

Wabnapitae First Nation



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

June 2024 • Waabigonii Giizis Blooming Moon

Photo by Cinnamon Cyr



# Chief & Council

**REGULAR MEETING • JUNE 2024**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25 6:00 PM**

**📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG & VIA ZOOM**

*Members wishing to attend via Zoom can find the link to register at*

 **[wahnapiataefirstnation.com/members-login](https://wahnapiataefirstnation.com/members-login)**

- The deadline to register for the web version of this meeting is **Tuesday, June 18.**
- Registration is only open to WFN members who are over 18.  
Virtual attendees must use their legal name when joining the meeting.
- Once registered, prior to meeting, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the Zoom Meeting.



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# A Message From Wahnapiatae First Nation

Welcome, Niibin!

Here at Wahnapiatae First Nation, Niibin (summer) is truly a season of plenty: plenty of food, flowers, medicine, long hot days, and things to do.

On behalf of myself and Council, I would like to thank all those who came out to the OPG Apology and Ceremony on Saturday, May 25. I also extend a chi-miigwetch to Caroline Recollet for her words of wisdom by the water and Elder Tony Tyson for the prayer. I must also thank the Waasebinesi Singers for their powerful drumming and singing and Tammy Chevrete and Monica Dorion for organizing such a wonderful day for community.

As you've probably noticed, there is A LOT going on over the next few months. Here are a few events of note:

- **Department Reports to Membership: Saturday, June 8 at MDG**
- **Father's Day on Sunday, June 9 at MDG**
- **Pride Walk on Thursday, June 13 starting at MDG**
- **Craft Market on Saturday, June 22 at MDG**
- **Park Dedication & Opening BBQ on Sunday, June 23 at 26 Bear's Den Road**

As we enter Indigenous History Month and prepare to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day on Friday, June 21, let's remember to honor and celebrate the rich cultural heritage, resilience, and contributions of our people. It's a time to deepen our understanding of our history and an opportunity to amplify Indigenous voices, support Indigenous-led initiatives, and work towards a future of mutual respect, understanding, and justice for all.

Warm weather = time at and on the water. Whether you're swimming in a pool, lake, or ocean, always prioritize safety:

1. **Learn to swim**
2. **Supervise children.**
3. **Wear life jackets.**
4. **Know the water.**
5. **Don't swim alone.**
6. **Follow rules and warnings.**

As road reconstruction gets underway in our community, it's essential to stay informed and patient. While construction may bring temporary inconvenience, it's a sign of progress and improvement for our infrastructure. Here are some key points to keep in mind:

1. **Plan ahead: Anticipate delays and plan alternate routes if necessary.**
2. **Follow detours and signage.**
3. **Drive cautiously.**
4. **Support local businesses.**
5. **Stay updated: Follow WFN's Facebook page and official websites for updates on construction progress and any changes to traffic patterns.**

Remember, the inconvenience of construction is temporary, but the benefits of improved roads will last for years to come. As always, be safe and take good care.

Chi-miigwetch,

*Ogimaa Larry Roque*



**For the most up to date community information, notices, events and updates, register or visit us online.**

**Register for a members account:**

 **[www.wahnapiataefirstnation.com](http://www.wahnapiataefirstnation.com)**

**Sign up for email notices and updates:**

 **[www.tinyurl.com/wfn-email](http://www.tinyurl.com/wfn-email)**

**See what we're up to:**

 **[@WahnapiataeFirstNation](https://www.facebook.com/WahnapiataeFirstNation)**

**Wahnapiatae First Nation  
Centre of Excellence  
259 Taighwenini Trail Road  
Capreol, Ontario P0M 1H0  
Phone: (705) 858-0610  
Fax: (705) 858-5570**

**Hours of operation:  
Monday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Tuesday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM  
Wednesday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM  
Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM**

**Do you have questions, comments or suggestions?**

Please contact Communications Officer, Monica Dorion:

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Wahnapi'tae First Nation

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# POWOW

MANAAJI DEWE'IGAN | HONOURING FAMILY

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 17 & 18

[WWW.WAHNAPITAEFIRSTNATION.COM](http://WWW.WAHNAPITAEFIRSTNATION.COM)





# 2024 Department Reports to Membership Saturday, June 8

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 9:30 AM

Lunch and refreshments provided. For registered band members only.

