CHIKEPĀK

@ Islandview Camp, Missanabie, Ontario

Taykwa Tagamou Nation • Chapleau Cree First Nation • Missanabie Cree First Nation

Kids Summer Camp

July 23
to
July 29

kids from
9-14
years

Camp Chikepāk

(Cree, meaning 'along the shore')

A week long experience for Mushkegowuk First Nation youth ages 9-14. Chapleau Cree, Missanabie Cree and Taykwa Tagamou Nation youth are invited to participate - 15 youth from each community will be accepted.

The focus is bringing Traditional Knowledge and Culture together with Western Science in a fun, learning environment.

Set at IslandView Camp on Missanabie Cree traditional homelands, this beautiful spot is ideal for connecting with the power of nature.

Now Accepting Registrations!

Deadline is June 15, 2017

Goto: www.creegeo.ca

and follow the Chikepak link for more information



Hosted by Muskegowuk Council
Youth and Information Services Departments

Otisiabi Matriarchal Society

Invitation to Join the Otisiabi Matriarchal Society

The Otisiabi Matriarchal Society is looking for women that are interested in joining the society.

Please send an email with expressing your interest to all three ad-hoc committee members listed below.

Jackie Fletcher: jackiefletcher45@gmail.com

Glad Fletcher-Hawkins: gladhawkins@gmail.com

Shirley Horn: shirley_horn_1@hotmail.com

Miigwech!

Full Moon Ceremony

The Otisiabi Matriarchal Society is hosting a Full Moon Ceremony on July 9, 2017 at Island View Camp in Missanabie. Travel, meal and accommodations will be at your own expense

For additional information or to confirm your attendance, please contact all three ad-hoc committee members listed below.

Jackie Fletcher: jackiefletcher45@gmail.com

Glad Fletcher-Hawkins: gladhawkins@gmail.com

Shirley Horn: shirley_horn_1@hotmail.com

News Items

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA STILL FAILING FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN:

Canadian Human Rights Tribunal issues THIRD Compliance Order on Jordan's Principle

OTTAWA, ON (May 26, 2017, 2:00 p.m.) – The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (“the Tribunal”) has issued a third compliance order finding Canada’s approach to Jordan’s Principle to be unlawful and discriminatory. In a decision released today, the Tribunal concludes that little has changed since its January 2016 ruling that found Canada to be racially discriminating against 165,000 First Nations children. Today’s ruling finds that the current government has adopted the same approach to Jordan’s Principle as the former government in 2009-2012, resulting in unnecessary and unlawful bureaucratic delays, gaps and denial of essential public services to First Nations children. Despite frequent good-will statements by the Ministers of Health Canada and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (“INAC”), the Tribunal found that the federal government has failed to comply with even the simplest part of the January 2016 decision, which ordered Canada to immediately adopt a broad definition of Jordan’s Principle.

In the words of the Tribunal, “the definition of Jordan’s Principle adopted by Canada was a calculated, analyzed and informed policy choice based on financial impacts and potential risks rather than on the needs or the best

interests of First Nations children, which Jordan’s Principle is meant to protect and should be the goal of Canada’s programming” (para. 55). The Tribunal notes that even the urgent request of the Wapakeka First Nation, which demonstrated the existence of a suicide pact within the community, was not addressed in a timely manner and two children died by suicide.

In response to today’s decision, Dr. Cindy Blackstock, Executive Director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society (“Caring Society”), is calling on Prime Minister Trudeau to intervene to ensure the Tribunal’s orders are finally met: “It is vital that the Prime Minister personally intervene to ensure INAC and Health Canada fully comply with Jordan’s Principle. Today’s ruling includes evidence from the Tribunal hearing that shows the deaths of at least two children are related to Canada’s non-compliance. It should not take four Tribunal orders and counting to get Canada to treat First Nations children lawfully and equitably.”

For the complete press release and more information please visit: <https://fncaringsociety.com/all-news>

-First Nation Caring Society-

Call for your Input on Infrastructure Development



Background Announcement: Missanabie Cree First Nation is moving steadily forward toward reserve status on the 15 mi.² of land already secured. The government of Canada has told us that we will have reserve status by the end of 2017. They have also invited us to the table to negotiate on our total land claim. We are now submitting a proposal to complete a capital land-use and infrastructure planning study, which is required by INAC so that we can get infrastructure money to actually build our community. That study should be underway soon.

Meanwhile, many community members are anxious to get back to the land, and some really want to do something immediately to begin the building process. In recognition of this community desire, Chief and Council have managed to secure \$150,000 that can be applied to a building project to begin this summer.

