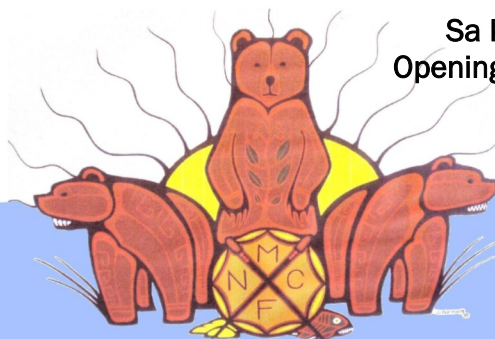


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Missanabie Cree First Nation

## Honouring Traditional Food

Goose Break in the Cree communities means time to roast goose on an open fire in the tipi

Need a recipe for 10-hour tourtière with marinated moose meat? Want to know the steps to truss a boneless stuffed beaver? How about the cooking time for a wild goose in a slow cooker?

The Waswanipi cook set up this page to share recipes, techniques and photos of Cree traditional food. Thanks to Paul Ottereyes, there's a Facebook page for that.

"It's honouring our traditional food heritage", says Ottereyes. "That's why I created that Facebook page, to honour our traditional food which we still eat in all our



*Smoked fish prepared for a community feast in Waswanipi (Jaime Little/CBC)*

James Bay Cree communities."

Now that the spring goose hunt is underway in the north, many hunters and cooks are swapping suggestions for the best way to make sigabon, or slow-roasted goose.

"We like to cook it on an open fire," says Ottereyes. "We tie it up on a string. It's a plain old Cree traditional

recipe, one of my favourite recipes. There's no magic about it, just patience."

*By Lindsay Visitor, Jaime Little, CBC News Posted: May 02, 2015 3:45 PM CT | Last Updated: May 02, 2015 3:51 PM CT*

*The facebook group is called "Sharing Cree recipe From James Bay"*

## Events/Gatherings:

### Ride Don't Hide June 21st

Help raise money for mental illness across Canada  
<http://ridedonthide.com/>

### Native Canadian Centre's Aboriginal History Month Celebrations

June 24, 2015 Toronto, ON (Dundas Square)  
<http://www.ncct.on.ca/events.php>

### The Power of Inspiration & Working With Your Intuitive Voice

July 4-5, 2015 Toronto, ON  
<http://www.thepowerofinspirationevents.com/>

### 36th Annual General Assembly (AGA) Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

July 7- 9, 2015 Montreal, QC  
[www.afn.ca/index.php/en/36th-annual-general-assembly](http://www.afn.ca/index.php/en/36th-annual-general-assembly)

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## Message from the Chief

Watchay

We have again been very busy participating in NAN, Mushkegowuk and North East Regional Superior Chief forum business over the last couple months. I feel that our participation in these meetings are fundamentally important. As we as a nation engage with our brother and sister First Nations we begin to promote unity and strength.

We continue to engage with our industry partners to promote our economy and our concerns regarding the environment. We hope to have resource forums in different

communities over the next month and discuss the details of our economic and social development initiatives.

I would like to thank some of our partners of for investing in Missanabie Cree gathering this year. With investments from Tembec, this years gathering will be funded and future gatherings.

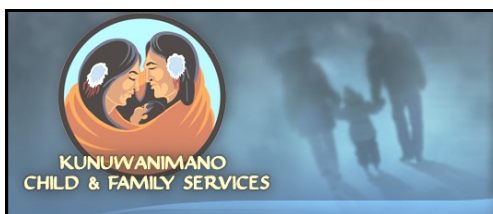
I would also like to welcome our new staff and look forward to working with all of them into the future. I wish you all well and looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Jason Gauthier

### MCFN Annual Gathering

**August 15-22, 2015**

Registration forms/information  
at the back of newsletter.



Kunuwanimano Child and Family Services just received official designation (May 1, 2015) as an Aboriginal Children's Aid Society .

Kathryn Jeremiah, holding the flag, is the MCFN representative to Kunuwanimano. There was an official ceremony in Wahgoshig First Nation.

For more details, please refer to Jackie Fletcher's report on pages 11-12.



## From the Desk of:

### **BAND MANAGER**

Hello, Everyone!

It's been a hectic last couple of weeks travelling to Island View Camp and then on to Sudbury for a training course on financials.

Island View Camp needs a lot of work, mainly clean up from the previous year and with the ground being frozen still, the water is not working to the cottages. Ty Hourtovenko is working very hard to ensure that the operations are being run smoothly.

Went to Sudbury to attend the Financial Reporting Requirements for AANDC (it is pronounced ansi) (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada).

### **COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

It's been extra busy in the Economic Development office, training of a new staff member; implementing projects; researching funding sources and applications; the Taking Care of Our Land Symposium; the Community Comprehensive Planning working session at Algoma University with the Prosperity Committee; and the Working Planning Session at Island View Camp with the Consultant, MacLeod and Farley and MCDC on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. With that, we welcome aboard Terri Nolan, who has been hired to complete a short term assignment to assist with our Lands and Resources initiatives that will be highlighted in my Community Economic Development Report.

### **Northern Governance Innovation for Socially Resilient Boreal Communities**

Chief Jason Gauthier and myself have been working on this project since September 2014. It's a collaboration between the University of Winnipeg, Algoma University, University of Saskatchewan, Beardy's and Okemasis First Nation and Missanabie Cree First Nation. The project was launched at the gdo akiiminann ganawenda-

Chief and Council have sent an offer of employment for the Post-Secondary/Gathering Coordinator. All job postings go in the newsletter including ones that get sent from other First Nation Organizations. We are having difficulties filling the positions for students to work for our First Nation, so please if you are going back to school come and work for us for the summer.