## Soup's On!



**ORDER BY:**  
11:00 AM  
**PICK-UP BY:**  
12:00 PM

**TUESDAYS**  
JUNE 4, 11, 18 & 25  
📍 MDG  
(705) 858-0610

ALL PROCEEDS OF SOUPS ON! CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS & STUDENT BURSARIES

## CONGREGATE DINING

ELDERS 55+

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6**  
RSVP BY TUESDAY, JUNE 4

**THURSDAY, JULY 4**  
RSVP BY TUESDAY, JULY 2

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 5:00 PM

*In person or pick-up only. Seniors are welcome to socialize afterward with a game of cards or chatting.*

To RSVP or for more information:  
📧 [Heather.Roy@wahnapitae1n.com](mailto:Heather.Roy@wahnapitae1n.com) 📞 705-858-7700





# FATHER'S DAY FUN

**BBQ • LAWN GAMES • & MUCH MORE**

## Sunday, June 9

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, BBQ and celebration of our dads, mishoomis and uncles. RSVP by Thursday, June 6.

To RSVP or for more information please contact:

📧 [Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com) 📞 (705) 858-0610



# Work on it Wednesdays

Got some unfinished crafts, sewing or beading projects at home?  
Come and go as you please for some snacks and social crafting time!

## Wednesday, June 12

📍 Family Wellness Centre

⌚ 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

For more information:

📧 [Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com)

📞 705-920-9106





# Ozhaawashk-Giizhig Mashkiki Trail

## Official Opening

### Get some fresh air!

Come out to the Ozhaawashk-Giizhig Mashkiki (Blue Sky Medicine) Trail Official Opening. Stop by between noon and 3 PM for your chance to win some prizes! Take a leisurely walk, play some games, and enjoy a BBQ.

Rides from the Centre of Excellence available upon request.

### QUESTIONS?

**Sarah Janson**



sarah.janson@wahnapietaefn.com

**Saturday, June 15**  
**12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**



**Shiqan Rd**

Across from the sweat lodge



### Join us for:

**BBQ**



**Games**



**Prizes**







ANISHINAABE

# Pride Walk

Thursday, June 13 | 11:00 AM

Centre of Excellence to Jiingtamok Grounds  
Followed by lunch at Maan Doosh Gamig

For more information please contact Heather:

 Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com  (705) 858-0610



## Wellness Wednesdays @ MDG

**JUNE 5**  **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Migraine Awareness & Mini Drum Craft • RSVP by June 3

**JUNE 12**  **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Elder Abuse Info session & Mosaic Feather Craft • RSVP by June 10

**JUNE 19**  **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Health and Fitness & Candle Making • RSVP by June 17

**JUNE 26**  **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

World Drug Day Info session & Bonsai Craft • RSVP by June 24

*Light snacks and refreshments provided.*

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

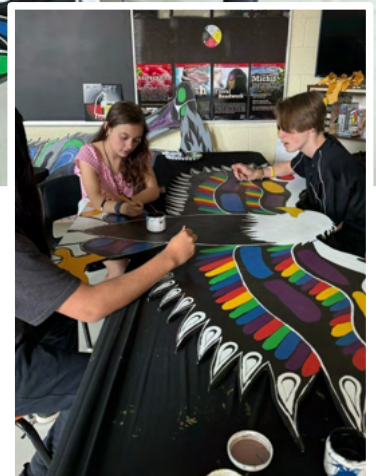
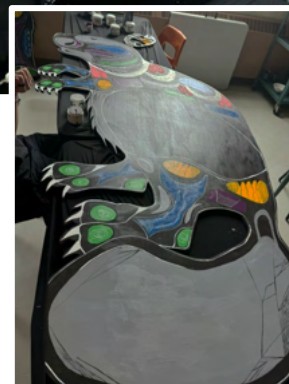
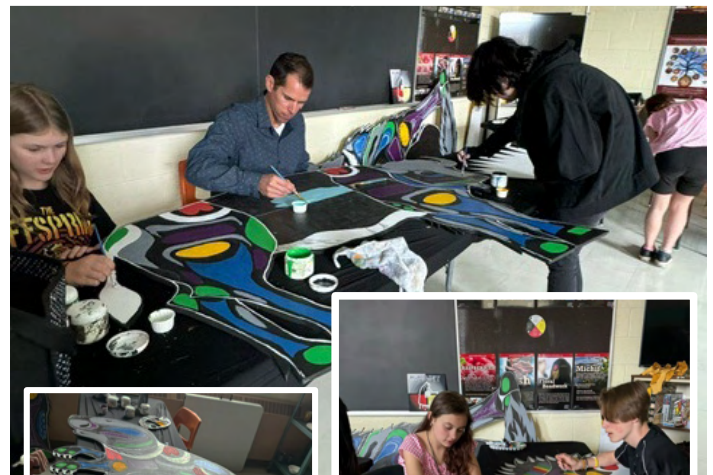
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### Confederation Secondary School Student Murals