Your input is needed to help the community choose which project will be given priority. Please put a checkmark in the box indicating your priority selection from the following options.

- A. Upgrading Islandview Camp facilities; winterizing and upgrading cabins
- B. Upgrading Islandview Camp water and sewer facilities
- C. Upgrading Islandview Pavilion to a usable year round space
- D. Rebuilding the Healing/Turtle Lodge
- E. Establishing a serviced area for temporary shelters for construction workers and residents during the building phase

How to vote

Send this ballot with your vote by email or post to Shereena Campbell at the band office by July 1, 2017.

(email: scampbell@missanabiecree.com)

(postal address: 559 Queen St. East, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2A3)

Please print your name at the bottom of your ballot, and write your signature with the current date.

Ballots will only be counted if the person voting can be identified.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

July Birthday Greetings

JULY 1

Happy Birthday!



Sherrri Lynn Black

JULY 2

Happy Birthday!



Brandi Lee Hunt
Terri Lee Montgomery

JULY 4


Happy Birthday



Mackenzie-Jo Mailet

JULY 5


Happy Birthday!



Peggy Nolan

JULY 8

Happy Birthday!



Ryan Smith

JULY 9

Happy Birthday!



Lori Rainville
Megan Harris

JULY 14


Happy Birthday!



Kathleen Rask

JULY 15


Happy Birthday!



Paul James Fletcher

JULY 16


Happy Birthday!



Louise Campbell
Jayson Stevenson
Paul D. Martin

JULY 17

Happy Birthday!



Ian Souliere

JULY 18

Happy Birthday!



Morgan Blaney
David Easton

JULY 20


Happy Birthday!



Shawn Pine

JULY 21

Happy Birthday!



James (Jim) Gideon
Scott Wilson
Samuel D. Smith

JULY 22


Happy Birthday



Jessica Christianson
Luciano Pezzo
Shannon Ruth
Ashley Wilson

JULY 23

Happy Birthday



Paula Croteau, William Ross
Elisabeth Achneepineskum

JULY 24

Happy Birthday!



Douglas Ruth

JULY 26


Happy Birthday!



Kayla Church
Dayna Rainville
Theresa Nolan

JULY 28


Happy Birthday!



Marion Nolan

JULY 29


Happy Birthday!



Tannis Croteau
Daniel Fletcher

JULY 30

Happy Birthday!



Karen Boileau

MCFN Events Calendar

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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO BECOME AN MCFN WEBSITE MEMBER

In order to become a member on the MCFN website you must be a member of Missanabie Cree First Nation. The site administrator will need to verify that the email address you use to sign up does belong

STEP 1

To sign up, on your computer, go to the MCFN website (www.missanabiecreefn.com) and click here on the home (front) page of the MCFN website.



STEP 2

This pop up will appear on your screen. Once you are a member, then you may click the login button.

If you are signing up, enter your email address and a password in the appropriate box.

You must retype the password you have chosen in the next box.

Finally, click the blue Go Button.

STEP 3

Your information will be sent to the site administrator. If your email address cannot be verified by office administration, then the following email will be sent back in reply.

Please check your email within a few days of your sign up. Also, please check your Junk/Spam folder as the email does contain key words and phrases that some filters will assume is spam, keywords such as "membership" and "sign up".

Good Afternoon

Thank you for signing up to become a member of the <http://www.missanabiecreefn.com> website.

Due to the fact that sign up requests only provide us with an email address we are unable to verify that you are in fact a member of Missanabie Cree First Nation.

To help us verify that you are a member of Missanabie Cree First Nation please respond with the following information.

Name:
Address:
Phone Number:
(Band) Registration Number:
This can be found on your Secure Certificate of Indian Status card.

Once this information has been provided it will be verified by our Registration Administrator and your website access will be granted.

Thank You.

Missanabie Cree First Nation

Once you respond to this email and your information has been verified, your request to become a member will be approved and you will have access to the MEMBERS ONLY page.

If you continue to have problems please email info@missanabiecree.com.

Indigenous and
Northern Affairs CanadaAffaires autochtones
et du Nord Canada

TREATY ANNUITY PAYMENTS

MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

Thursday, June 22, 2017

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sault Ste. Marie
Satellite Office

REMINDER

- Bring your status card or other ID for yourself
- Must have ID for children and your spouse
- No third party pickups
- Third party notes are not accepted

Employment Opportunities

Domco Foodservices Group of Canada is accepting resumes for catering or cleaning at the Richmond Mine near Missanabie, ON.