I went for a drive around the Echo Bay and Bruce Mines area and the sweet grass is out now. Smells so good!

Cathy



naan Taking Care of our Lands Symposium held on May 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Sault Ste. Marie.

Aboriginal Communities are resilient to transition and crisis. Many have endured and succeeded amidst pressures from colonialism, global economic restructuring, climate change, large-scale timber, mineral and energy development, and political reform. This research is intended to examine how Northern Aboriginal governance innovations are linked to social resilience in natural rich settings.

Jessica Numminen is a Masters Student with the University of Winnipeg who has been assigned to the project with Missanabie Cree First Nation for a period of five weeks. Jessica will be conducting preliminary research for our department to submit and revitalize an existing CORDA application for Non-Timber Forest Products and a soil type investigation within the Traditional Territory working with the Rural Agri-Innovative Network (RAIN). This project will also address our Food Security direc-

tives deriving from the CCP. We also included a medicine walk with Elder, Frank Belleau of Garden River First Nation who provided us with thorough knowledge of the Plant Nation through a medicine walk within the Creator's Garden (Garden River First Nation) on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, and a trip to Thessalon First Nation to tour their "Wild Foods Distribution Hub Facility" on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. *(Editor's note: RAIN is a network based in Algoma District and its objective is to improve capacity, innovation, and research in agriculture economic development. www.rainalgoma.ca)*

### **CCP Working Session – Algoma University**

I am a natural community developer and enjoyed working with Louise, B.G., Les, Debbie, Marion, and Jackie to "brainstorm" clearly defined goals to generate growth and prosperity. This working session was hosted at Algoma University on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. I was also excited to meet Michael and Judy Bopp, who wrote the book "Recreating the World" and was able to get my own copy autographed. It was a pretty awesome weekend with this enthusiastic, talented and creative group of members who are devoting their time and energy to establish our main goal of achieving "Meh Lew Pi Ma Ti Sew in" meaning the good life for all the members of Missanabie Cree First Nation!

### **Island View Camp – MacLeod and Farley/Business Needs Assessment (Joint Planning Session)**

We departed on the morning of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, to attend a coordinated working session with Rick MacLeod, the acquired consultant to evaluate their Community Tourism Planning Approach for Island View Camp. Ty Hourtovenko, resident camp manager and MCDC, Board of Director, Shirley Horn, along with Cathy Clement, Band Manager, Terri Nolan, Jessica Numminen and myself were in attendance. The goals were to review the latest project information to check for accuracy; to ensure a full understanding of the project before proceeding to the next step; immediate enhancement planning and

business plan expansion; overall concept, direction, vision, key objectives and website enhancement. It was a very productive two days!

### **Taking Care of Our Land Symposium (gdo akiiminaan ganawendanaan)**

The Anishinaabe Initiatives Division and the Department of Geography and Geology at Algoma University in partnership brought a collective of minds together to exploring Aboriginal Land Management, Planning and Use from diverse perspectives. The purpose of the symposium is to begin exploring through research and best practices, the inclusion of cultural and traditional practices of land management, planning and use for Aboriginal communities in Northern Ontario.

The four themes using the Medicine Wheel Framework guided the process and planning.

The opening ceremony was very powerful and spiritual...our very own Chancellor Shirley Horn was introduced and had a very eloquent keynote address. Chief Lyle Sayers did the welcome to their Traditional Territory and the drum welcome was by Miigwannanse (Little Feathers) Girls Drum Group, Eastview Public School.

Chief Jason Gauthier and his tenacious work was highlighted by Linda Savory-Gordon with the Algoma Passenger Trains (NORDIK) through the Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Communities partnering to save and sustain the Algoma Central Passenger Train.

In closing, we say "Ba maa pii" to Scott McCabe, Business Intern, who has left the organization to pursue other opportunities and we wish him all the success in his future endeavours. He brought enthusiasm to his position along with acquired knowledge from his educational program. We will miss his warm sense of humour and of course his thoughtfulness of June and Louise's Country Style Coffee!

Miigwetch, Janet Esquimaux



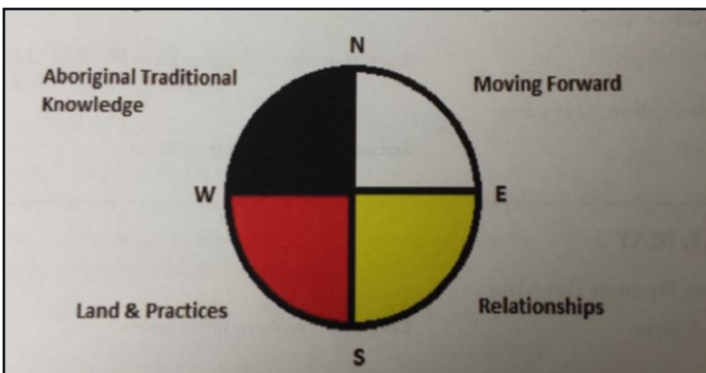
# From the Desk of:

## LANDS AND RESOURCES ASSISTANT

Greetings, Everyone,

My name is Terri (Theresa) Nolan, member of Missanabie Cree First Nation and I just started a six month contract with MCFN as the Lands and Resources Assistant.