On May 6, WFN Education Department began a mural project with Confederation Secondary School. Before work began, WFN Elder Tony Tyson gave an opening prayer and George Couchie presented a Seven Grandfathers teaching to the students and staff of the school. With direction and guidance from artist Jessica Somers of Focal Point Artistry in Sudbury, the students worked hard to complete the paintings. To finalize the murals, staff and students worked together throughout the week of May 23. The final step of the project will be to hang the murals and host an unveiling with the school. Stay tuned for updates!





## Community Events



**RSVP by Thursday, June 13**  
**Pick-up day: Wednesday, June 19**

**Bring your bags to Maan Doosh Gamig from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Please contact Rochelle or Line to RSVP or for more information:

 [Rochelle.Tyson@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:Rochelle.Tyson@wahnapietaefn.com)  [Line.Baillargeon@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:Line.Baillargeon@wahnapietaefn.com)

 (705) 858-7700



**GOOD x FOOD**

**MAY**

**ORDER BY THURSDAY, MAY 2**  
**PICK-UP ON THURSDAY, MAY 9**


**JUNE**

**ORDER BY THURSDAY, JUNE 6**  
**PICK-UP ON THURSDAY, JUNE 13**

**SMALL BOX \$10 LARGE BOX \$21**

To order or for more information:

 [Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com)

 (705) 858-7700



**Healthy Snacks**  
BLUE BIN PROGRAM



**May**

**BIN RETURN BY: MONDAY, MAY 6**  
**PICK-UP: TUESDAY, MAY 7**

**June**

**BIN RETURN BY: MONDAY, JUNE 3**  
**PICK-UP: TUESDAY, JUNE 4**

**July**

**BIN RETURN BY: MONDAY, JULY 8**  
**PICK-UP: TUESDAY, JULY 9**


 **FAMILY WELLNESS CENTRE (178 LOONWAY ROAD)**

 **3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM**



Please contact Natalie to RSVP or for more information:

 [Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com)

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### Your Information, Your Rights: Information Management Law FAQs



Written by: Taylor Bertrim, Governance Research Specialist

#### Why is it important?

If Wahnapiatae First Nation members choose to ratify an Information Management Law, they will have full legal protections for their rights and their data – now, and for all future lawmaking. Without this law, Wahnapiatae First Nation and its members only have internal policies to protect them.

#### What does it cover?

- Protection of privacy
- Data use, retention, and storage
- Records access
- Registry of decisions
- Archiving

#### Who will this affect and what does it have to do with members?

##### Protection of Privacy

This law will ensure that Wahnapiatae First Nation only collects your personal information with your consent, and that it will only be used for the purpose for which it was collected. It protects your data from being shared or misused. It also ensures your personal information is accurate, and that you can ask for it to be updated at any time.

##### Freedom of Information

This law will give members the right to make records requests, so long as it does not harm others or the community. It will create clear timelines and expectations for members' records requests.

#### Registry and Archiving

This law will also create a one-stop shop for all policies, laws, and decisions at Wahnapiatae First Nation. It also starts the process for an archive to preserve important items and information for current and future generations.

#### Want to learn more? Save these dates!

**Wednesday, July 3**

**Maan Doosh Gamig**

**Wednesday, July 17**

**Holiday Inn (Sudbury)**

**Wednesday, July 31**

**Virtual**

**Wednesday, August 14**

**Maan Doosh Gamig**

**Wednesday, August 28**

**Holiday Inn, Regent St., Sudbury**

**Tuesday, September 10**

**Virtual**


#### Feel strongly about this?

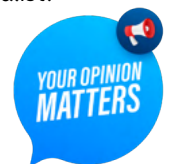
Join the Governance Department at one of the many engagement sessions at Wahnapiatae First Nation, in Greater Sudbury or online this summer to voice your opinions and learn more about the developing Information Management Law. Your input is invaluable to us!