If interested, please forward your resume to:

Suzanne Gagnon

Regional Director of Operations

Domco Food Services Group

Email: suzanne.gagnon@domcofoodservices.com

Opportunities for Students

Project Assistants (summer students)

4 positions (1 Missanabie, 3 Sault Ste. Marie)

Pending funding

Deadline June 22, 2017

Start Date: July 3, 2017 – Sept 1, 2017

Missanabie Cree First Nation is looking for Project Assistants summer students. This position will involve continuing and maintaining the Community Gardens as well as assisting with various projects in Sault Ste. Marie and Missanabie. Summer students will assist in supervision and coordination of activities for youth and planning of activities on a monthly basis.

Qualifications:

Must be willing to train or provide certification in First Aid CPR, WHMIS, boat safety.

Must have good communication skills and the ability to work with others.

Able to work as a team or independently.

Must have the willingness and initiative to learn.

Must be in school and returning to school (documentation required).

Duties/Requirements:

Develop a plan for the community garden, in order to get members involved.

Plan and advertise for the events.

Assist families with providing fresh vegetables from the garden.

Assist with research and development on indoor community gardens.

Assist with gathering activities and planning.

Grass cutting, painting, clearing brush.

Some travel required. assist with developing a plan for youth activities for the year.

Cabin cleaning, grounds keeping.

Other duties as required.

To apply for this position, please drop off your cover letter, resume in person at:

559 Queen St. East

Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2A3

By email to Jmarkie@missanabiecree.com or by Fax 705-254-3292

Attention: June Markie

Opportunities for Youth

Indigenous Youth Leadership Project

by Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario



Call out for Youth Applicants

The Indigenous Youth Leadership Project is seeking three youth members to be on the Youth Steering Committee and 5 youth Ambassadors from the 6 regions; far north, NE, NW, C, SE, SW. Must be ages 16-24 years.

Selected applicants will also have the opportunity to take part in:

- Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council's Leadership and Cultural camps in August 2017
- Be showcased and volunteer at the North American Indigenous Games Cultural Villages in Toronto, Ontario
- Attend the Youth Conference at Potawatami Nations Gathering in Walpole Island
- Participate in the University of Guelph Leadership Camp
- Attend the Ontario Education Leadership Centre (OELC) Leadership Camp

Please contact youthsteeringcommittee1@gmail.com for more information on how to apply.

Deadline for applications is June 26, 2017

For more information and to download an application, check this web address:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Byk3PcOO9KshVU9DOGRtTnJscnM/view>



Indigenous and
Northern Affairs Canada

Affaires autochtones
et du Nord Canada

May 18, 2017

File 4760-1
CIDM# 1039375

Education Directors/Principals/Education Portfolio
All First Nations

Re: First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment Strategy – National First Nations and Inuit Science Camp – Regina and Saskatoon Saskatchewan, July 16-23, 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Ontario Region Selection Committee, I am pleased to inform you of an exciting opportunity for five (5) First Nations students, **aged 12 to 15 at the time of the camp, non-smokers, and living on reserve**, to represent Ontario Region at a National First Nations and Inuit National Science Camp as part of the First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment Strategy.

The week-long camp will be held **July 16-23, 2017 In Regina and Saskatoon Saskatchewan at University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan** hosted by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Ontario Region in partnership with First Nations University of Canada, and local First Nations. The representatives from Ontario Region will meet and interact with First Nations and Inuit students from across Canada while participating in a variety of dynamic educational experiences focusing on science and technology.

To participate, students have to produce an essay on **"How science and technology can help First Nations improve life on reserve"** and an artistic expression, drawing, sketch, etc. must accompany each essay. The art work is to express what is detailed in the essay.

All costs for participation in the camp, including travel, meals, and accommodations for the participants will be provided. Costs for a chaperone to take each participant to a local departure point will be covered as well.

Information on the camp, an application form, parental consent form, and submission guidelines are enclosed. If you have any questions or would like further information please contact me at Bernadette Wabie, Senior Education Officer 519-751-2443 or Bernadette.Wabie@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca

Good Luck!



Bernadette Wabie

Senior Education Officer
Education and Social Programs Directorate

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
58 Dalhousie Street, 3rd Floor PO Box 1960
BRANTFORD, ON N3T 5W5
Encl.

Information on the camp, the application form and submission guidelines have been posted to the Education Page on the MCFN website.



Team Taught Construction dual credit students.



Team Taught Health & Fitness dual credit students visit Sault College campus labs to enhance curriculum.



Outdoor Education dual credit students have the opportunity to earn equipment certifications.