My first three days started out attending the first Land Management, Planning & Use Symposium. GDO AMIIMI-NAAN GANAWENDANDAAN (Taking Care of Our Land) was hosted by Algoma University, Anishinaabe Initiatives Division and the Department of Geography and Geology. They used the medicine wheel and these 4 themes as a guide in the planning and process of the symposium



We take so much for granted as we drive up and down the highways and don't realize the history that surrounds us. The first day of the workshop we went on a tour with Chief Dean Sayers of Batchewana First Nation to Goulais Bay and Obadjiwan (Batchewana) First Nation. I was surprised to learn that with the new construction of homes out there and with their own drilled wells that they still spent \$48,000 on bottled water for Obadjiwan First Nation.

Day Two and Three were spent listening to the presenters speaking on different aspects of "Taking care of our Land" The presenters ranged from a Judge, to Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Elders, Chiefs, Students, an Independent Scholar and Professors just to name a few.

Topics ranged from The Need for Reconciliation, Aboriginal Land Management in Context, GIS to Inform First Nation Decision Making, the Thessalon First Nation Wild Foods Distribution Hub, Use and Occupancy Mapping and the Garden River Highway and Land Agreement. There were many more interesting topics. I was overwhelmed with all the information I absorbed at this symposium. As I stated earlier, we take so much for granted through our journey of life.

I am super excited about learning more about the Lands and Resources in and around our traditional territory.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, I was off to Thessalon First Nation to meet with Tamara Ashawasega and compared notes on food security with our intern Jessica Numminen from the University of Winnipeg and Janet Esquimaux.

May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> we went to Missanabie to meet with Rick Macleod Farley to follow up on his "Site & Facility Review & Assessment" with Engineer Richard Lay in January of this year.

We were joined by Elder Shirley Horn who opened with a prayer and Band Manager, Cathy Clement. We reviewed the "Needs Assessment Report" as a result of their visit in January. What a productive two days! Lots of ideas were shared, to initiate the process of the development of the business case and needs assessment of Island View Camp.

It's been a whirlwind of three weeks of on-the-job training and I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of it! So until next month I hope this keeps you all in good spirits.

Regards,  
Terri

## From the Desk of:

### BOOKKEEPER

Whatchay to all my Family and Friends:

Year-end again! They seem to be coming faster as time goes on, or perhaps it is just one of the perks of old age. This is always a busy time of the year, with turnover in staffing; setting up the books for the new fiscal year; closing out the old; as well as starting to prepare for this year's Gathering. The office is in a flurry of activity with everyone working towards all these goals and the foremost one of importance, bringing our members together for a yearly celebration of "family".

### COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT



Hi, Everyone,

I hope things are going well with everyone.

As many of you know, I have worked on and off for MCFN since the late 90's.

My roles while working with MCFN have ranged from activities assistant, network administrator, communications coordinator, and marketing director for Circle of Creative Arts, just to name a few; and now back as Communications Assistant. I also do freelance design work ranging from logo designs, small business and corporate branding, and I have also been the creative director for other projects for different organizations.

### COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING COORDINATOR

Wacheye,

I have reached the end of my contract here at MCFN as the Comprehensive Community Planning Coordinator, and with that I would like to extend a great thank you to the Steering Committee off the CCP. There has never been a moment where these group of individuals have not been completely focused, driven and supportive and for this I am grateful. It was great working with all of you! Thank you to the Staff here at the office. They have also been incredibly supportive and helpful.

Been quite a few changes in staffing over the last few months, with some previous employees returning in new positions and still others just testing the waters for the first time. I wish to say "Welcome" to all those new members and look forward to working with all of you. I have only one request...**Keep your receipts...**

Yours in Spirit of Welcoming  
Louise



While I'm here during my 6 month contract, I will be doing research for communications and community engagement plan/policy. I'm not writing these, I'm just doing the background research of plans and policies among First Nations, Cities, Townships, and districts to find commonalities within these plans and putting together a report on these. I am also doing the data input for the newsletter. Elizabeth Angecone is still in charge of the newsletters; please keep directing your newsletter inquiries or additions to her.

I would also like to say Happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there and I hope everyone has a great National Aboriginal Day. :)

James Nolan

I am incredibly excited to see some great changes happen with the implementation of the Community Plan. Stay tuned!

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the CCP process please contact the Band Manager, Cathy Clement at 705-254-2702 ext. 222 or by email at [cclement@missanabieecree.com](mailto:cclement@missanabieecree.com).

All my relations,  
Chelsie





# Community News and Notes

## TREATY PAYMENTS

### MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

#### WHERE

Island View Camp



#### WHEN

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

#### TIME

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

#### REMINDER

- ✚ Must be 13 years of age or older to pick up your treaty annuity
- ✚ No third party pickups
- ✚ Third party notes are not accepted
- ✚ Bring your status card or other identification for yourself, your children and your spouse



## Community News and Notes

The Anishinaabe Initiatives Division and the Department of Geography & Geology at Algoma University hosted the Symposium "Gdo Akiiminaan Ganawendandann (Taking Care of our Land) from May 5th – 6th in Sault Ste.

A research poster entitled: *Northern Governance Innovation and Development for Socially Resilient Boreal Communities* was presented and highlighted an emerging community-university partnership to develop a community-based research project with the Missanabie Cree First Nation. The research project is being led by Ryan Bullcock, a former resident of the Sault and now professor in Environmental Studies at The University of Winnipeg. The poster was on display at the conference. If you would like to see the original poster it is on permanent display at the band office for everyone to see.