For more information please contact

Taylor Bertrim, Governance Research Specialist.

 [Taylor.Bertrim@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:Taylor.Bertrim@wahnapiataefn.com)

 (705) 858-0610 Ext. 254



### ***Iskode miin-waa Dabinoo'igan (Fire and Shelter)***

On Saturday, May 11 a group of spirited young souls came together for a common goal: to connect with the land, to learn traditional methods of survival, and to ignite the flames of resilience within themselves.

The day began with a welcome ceremony that honored the earth and all its gifts. After discussing the importance of fire, the youths delved into the first task at hand: mastering the art of crafting shelters under the watchful guidance of WFN's Land-based Worker.



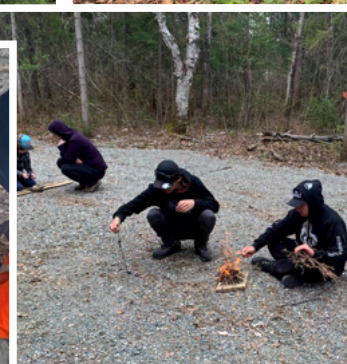
Guided by generations of wisdom, the gathered youth learned to fashion shelters from nature's bounty, using deadfall and spruce boughs to create havens that could withstand wind, rain, and snow. They discovered the sacred dance between shelter and wind, crafting structures with openings aligned to the leeward side, where solace awaited amidst the tempest.

After a brief break to recharge, the group turned their attention to another essential skill: creating fire. They gathered tinder and kindling, and using a striker, they witnessed the miracle of fire igniting from the strength of their determination.

Using their newfound skills, our group started the fire used to cook the lunch meal. Amidst bites of frybread and hearty chili, tales of the Anishinaabe ancestors wove through the air, reminding all present of the sacred bond between humanity and the elemental forces that sustain us.

As the afternoon sun descended and the spirits of the land whispered their blessings upon the gathered souls, carrying them forward on their journey with a renewed sense of purpose and reverence for the natural world. In unison, the participants whispered, "Chi Miigwetch," their voices a harmonious echo of gratitude. And embracing the spirit of resilience that guided them through this unforgettable adventure, the Creator's Garden whispered back, "Manaaaji'idi-win!"

Chi Miigwetch, Shining Turtle, Sturgeon Clan







**Thursday, June 20**

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Dinner and refreshments provided.

For more information please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapiataefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700

The CRMF is excited to share:  
our first project will be

## **Community Ball Field** *Refurbish*

Please contact Betty-Kay or Heather for more information:

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✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapiataefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610 Ext. 226







# Cool Summer Treats

**Wednesdays**  
10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Come and see Natalie or Heather  
at the Centre of Excellence every  
Wednesday for a freezie!

## Sleep Tips for Youngsters with Mama Coach

**Thursday, June 13**

📍 **Maan Doosh Gamig** 🌐 **Zoom**

🕒 **11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**Lunch provided. Limited seats available.  
Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 10.**

✉ **Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com** ☎ **705-920-9106**

*Register for Zoom meeting at [www.wahnapietaefirstnation.com/notices/events/sleeptips](http://www.wahnapietaefirstnation.com/notices/events/sleeptips)*





# BOATING LICENCE COURSE



**FRIDAY, JUNE 14**

**📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG ⌚ 4:30 PM - 10:00 PM**

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 1. Event requires 25 participants to run.  
Dinner provided. Participants must be 12+ years old.



For registered members only. To RSVP and for more information:



[Marilyn.Nicholls@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:Marilyn.Nicholls@wahnapietaefn.com)



(705) 858-0610



**NEW EVENT DATE**

*Traditional*

## Bear Fat Rendering

WITH PERRY MCLEOD-SHABOGESIC & SHINING TURTLE

**Saturday, June 15**

**Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Lunch provided, please dress for the weather.

For more information please contact:



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[Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com)



(705) 920-9106





### Wahnapiatae First Nation Moose Hide Campaign Day 2024

Wahnapiatae First Nation held its second annual Moose Hide Campaign Day on Thursday, May 16, under the theme "Joining together in Ceremony and Solidarity towards ending gender-based violence." A full day of activities in MDG and the tee-pee started early in the morning and continued throughout the day to raise awareness and foster community spirit.