Level One Hairstylist apprenticeship dual credit students continued on after secondary school to earn a diploma in the Hairstyling trade.

SCWI Dual Credit Programs

School College Work Initiative
Regional Planning Team 15
Algoma District

Eligibility:

Students in Grade 11 and Grade 12

Dual credit programs benefit students and enable them to:

- Complete their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- Earn a high school credit and a college credit at the same time.
- Have an experience that will help them make a successful transition to college or an apprenticeship program.
- Increase their awareness of various college and apprenticeship pathways.
- Gain greater insight into education and career planning decisions.
- **Have their costs for tuition, books, supplies and transportation covered through the dual credit program.**

Students have the opportunity to:

- Earn high school credits while studying at a local college for post-secondary or apprenticeship classes.
- Gain experience in the transition to postsecondary education or apprenticeship.
- Get a head-start on learning and training for their future careers.
- "Try out" a college program at no additional cost.
- Be more engaged in their secondary school education.
- Learn skills that can be applied to part-time or summer employment.

Dual Credit Programs Include:

- **Career Exploration** – take integrated classes with post-secondary students in a variety of subjects such as: Medical Terminology, Introduction to Psychology, Canadian Criminal Justice, Anishinaabemowin – Conversational, Film Studies, Electrical Fundamentals, Business Law, Customer Service Training, Drawing/Illustration, and Introductory Sociology.
- **Level One Apprenticeship** – take the first steps in becoming a Cook or Hairstylist
- **School College Connection** - for students needing six or fewer credits to graduate
- **Other Dual Credit Projects** – SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major), Team Taught, Outdoor Education, Motive Power Co-op and Summer School - ask for details

For more information about dual credits, please see your high school Guidance Counsellor.

DC Dual Credit
School College Work Initiative

MCFN Membership

Our mailing list for the Bear Fax newsletter is being revised so that only one newsletter is sent to one address, and is part of an effort to reduce costs. However, if you wish to receive your own personal copy of Bear Fax, and you are part of another household, please send me a request and I will add your name to the mailing list.

Office Hours: Tuesdays/Wednesdays, 9 am to 5 pm.

Indian Status Card renewals will now be accepted from non-band members. A fee will be charged up-front for this service. Notices will be forwarded to local native organizations.

Members, please keep your address up-to-date, by filling out the change of address form below so you don't miss out on pertinent information regarding band business.

PLEASE NOTE: I CANNOT RECEIVE ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS FROM ANYONE ELSE; ONLY FROM THE PERSON INVOLVED, the reason being, anyone can call in and report an address change without their knowledge. Please use the change of address form below and mail or fax it to Missanabie Cree First Nation or call or email Ted Ouellet.

Names of deceased members are not removed from the band voter's list unless the information is provided to Aboriginal Affairs. Anyone with funeral information (i.e. name of funeral home/location), date of death, a death certificate, or anyone who can be contacted for this information, please call or leave a message with Ted Ouellet at the MCFN Band Office.

Miigwech., Ted Ouellet



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM -- For Band Members

SURNAME	
First Name and 2 nd Name	
ALIAS/BAND #	
DATE RECEIVED	
NEW ADDRESS	
CITY/PROVINCE	
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E-MAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE #	
SIGNATURE	

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VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

We are the Anishnabe of the Missanabie Cree First Nation whose vision is to have a united and self-governing body that will determine our destiny guided by the seven laws.

We have a vision of a leadership that is open, honest, trustworthy; a leadership with conviction, accessible to the people; a leadership that is progressive yet respectful of our traditions, values and beliefs; a leadership with confidence, always watchful and assertive in protecting and preserving the treaty and aboriginal rights of our people; a leadership that is directed by our people and with exclusive accountability to our people and our people alone.

We have a vision of our community re-established on the traditional lands that were once the homeland of our ancestors where institutions of our government, economy and education can once again thrive.

We have a vision of a people where individuals and families can stand strong and find healing through tradition and spirituality; individuals and families who are loving and compassionate.

We have a vision of a people who are bi-cultural and bi-lingual; a people who can walk in both worlds contributing to our well-being, the well-being of our brother and sister First Nations; contributing and competing globally.

We have a vision of a Nation of people who respect the dignity of all; a people who find balance through equality of all ages, male and female alike.

We have a vision of people who respect the environment, harvesting and reaping the resources of the land in a sustainable manner as responsible stewards for the use of future generations.

We are the Anishnabe of the Missanabie Cree First Nation whose vision it is to regain and restore our rightful place and through the strength of our people, never again be denied our place in society.

September 20, 1998