This project is in its beginning phase. Partners are collaborating to generate preliminary research questions from the Missanabie Cree membership and to determine research priorities, one of which could be exploring non-timber forest products.

Jessica Numminen, a student from the Master's in Development Practice Program at The University of Winnipeg, is completing a five week placement to work on this project and other initiatives at the Missanabie Cree First Nations office. For the duration of her placement Janet Esquimau, Community Economic Development Officer MCFN and project partner Gayle Broad, Director of the

NORDIK INSTITUTE at Algoma University, have been her mentors and supervisors.

Jessica, together with the rest of the research team would like to thank Chief Jason Gauthier and all the MCFN staff, elders and community members for their warm welcome and for this opportunity to work together. Jessica is grateful for the time she has at MCFN and the different things she is learning everyday.

Kinanâskomitin ᑭᓇᓇᓇᓇᓇᓇ Migwetch



*Janet Esquimau and Jessica Numminen stop at the bridge along the Chippewa River at the pre-conference tour of Batchewana First Nation. Chief Dean Sayers, also on this trip shared his knowledge, teachings and the rich history of the lands, from past to present.*

## Congratulations to our Grandsons

We wish to congratulate our grandsons for doing so well in their studies.



Troy Dumonski graduates out of Confederation College in May with his Welding ticket.

Jordan Fletcher graduates out of grade 12 in June.


Brock Dumonski is graduating from grade 8 and is excited to be starting high school in the fall.

Conner Fletcher-Decorte is graduating from grade 6 and will be starting Junior High in the fall.

The family is very proud.


***Pops and Gram Fletcher.***

# Community News and Notes




Happy Birthday  
to Kaleesi Campbell,  
who will be turning 2 on June 11.  
Lots of Love,  
From Daddy, Mommy, Kokoom  
and all of your Sisters.


Belated birthday greetings  
to my son Mark's partner -  
Tanya on May 26, 2015  
Jackie Fletcher



Happy Birthday  
to Tiffany,  
my first grandchild  
Love you very much  
  
- Nanny Fletcher




Awesome  
birthday wishes  
to my baby sister June  
-Jackie



## In Memoriam



**In Memory of our Mom, Granny, and Great-granny, Margaret.**  
On this day June 1st you have been gone for 26 years and  
we know you are still alive in our hearts, always.  
  
Love from us all.  
The Jeffries Family xo




### Meegwetch, Lori

A BIG CHI- MEEGWETCH to you, Lori ,for all your nineteen years of service and the caring that you demonstrated to Missanabie Cree First Nation in your role as an Education Counsellor and Band Manager.

I remember when we hired you as an Education Counsellor in 1996 and our Office was in the little green house on Garden River. It was crowded but we got our work done. Many happy memories there, eh?

I also want to say chi-meegwetch for the years that you worked as a Band Manager and especially in the work you did in coordinating the Gatherings. I especially remember the challenging job that you had in the coordination of these Gatherings. I saw how you worked out many solutions for the people during these trying times, and although there was grumbling, many people walked

away with smiles on their faces.

Another big Chi-Meegwetch to you for encouraging me to go to university, which I did and completed my Political Science degree in 2007. Many times I thought about going to Algoma University, which was formerly an Indian Residential School that once was the home of my Mother and many of my relatives but was encouraged by you to continue on my journey by continuing and completing my degree.

In summary, plain and simple, thank you for your years of helping our people and for the caring that you gave to others.

May the Grandmothers and Grandfathers always walk with you and yours on the Red Road.

Chi- Meegwetch  
Traditional Elder  
Arthur (Archie) Nolan, BA in Poli Sci

## Programs and Services

Whachay!

My name is Amanda Ruffo and I am the new Family Support Worker servicing your First Nation. I am a member of the Chapleau Cree First Nation. My office is located on the Chapleau Cree First Nation and I service three First Nations; Chapleau Cree First Nation, Chapleau Ojibway First Nation and Missanabie Cree First Nation.

As a Family Support Worker I work with the First Nation Communities I service and their Community Members as per each First Nations Community needs. I am available to work with the Community as a whole, with families and individuals. My role is to provide fair, respectful and cultural prevention, awareness and support/advocacy to

First Nation Communities and their members.

It is anticipated I will travel to Sault Ste. Marie the third week of every month for three days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). For the month of June it is anticipated I will be available in Sault Ste. Marie June 16, 17, 18, 2015.

I can be reached at my office in Chapleau from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm by phone at 705-864-0887 or by email at [Amanda.Ruffo@kunuwanimano.com](mailto:Amanda.Ruffo@kunuwanimano.com).

I look forward to meeting everyone and working with you!  
Meegwetch!



## Elders Speak

We have been holding "The Elders Cultural Teachings" at the Maple Leaf building out in Echo Bay. Matthew W. and Leslie G. have been coordinating the workshops for members to participate and take part in. For the past three weeks the workshops have been at the MCFN band office upstairs in the board room. There is still room for one more person for the Bustle making for traditional dance.

The Elders Tea followed the workshop, which is always fun and there is the opportunity to talk with our Elders. Great stories and a lot of laughs always rise to the occasion. Also there will be "Improvement Sheets" to be hung in the Band office and these sheets will be for suggestions on how we can improve "The Elders Cultural Teaching" and what would you like to learn?