A Sunrise Ceremony at 6:00 am set a reflective and respectful tone for the day, followed by a light breakfast and socializing, which allowed community members to connect and share their thoughts before the formal events commenced.

After breakfast, Elder Tony Tyson led the Opening Prayer and smudge ceremony, accompanied by the Waasebinesi Singers, which provided a powerful and traditional musical backdrop. Family Wellbeing Worker Natalie Goring then presented the history



of the Moose Hide Campaign, educating participants on the origins and significance of the movement dedicated to ending violence against women and children.

Brandon Petahtegoose from Atikameksheng Anishinawbek shared his experiences with fasting and raising awareness on gender-based violence followed by an interactive session of sharing and questions, allowing attendees to engage deeply with the topic.

Participants then dove into crafting activities related to the Moose Hide Campaign, offering a hands-on way for participants to express their solidarity and commitment. A communal lunch and further

visiting time at noon fostered a sense of community and support, while live streaming of other Moose Hide Campaign events connected Wahnapiatae First Nation with national initiatives.

In the afternoon, more crafting was done before Taryn Michel from Michipocoten First Nation and Adria Kurchina-Tyson from Zhii-bah-o-niing both spoke on raising awareness and shared their insights in a smaller, more intimate setting,



allowing participants and speakers to have a more wholesome and grounded conversation on ending gender-based violence in community. The smaller session created the space for dedicated discussions that was very meaningful to participants. Some of the participants were youth and it was great to see and share their experiences.

The day concluded with a community feast that celebrated the day's efforts and strengthened community bonds. Cultural Coordinator Tammy Chevrette offered a closing and the event ended with a drum song, bringing Wahnapiatae First Nation's second annual Moose Hide Campaign Day to a ceremonial and heartfelt close. The event was a powerful reminder of the community's commitment to ending gender-based violence and promoting healing and solidarity.

To successfully conduct the Moosehide Campaign Day, a collaborative team effort is essential. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Heather Roy, Natalie Goring, and Tammy Chevrette for their invaluable support and for sharing their talents and abilities which made this spectacular event possible.

Miigwetch, Shining Turtle, Sturgeon Clan





*Gather • Laugh • Sing • Learn*

# Drumming Circle

**CANCELLED**

**Wednesday, June ~~5~~ & 19**

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Traditional drumming and songs. Light dinner and refreshments provided.

For more information please contact:

✉️ [Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapitaefn.com](mailto:Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapitaefn.com) ☎️ (705) 920-9488



# Teen Talk

**Games and fun with snacks and refreshments!**

**Friday, June 21**

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

RSVP by Thursday, June 20

To RSVP or for more informaton:

✉️ [Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com](mailto:Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com)

☎️ (705) 858-7700



# Regalia Consultation & Workshops

with Crystal Osawamick & Anishinabemowin Immersion by Pat Osawamick

## Consultation & Teachings • Sunday, June 23

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MUST REGISTER BY THURSDAY, JUNE 20.

## Workshop • Sunday, July 7

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

## Workshop • Sunday, July 21

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Lunch and refreshments provided. Please contact Tammy for more information:

📧 [Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapietaefn.com) 📞 (705) 936-6286



Know your status, take the test.

## HIV TESTING INFOSESSION & CRYSTAL SUNCATCHER CRAFTING

### Thursday, June 27

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

To RSVP or for more information please contact:

📧 [Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com) 📞 (705) 858-0610





# Craft Market



**SATURDAY, JUNE 22**  
**MAAN DOOSH GAMIG | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**  
ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CHRISTOPHER ROQUE MEMORIAL FUND

**VENDOR SPACES AVAILABLE**  
**\$50 PER BOOTH**

Please contact Heather Roy for vendor booths or more information:



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## Mukooohns Park



**DEDICATION & OPENING | SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

 **26 Bear's Den Road**  **3:00 PM**

Please join us for a park dedication ceremony and BBQ,  
hosted by the Social Services Department.





# OFFICES CLOSED

MONDAY, JULY 1



## *Knowledge Keepers & Traditional Crafters* **Call for Workshop & Event Leads**

Do you have knowledge of history and teachings specific to Wahnapitae First Nation? Or special gifts, skills and techniques?

Let's work together to share these traditions through educational community workshops and events.

For more information please contact:

 [Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapitaeFN.com](mailto:Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapitaeFN.com)  (705) 920-9488

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### ***A Unity Message from Chief and Council on Gill Netting***

Dear Members:

As stewards of our ancestral lands and waters, we are entrusted with the responsibility to uphold the principles of sustainability and respect for all living beings. Today, we come together to address an important matter concerning our traditional harvesting practices, particularly regarding gill netting in Lake Wanapitei.

It is with a deep understanding of our rights granted by the Robinson Huron Treaty that we approach this issue. These rights are not just legal provisions; they are the foundation of our identity as a sovereign nation, passed down to us by our ancestors with the expectation that we will safeguard them for the next seven generations.

We recognize the necessity of traditional harvesting for sustenance, acknowledging that the amount needed for families, elders, and personal use may vary. However, we must also acknowledge the impact of our actions on the delicate balance of our ecosystem. The recent harvesting of pickerel and other fish, while vital for our community, has brought to light the importance of responsible resource management. One aspect that requires immediate attention

is the disposal of waste generated from our harvesting activities. The sight of fish piles can evoke strong emotions within our community, reminding us of our deep connection to the land and water. Together, we can implement better waste management practices, utilizing organic waste for our Land-based programs and as natural fertilizer, thus returning nutrients to the earth in a sustainable manner.

Our ancestors lived in harmony with nature, drawing upon its abundance while ensuring its regeneration for future generations. It is our collective duty to honour their legacy by embracing sustainable harvesting practices that reflect our values and respect the land that sustains us.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all members of our nation for their unwavering support and commitment to working together toward a future where our actions make our ancestors proud. Let us join hands in unity, forging a path forward that preserves the richness of our ways of being for generations to come.

In solidarity and with gratitude,  
Ogimaa Larry Roque





# INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

Celebrating Indigenous Heritage

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**June 2024**

National Indigenous History Month in Canada—a time to honor the rich heritage, diversity, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.



Reconciliation  
Canada





## DRIVING YOUR FUTURE — TRAINING INTAKE DATES: AUGUST 12 TO DECEMBER 13, 2024

Location: NATT Safety Services - Lively, ON

### DEADLINE DATE TO APPLY:



### 23 WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM

Gezhtoojig Employment and Training in partnership with NATT Safety Services are seeking interested INDIGENOUS participants for this 23 week training program & encourages Indigenous women to apply.

This hands on and in class program will prepare individuals for employment opportunities with Transportation/Construction/Mining sectors who are seeking ready to work employees. As new infrastructure projects are being developed along with growth in the mining sector, the need for skilled workers in these industries are increasing.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be 18 & over
- Valid G Drivers License
- Minimum Grade 10 English \*  
(\*OSSD/GED preferred)
- MTO Medical that meets the vision, hearing & medical requirements for Class A License
- Driver's Abstract
- Attend a Mandatory Information Session\*  
(\*To be determined & held at a later date)

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE!



**GEZHTOOJIG**  
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Those Who Are Successful



Visit our website [www.gezhtoojig.ca](http://www.gezhtoojig.ca)

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Gezhtoojig Employment & Training, 117 Elm St., Unit 102, Sudbury, ON P3C 1T3  
Tel: 705-524-6772 or 1-800-361-9256 Fax: 705-524-5152 [www.gezhtoojig.ca](http://www.gezhtoojig.ca)

### TRAINING PROGRAM INCLUDES:

#### Job Readiness Training (6 weeks):

- ♦ Obtain various industry recognized safety certificates, cultural awareness training and the learn about the importance of Indigenous presence in the transportation, construction and mining sectors

#### Heavy Equipment Operator Training (5 weeks):

- ♦ Obtain hands on training on three pieces (Backhoe, Bulldozer, Excavator) of equipment

#### AZ Driver Training (6 weeks):

- ♦ Obtain hands on training to meet all mandatory objectives set forth in the Ministry of Transportation's Commercial Truck Driver Training Standard (Class A)