What I want to know is; What would you like our children or grandchildren to learn, CULTURALLY, and passed down from your family, to everyone else's family? You would be sharing your family traditions with all the Community!

If you want to share something cultural and traditional, which has been a family tradition please contact me by my email address;  
[lrallyk@missanabiecree.com](mailto:lrallyk@missanabiecree.com)

Laura-Lee Rawlyk, Aush Kii Ish Kwayo (Earth Women) Elders' Liaison

P.S. Food for Thought; TELL ME WHAT "UNITY" MEANS TO YOU OR FAMILY? (Send me your emails)

Hi, Missanabie Cree!

I want share some very important news with you.

I am an Elder on the Kunuwanimano Child & Family Services board and was elected in that position by a panel of approximately 20 Elders. The other person elected is John Archibald from the Taykwa Tagamou First Nation (formerly Newpost).

This organization represents 11 First Nations:

Missanabie Cree, Chapleau Cree, Chapleau Ojibwe,, Brunswick House, Mattagami, Beaver House. Mat-tachewan, Wahgoshig, Taykwa Tagomou, Constance Lake and Horne Payne

Kunuwanimano means "keeping our own".

**Kunuwanimano just received official designation (May 1, 2015) as an Aboriginal Children's Aid Society,** and is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Aboriginal CAS in Nishnawbe Aski Nation territory

and one of 10 in Ontario.

There was an official ceremony in Wahgoshig First Nation (which is where the head office is located but most of the administration and employees are in Timmins). Many people attended including the executive and board, community members, youth, Elder and women drum groups, a cultural spokesperson – Elizabeth Babbin, government officials from the Ministry of Child & Family Services, Anishinaabe Abinoogi Child & Family Services, Treaty 3, which was the big sister, so to speak, in making the transition complete along with other CAS providers, Chiefs, Councillors, former board members to name a few and APTN. It was heartwarming to see this day happen as it has taken so long. Much like our land claim.

Cheryl Macumber was the representative Elder from Missanabie Cree, as well as myself even though I am there representing all the communities. It was good to see our Chief Gauthier and Councillor McCleod there too. So much food and a huge three layer, decorated cake that listed all the First Nations and Kuuwanimano. Vanessa

Grenier (Cheryl's daughter) is the official board member for MCFN and is a very active and involved part of the administration. She also had her three children in attendance.

It is a great day for us because each community will be asked to set up a Family Services Committee very soon to problem solve service issues and ensure communication systems are in good order with Kuu. The model is holistic in nature which encompasses traditional, western and bi-cultural practices and is guided by the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Children and families will have choices. This is definitely a process where we can exercise our sovereignty by looking after our own and having the say in how we do it. One speaker talked about how we are going to represent our children no matter where they live. Website below if you want to know more.

Thank you.

Jackie Fletcher,  
Elder/Missanabie Cree & Kuuwanimano

<http://www.kuuwanimano.com>

## Call out for Participation

We are seeking out more Elders who want to know more about our Community Events.

If you are a Registered Missanabie Cree First Nation member and are fifty-five years of age or older, YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE.

Do you have extra time on your hands?

Do you want to know what's happening within our Sister First Nation as well as our own?

Elders come forth and play a part in your Community!

To partake and contribute your time in different events, lectures, workshops, etc. PLEASE FORWARD YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION TO MYSELF so you can be added to the Elders Contact list.

It is up to you to call me with your information.

Let's get together and make a difference. WE STAND TOGETHER, STRONGER AND BETTER.

Elders Unite As One

Miigwetch

Laura-Lee Rawlyk Aush Kii Ish Kwayo (Earth Women)

Elder's Liaison

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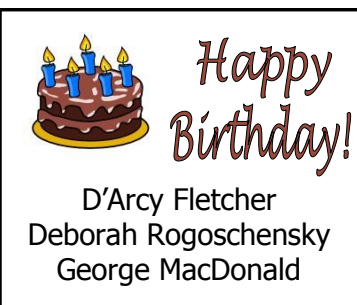