#### Coaching/Mentoring (6 weeks):

- ♦ As a new AZ Driver (for those who qualify) you will be placed with an experienced certified coach/mentor who will provide on the job work experience as a new driver

### SEND COVER LETTER & RESUME TO:

Gezhtoojig Employment & Training  
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**TRAILER SCHEDULE:**

**WAHNAPIITAE FIRST NATION**



**Monday, June 10th, 2024**

**Wahnapitae FN**

**Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**259 Taighwenini Trail Rd**

Contact: [info@niigaaniin.com](mailto:info@niigaaniin.com)

**ATTENTION**

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS!**

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Please bring the following:

- One piece of government ID
- Your expired health card/drivers license

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INDIAN BOARDING HOMES  
Class Action



## What is the Indian Boarding Homes Class Action?

In the 1950s, the **Indian Boarding Homes Program** placed First Nations and Inuit children in private homes for the purpose of attending school. **This Settlement provides compensation to people placed in these homes.** You are a Primary Class Member if Canada placed you in a private home, between **September 1, 1951 and June 30, 1992**. You may still be eligible if you were placed after June 30, 1992. People who were placed in private homes, but **died on or after July 24, 2016**, may also be eligible, and their estate can apply on their behalf.

## How can I know if I am eligible?

You can use the eligibility checker available on the Indian Boarding Homes Program Class Action website at: **[https:// boardinghomesclassaction.com/eligibilitychecker](https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/eligibilitychecker)**

## When can I apply?

You can start applying for compensation starting **Wednesday August 21, 2024**.

## How can I start my Application?

Starting on August 21, 2024, you can visit the website **<https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/>** to find the claim forms. You can submit claims online, or by downloading and mailing it to the Administrator.

## What if I don't want to participate?

If you want to sue Canada on your own for your placement in the Indian Boarding Homes Program, you must Opt-Out. You will need to submit an **Opt-Out form** before the expiry date of **Monday July 22nd, 2024**.

## How do I opt-out?

You can visit **the website to fill out the online Opt-Out Form**. You can also download the PDF form and email it to class counsel at:

**Klein Lawyers LLP:**  
[ibhclassaction@callkleinlawyers.com](mailto:ibhclassaction@callkleinlawyers.com)  
**Dionne Schulze s.e.n.c:**  
[percival@dionneschulze.ca](mailto:percival@dionneschulze.ca)

## You can also contact the Claims Administrator at:

**Email:**  
[claims@boardinghomesclassaction.com](mailto:claims@boardinghomesclassaction.com)  
**Phone:**  
+1 (888) 499-1144

For more information,  
visit our website by  
scanning the QR Code.







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Child and Family Services

# Community **BARBECUE**

**MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024**

**4:30P.M. - 7:30P.M.**

**WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION  
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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**



- Hot Dogs / Hamburgers
- Vegetarian Option
- Bounce House
- Crafts/Culture Activities
- Juice & Water

*Everyone Welcome!*



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## Important Updates:

- Please see changes to After School & Youth Leadership Policy (available on-line or in previous newsletter issue)
- Now accepting resumes for 1 (one) Summer Camp Leader position (must be minimum 15 years of age)
- Summer Camp registration opens Thursday, June 6; forms available at The Gazebo
- Celebrate our students' success with us at the annual Education Awards Ceremony for the 23/24 school year on Wednesday, June 26 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Maan Doosh Gamig
- Warm welcome to our two returning Summer Camp students Madyson & Alyssa!
- Bursaries are open for applications! Find them on the Education page of the WFN website.

## June 2024 After School & Youth Leadership Program

### Please note:

All scheduled activities are subject to change due to weather, or unforeseen circumstances.

Parental responsibility to have other arrangements in place if childcare is required.



| Sunday                    | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                              | Friday                                       | Saturday                                |
|---------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
|                           |  |   |  |                                       |  | 1                                       |
| 2                         | 3<br>ASP - Smoothies, Mindfulness and Positive choices                 | 4<br>YLP - Birch Bark Art & Youth Led Initiative Planning | 5<br><b>NO PROGRAM<br/>Staff in Training</b>                 | 6<br>Summer Camp Registration Open    | 7  | 8<br>Departments Reports to Membership! |
| 9                         | 10<br><b>NO PROGRAM<br/>PA DAY</b>                                     | 11<br>YLP - Goal Setting & group games                    | 12<br>ASP - Fathers Day Gift Making                          | 13                                    | 14   | 15                                      |
| 16<br>Happy Father's Day! | 17<br>ASP - Proud to be Indigenous Day! Painting on Birch Bark & more! | 18<br>YLP - Go-Karting Outing @ Sudbury Kartways          | 19<br>ASP - End of Program 2023/2024 Celebration BBQ & Games | 20<br>Summer Camp Registration Closed | 21<br>Happy National Indigenous Peoples Day! | 22                                      |
| 23                        | 24   | 25  | 26<br>Education Awards Ceremony 5PM-7PM @ MDG Hall           | 27                                    | 28   | 29                                      |
| <b>NO PROGRAM</b>         |  |   |  |                                       |  |   |
| 30                        |  |   |  |                                       |  |   |



# WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION

June 2024 • Waabigonii Giizis Blooming Moon Community Events Calendar



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| 2   | 3   | 4  | 5<br>10:00 AM • Wellness Wednesdays @ MDG<br><i>RSVP Deadline June 3.</i><br>10:00 AM • Summer Treats @MDG   | 6<br>10:00 AM • Medicine Walk<br>5:00 PM • Congregate Dining<br><i>RSVP Deadline June 4.</i>  | 7  | 8<br>8:00 AM • WFN Departmental Reports @ MDG<br>9:00 AM • Henvey Inlet Powwow Youth Day Trip<br><i>RSVP Deadline June 3.</i> |
| 9<br>12:00 PM • Father's Day Fun @ MDG  | 10<br>10:00 AM • Service Ontario Mobile Visit | 11<br>12:00 PM • Soup's ON!  | 12<br>10:00 AM • Summer Treats @MDG<br>2:00 PM • Wellness Wednesdays @ MDG<br><i>RSVP Deadline June 10.</i><br>6:00 PM • MDG Drumming Circle   | 13<br>11:00 AM • Anishinaabe LGBTQ2S Pride Walk<br>11:00 AM • Sleep Tips with Mama Coach<br>4:00 PM • Good Food Box Pick-up<br><i>RSVP Deadline June 6.</i> | 14<br>4:30 PM • Boaters Licence Course                             | 15<br>11:00 AM • Bass Lake Trail Grand Re-opening<br><br>4:30 PM • Niijaansinaanik Community BBQ @ MDG                        |
| 16  | 17  | 18<br>12:00 PM • Soup's ON!  | 19<br>10:00 AM • Summer Treats @MDG<br>12:00 PM • Wellness Wednesdays @ MDG<br><i>RSVP Deadline June 17.</i><br>4:00 PM • Healthy Recipe OTM Pick-up<br><i>RSVP Deadline June 13.</i><br>6:00 PM • MDG Drumming Circle | 20<br>5:00 PM • Nutrition Bingo   | 21<br>6:00 PM • Teen Talk & Games<br><i>RSVP Deadline June 20.</i> | 22<br>1:00 PM • Craft Market @ MDG  |
| 23<br>11:00 AM • Regalia Consultation & Teachings<br><i>RSVP Deadline June 20.</i><br>3:00 PM • Little Bear Park Dedication & Grand Opening | 24  | 25<br>12:00 PM • Soup's ON!<br>6:00 PM • Chief & Council Regular Meeting | 26<br>10:00 AM • Summer Treats @MDG<br>12:00 PM • Wellness Wednesdays @ MDG<br><i>RSVP Deadline June 24.</i><br>9:00 AM • Work on it Wednesdays  | 27<br>2:00 PM • HIV Infosession & Craft   | 28   | 29  |
| 30  | 1<br><b>OFFICES CLOSED</b>                    | 2<br>12:00 PM • Soup's ON!   | 3<br>10:00 AM • Summer Treats @MDG   | 4<br>5:00 PM • Congregate Dining<br><i>RSVP Deadline July 2.</i>  | 5  | 6   |
| 7   | 8<br>Summer Camp at Gazebo Starts             | 9<br>12:00 PM • Soup's ON!   | 10<br>10:00 AM • Summer Treats @MDG  | 11  | 12   | 13  |

Please visit [www.wahnapiataefirstnation.com](http://www.wahnapiataefirstnation.com) for all up-to-date community event information, news and notices.