# June Birthday Greetings

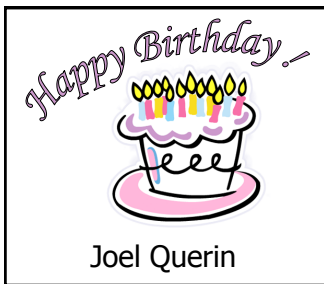
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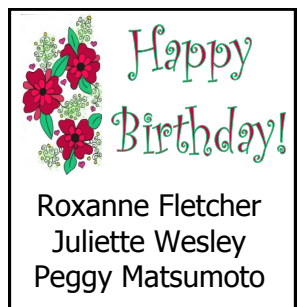
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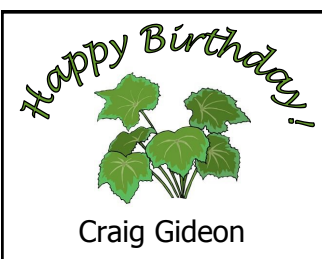
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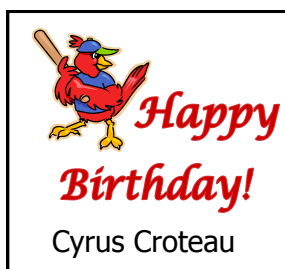
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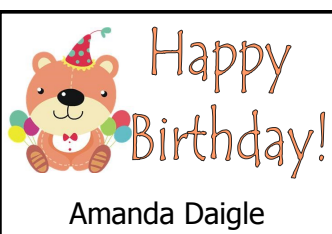
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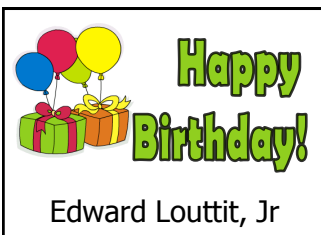
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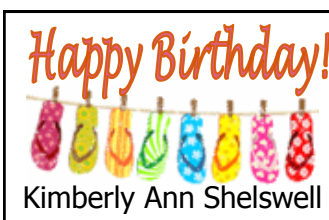
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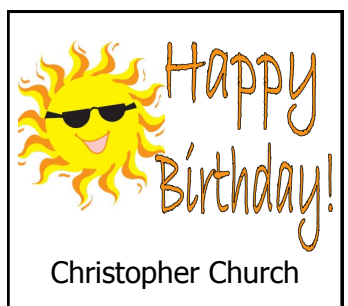
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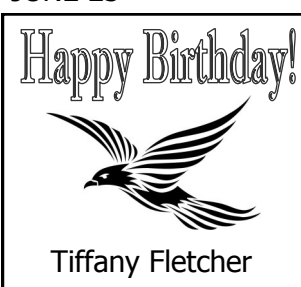
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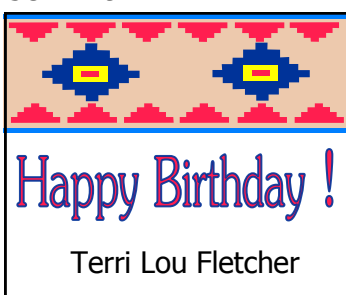
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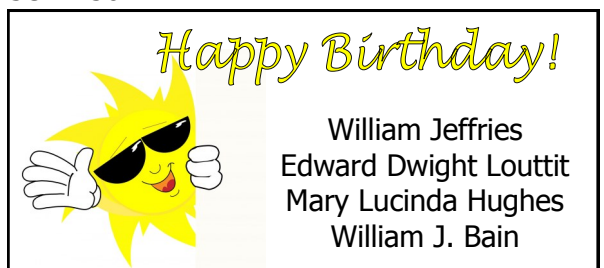
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# MCFN Events Calendar

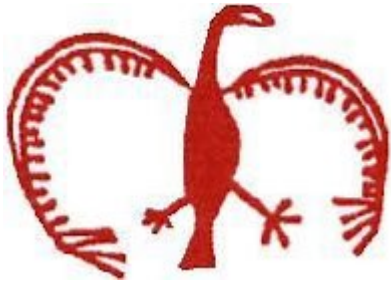
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 <b>Language Class</b> 9:30 am - In Boardroom and online - USTREAM	3 <b>Language Class</b> 7pm Boardroom	4	5 <b>Drum making</b> 10 am Echo Bay	6
7	8	9 <b>Language Class</b> 9:30 am - In Boardroom and online - USTREAM	10 <b>Language Class</b> 7pm Boardroom	11 <b>Healthy Snacks</b> After 1:30	12 <b>Drum making</b> 10 am Echo Bay	13
14	15	16 <b>Language Class</b> 9:30 am - In Boardroom and online - USTREAM	17 <b>Language Class</b> 7pm Boardroom Elders Tea	18	19 <b>Drum making</b> 10 am Echo Bay	20
21 <b>Aboriginal Day</b> <b>Fathers Day</b>	22	23 <b>Language Class</b> 9:30 am - In Boardroom and online - USTREAM	24 <b>Language Class</b> 7pm Boardroom	25	26 <b>Drum making</b> 10 am Echo Bay <b>Strawberry Picking</b>	27
28	29 <b>Jam making</b> 10 am Echo Bay	30 <b>Language Class</b> 9:30 am - In Boardroom and online - USTREAM	<b>Sa Ki Pakum Peesim</b> <b>Opening of Leaves Moon</b> 			

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <b>Paskiwa Peesim</b> <b>Egg Hatching Moon</b>			1 <b>Canada Day</b> 	2	3 <b>Beading Feathers</b> Echo Bay @ 10 am	4
5	6	7 <b>Language Class</b> 9:30 am - In Boardroom and online - USTREAM	8 <b>Stained Glass Workshop</b> Echo Bay 6 pm 25.00 Fee Register with Leslie	9	10 <b>Beading Feathers</b> Echo Bay @ 10 am	11
12	13	14	15 <b>ELDERS TEA</b> Noon @ Band Office  <b>Stained Glass Workshop</b> Echo Bay 6 pm 25.00 Fee Register with Leslie	16	17 <b>Sewing Bags</b> Echo Bay @ 10 am	18
19	20	21 <b>Kids Smoothie Making Day</b> Healthy Snacks MCFN Boardroom 9:30 am - 2 pm	22	23	24 <b>Beading Feathers</b> Echo Bay @ 10 am	25
26	27	28 <b>Diabetes Education Workshop w/ Lunch</b> Echo Bay @ 10 am	29	30	31 <b>Beading Feathers</b> Echo Bay @ 10 am	

# Employment Opportunities



## COOKS FERRY INDIAN BAND BAND MANAGER

Cooks Ferry Indian Band is seeking an energetic and self-motivated Band Manager who will take on a variety of challenges and opportunities and play an integral role in the continued strengthening of the vision for the Cooks Ferry community, located in Spences Bridge, BC.

Located in Spence's Bridge, B.C. in the beautiful Nicola and Thompson River valleys, the Cooks Ferry Indian Band (CFIB) of the Nlaka'pamux Nation, offers a wide range of recreational activities and outdoor adventures. With a proud history, rich in culture and tradition, the community is building a promising future through cultural, social and economic development. Involved in the forest industry, mining, tourism and land management, CFIB is looking to expand their economic development opportunities with capital projects including housing construction and water system upgrades.

### Duties:

Working closely with Chief and Council and staff, the successful candidate will:

- Provide leadership over band programs and services including education, social services, health services, capital projects, housing, recreation, elders care, utilities, public works, and safety
- Bring financial expertise to the budgeting process and encourage sound policies and practices
- Establish and maintain good relationships with other First Nations, governments, industry, and partners and develop service initiatives for Band members
- Foster the vision of the organization, coach and mentor staff, and encourage employee training and development; and
- Support Council goals and priorities

### Qualifications:

Preferred qualifications include the following

- You have a degree in commerce, economics, public administration or similar discipline, or equivalent education and experience
- Are an energetic person with demonstrated experience in strategic planning, inter-government relations, program management, project management, budgeting and human resource management
- Have progressive leadership abilities and can work effectively in a team environment with Council, community members and staff
- Have superior interpersonal skills
- Have competent computer skills
- Have strong knowledge of social and economic issues facing First Nations
- The ability to adapt to a rural, small community

We offer an attractive salary and commensurate with experience and qualifications. Preference will be given to candidates with aboriginal ancestry. Explore this exciting opportunity by submitting your résumé to:

Katrina Elliot, Four Corners Management Consulting  
katrina.elliott@4cmc.ca

Closing date for applications is June 12.

# Opportunities

Forum is about one week that may very well change the rest of your life.

It's about giving smart, engaged and opinionated 15 – 19 year olds a chance to recreate parliament for a week. In Ottawa. On the Hill. With other equally ambitious youth.

It's about getting inside—deep inside—Canadian politics and public affairs and seeing what running the country looks like up close. It's about learning how to collaborate and share ideas, then turn them into real community action.

Beyond the history books, beyond the news channel and beyond classroom debates, there's a lot to discuss. Your voice can make an impact now.

If you have ideas. If you think and read and talk about what's going on in the world. If you have something to say— say it at Forum. Be a Voice.

For more information, check out their website at: [www.forum.ca](http://www.forum.ca)

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FOR YOUNG  
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POUR JEUNES  
CANADIENS



Six Nations  
Polytechnic

## Indigenous Visual Arts

Six Nations Polytechnic is excited to offer the first year of the Indigenous Visual Arts program in partnership with OCAD University.

The program is designed for visual communicators who want to learn to express themselves creatively. The Indigenous Visual Arts Program combines contemporary and traditional Indigenous aesthetic and social studies with studio-based art education. The program prepares students to engage in complex and evolving global discourses around Indigenous history, art history and contemporary art practice across a range of expression, materials and media.

The Indigenous Visual Arts Program at Six Nations Polytechnic will be delivered in a classroom setting, studios as well as through online learning.

For more information on this and other programs, check out their website at:

[www.snpolytechnic.com](http://www.snpolytechnic.com)



## 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 <sup>nd</sup> Name	
ALIAS/BAND #	
DATE RECEIVED	
NEW ADDRESS	
CITY/PROVINCE	
POSTAL CODE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE #	
SIGNATURE	



## CONTACT AND OTHER INFORMATION

### MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

174B HWY 17B  
Garden River, ON  
P6A 6Z1

SATELLITE OFFICE:  
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Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2A3

Phone: 705-254-2702  
Toll Free: 1-800-319-3001  
Fax: 705-254-3292  
www.missanabiecree.com

### MCFN Chief & Council

**Jason Gauthier, Chief**, ex. 231  
jgauthier@missanabiecree.com

**Councilor Cory McLeod**  
cmcleod@missanabiecree.com

**Laura Lee Rawlyk**, Elder Liaison  
lrawlyk@missanabiecree.com

**Victoria Pezzo, Deputy Chief**, ex.504  
vpezzo@missanabiecree.com

**Councilor Les Nolan**  
lnolan@missanabiecree.com

**Neil Ewing**, Youth Representative  
newing@missanabiecree.com

**Councilor Bobbi Fletcher-Decorte**  
bfletcher-decorte@missanabiecree.com

**Councilor Isabell Souliere**, ex. 505  
isouliere@missanabiecree.com

### MCFN Staff

**Band Manager** Cathy Clement **ex. 222**

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**Bookkeeper** Louise Campbell **ex. 224**

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**Reception** June Markie **ex. 221**

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**Program Development** Lesley Gagnon **ex. 226**

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**Administrative Assistant** Shereena Campbell **ex. 235**

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**Registration Administrator** Ted Ouellet **ex. 228**

touellet@missanabiecree.com

**Cultural Coordinator** Matthew Wesley **ex. 225**

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**Governance Coordinator** Elizabeth Angecone **ex. 230**

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**Community Economic Development Officer** Janet Esquimaux **ex.237**

jesquimaux@missanabiecree.com

**Communications Assistant** James Nolan **ex.223**

jnolan@missanabiecree.com

**Land & Resources Assistant** Terri Nolan **ex.229**

tnolan@missanabiecree.com

### ELDERS COUNCIL

Diane Astle

Fran Luther

Audrey Bateson

Cheryl Macumber

Margaret Bergeron

Archie Nolan

Cathy Clement

Carol Nolan

Broderick Fletcher

Marion Nolan

Darcy Fletcher

Ted Nolan

Jackie Fletcher

Jo Ann Pezzo

Gloria Harris

Laura-Lee Rawlyk (Chair)

Shirley Horn

Faye Wesley

### COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE (CCPSC)

Neil Ewing (Youth Representative) Broderick (BG) Fletcher

Glad Fletcher-Hawkins

Shirley Horn

Jackie Fletcher

JoAnn Pezzo

Terri Lou Fletcher

Isabell Souliere (Councilor)

### MDCD BOARD

Cathy Clement

Cheryl Macumber

Dave Easton

Carol Nolan

BG Fletcher

Marion Nolan

Gloria Harris

JoAnn Pezzo

Shirley Horn

### GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC)

Kyle Bateson

Jackie Fletcher

Debbie Ewing

Terri Lou Fletcher

## 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.

August 20, 1998

**MISSANABIE CREE COMMUNITY  
CONSULTATION REGISTRATION FORM**

*August 15, 2015 to August 22, 2015  
Island View Camp, Missanabie, Ontario*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Band# \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Bank Information:  
Name of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_  
Transit# \_\_\_\_\_  
Account# \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list children, spouse/partner  
For activity and statistical purposes we require ages of children only.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Band # \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Band# \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Band# \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Band# \_\_\_\_\_

How will you be traveling to the gathering?

\_\_\_\_\_ own vehicle  
\_\_\_\_\_ Greyhound Bus  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chartered Bus  
\_\_\_\_\_ Plane  
\_\_\_\_\_ Train  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please provide details)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations:

\_\_\_\_\_ IVC Cabin  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ernie's Trailers  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ernie's Tent Site  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bunk Houses  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tent(own)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tent(need)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Trailer/camper (own)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand and agree that once monies have been received or travel arrangements have been booked, I must attend the community consultations (gathering). If for any reason I do not attend the gathering, I will pay back the money/air/bus/train tickets owing. If monies are not returned, I understand that I will not be eligible for traveling funds until I pay the funds back or travel to any future gathering with those funds allotted to me. Only a doctor's slip will be accepted for any cancellations.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pre-gathering registration)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(50% upon arrival at registration desk, this will verify your attendance to Missanabie Gathering)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Final 50% on August 21, 2015)

Only to be used if an emergency occurs (Forms will be kept confidential)

**HEALTH FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Card # \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency

Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

List any allergies (food allergies)

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List any illnesses

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Do you have a partial plate?            Yes            No

Do you wear glasses?                Yes            No

Do you wear contacts?                Yes            No

Please fax, mail or email forms to:

Fax: 705-254-3292

Email: [cclement@missanabiecree.com](mailto:cclement@missanabiecree.com)

Missanabie Cree First Nation

174B Hwy 17E

Garden River, ON

P6A 6Z1

Any questions please call 1-800-319-3001

**Date of arrival:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of departure:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make of vehicle:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Colour** \_\_\_\_\_

**Licence Plate:** \_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY***

***\*IMPORTANT CHANGES TO GATHERING REGISTRATION\****

**Travel:** Travel dollars are for members driving their own vehicle to Missanabie or Sault Ste. Marie. Fifty (50%) percent of travel funds issued on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2015– date of arrival and the balance on August 21, 2015 – date of departure. Travel will be calculated on the most economic and practical mode of transportation. Kilometers will be calculated using Google Maps Canada and will be the shortest route available.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION FROM SAULT STE. MARIE TO MISSANABIE WILL BE PROVIDED. BUS FROM SAULT STE. MARIE DEPARTS ON AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> @ NOON FROM THE HOLIDAY INN. BUS DEPARTS FROM MISSANABIE ON AUGUST 22<sup>RD</sup> AROUND 9:00 A.M. BUS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS.**

**Flight Arrangements:** Once flights are booked, we will not be responsible for any changes. Any changes to flight arrangements will be the responsibility of the member, as well as any applicable charges, due to flight changes.

**Accommodations:** Due to limited accommodations, please make every effort to bring your own tent or trailer. We do have some tents that are available for those that cannot bring a tent. We will provide mattresses and sleeping bags if needed. Preference will be given to Elders, disabled, members with serious health problems and families with babies. Please be prepared to share your accommodations with others. We will do the best to accommodate everyone.

***(Members of MCFN include registered member, spouse, children, and grandchildren)*** Non-band members will be required to pay RV and trailer fees. (\$122.00 for the week)

**Meals:** Breakfasts, lunches, and suppers will be provided throughout the gathering. Meals begin with supper on Sunday, August 16, 2015 and end with a continental breakfast on Saturday, August 22, 2015. **Please note that a daily fee for food will apply to guests and friends that attend our gathering.**

***\*\*Please note that morning and afternoon snacks will be provided for elders and diabetics only.***

**Deadlines:**

***To get the best prices for flights we require members requesting to travel by plane to register no later than July 23, 2015. No exceptions will be made.***

**All other modes of transportation deadline to register are August 5, 2015.**

**THIS IS AN ALCOHOL AN DRUG FREE GATHERING  
ZERO TOLERANCE**