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Acimowin

October

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Samson
Cree Nation
Maskwacis Alberta
Mamawi Atosketan
Center
Elders Engagement
Yard Winners
Financial Audit

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Community Building



Words by Guide

October 20, 2023

Ponoka County: There will be a community centre behind the Burger Baron and it will be built by the Seventh Day Adventists. The centre will be for the community events and those who want to worship there. The project has been 6 years in the making and the cost will taken over by the Adventists and this is one form of reconciliation. Another community centre in Maskwacis would be good for the people.

The Mamawi Atosketan Centre ground breaking had Chief Vern Saddleback, Councilors: Ryan Lightning, Louise Omeasoo and Darryl Montour present. There were also members of the Maskwacis Adventist Church who attended.

The Mamawi Atosketan Centre did release some information about the use:

1. What is this building for?

It is to provide space for positive association, working together in new or established groups, and community based education.

2. What kind of activities will happen at the centre?

It will be a safe place for healthy relationship

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building activities. Learning activities with Indigenous knowledge keepers and social events (public and private) for Elders, children, the youth and families are among the activities that will be available.

3. Why was the name chosen?

Working together is the best way to accomplish things. The centre is an expansion of the community resource that started at the Mamawi Atosketan Native School.

4. Who is funding this?

The Seventh Day Adventist Church.

5. Where will the centre be and when will it open?

It will be on Main Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Streets. It will open in 2024.



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October 2023
 Samson Community Wellness N.N.A.D.A.P.
Men's Camp Wohelo 2023.
 Councillors: Darryl Montour, Dave Buffalo, Ryan Lightning, Armand Swampy
 Team Lead: Francis Yellowbird (back middle).
 N.N.A.D.A.P. Yvonne Nepoose Rich (front row left).
 Outreach: Debra Buffalo (right).



Personnel Department, Box 159, Maskwacis, Alberta, T0C1N0 780-585-3793 Ext 107 (Fax) 780-585-2088					
Deadline	Deadline	Employment Opportunity	Department	Documents Needed	Email/Contact Info
Closing Date	Closing Time	Employment Title	Department posting	Include with your Application	Send Resume to:
October 19, 2023	4:00pm	One (1) Water and Wastewater Operator Apprentice	Tipahaskahn Kamik (CCP)	Resume, Applicable Certification, Criminal Record Check, Driver's License.	personnel.179@gmail.com
October 20, 2023	4:00pm	Youth Wellness Worker	Community Wellness	Resume, Criminal Record Check, Intervention Check, Driver's License, 3 References.	personnel.179@gmail.com
October 20, 2023	4:00pm	Respite Worker (2)	Community Wellness	Resume, Criminal Record Check, Intervention Check, Driver's License, First Aid, 3 References.	personnel.179@gmail.com
October 26, 2023	4:00pm	Heavy Equipment Operator (2)	Public Works	Resume, Application, Applicable Certification, Driver's License (Class 3 and/or 1), Criminal Record Check.	personnel.179@gmail.com
October 27, 2023	4:00pm	Outreach Workers (2)	Community Wellness	Resume, Criminal Record Check, Intervention Check, Driver's License, 3 References.	personnel.179@gmail.com
October 27, 2023	4:00pm	Indian Residential School (IRS) Resolution Health Support Worker	Community Wellness	Resume, Applicable Certification, Criminal Record Check, 3 References.	personnel.179@gmail.com
November 8, 2023	4:00pm	Asset Management Coordinator	Tipahaskahn Kamik (CCP)	Resume, Applicable Certification, Criminal Record Check, Driver's License.	personnel.179@gmail.com
Until a Suitable Candidate is found.	4:00pm	Financial Accountant	Finance	Resume, Applicable Certification, Criminal Record Check, Driver's License.	personnel.179@gmail.com



Business Section



October 13, 2023.

The nation had an audit presentation by MNP LLP-Accounting, Business Consulting and Tax Services, and the band is in good standing from all accounts. The specifics were prented on a powerpoint presentation and all the data was provided to the people who showed up. Chief Vern was present along with Councilors: Louise Omeasoo, Frank Buffalo, Armand Swampy, Cletis Louis, Ryan Lightning, Izaiah Omeasoo-Swampy, Vincent Saddleback, Alesha Buffalo, Holly Johnson, Darryl Montour and Kurt Buffalo.

Elder Victor Bruno interpreted their



information into Cree for those in the audience who understood the Cree language better. Soon after there was a question and answer portion. People had their concerns like housing problems and they wanted to know when it would be fixed. Chief answered some questions and let the people know that he and his council are aware of the problems and the are answers on the way.

If you are a Samson band member you can request a copy of the presentation by contacting the communications department or by Email: comms@samsoncree.com

October 17, 2023

Tipahaskahn Kamik (CCP) along with Associated Engineering hosted a Community Engagement in Samson on October 17, 2023 and in Pigeon Lake on October 18, 2023. The intent of this open meeting was to allow Community members to come in and identify possible contamination sites such as gas, oil, landfill, compound metal spill, leaks, etc. Tables were set up with some large maps of Samson 137 & 137A, for members to mark some points of concern and chat with AE members. They also had lunch and door prizes. Tipahaskahn Kamik and AE would like to thank everyone who came out to share their knowledge.






Community Meeting: Environmental Condition of Reserve 137 and 137A Lands

Tuesday, October 17 from 10AM-3PM
Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre
Food and refreshments will be provided

Door Prizes!

Samson Cree is looking to take advantage of cultural and economic development opportunities related to environmental and natural resources.



Associated Environmental is completing a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) to determine the environmental condition of the reserve lands of the Samson Cree Nation. The objective of the ESA is to identify areas with potential contamination that may require remediation, risk assessment and/or risk management.

We invite community members to share knowledge of locations of contamination and environmental concerns on Samson 137 and 137A.

For additional information contact:
Ashley Saddleback - Samson Cree Nation - 780-585-3793 ext. 194
Danielle Lobelle - Associated Environmental - lobelled@ae.ca / 780-451-7666



October 24, 2023

The Peace Hills Trust contest award took place in Edmonton and the winner this year is Erin B. Currie, from the Montana First Nation, with his art Acrylic on Canvas painting titled Cree Soldier "Watchmen." Second place went to Bernadette Newman with her Oil on Canvas titled Tundra Sunset. Third place went to Bonny Graham with her Acrylic on Canvas paintin titled T' it'elem Spath (Eddie Gardner) Skwaw FN.

There was also a Youth 14-17 age category. There was also a mini pow wow with a Grand Entry. Chief Vernon Saddleback and Councilors were present. You can check out www.peacehills.com to see the winners.

Source: Samson Cree Nation facebook page October 23, 2023, post.





October 16, 2023

HBMC in Samson: The Indian Residential School -Resolution Health Support Program had an Elders Engagement with personal care services offered, lunch and drinks and some entertainment provided by a karaoke machine. The personal care services were offered privately behind the curtains that the maintenance department set up. Socializing is a big part of the event which provides the Elders to talk about what's important to them. The Community Wellness and Samson Elders & Assisted Living

departments were present helping out where they could. Transportation was provided to the Pigeon Lake residents but please make sure and phone the department next time to find out for sure and before the event. Other than that thank you to the departments for allowing the Acimowin attend your event.

Photos: Guide and Ashley Lightning.



OCTOBER 2023

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2	3	4 ASL 5-7	5	6 A.A 12-1
9 STAT HOLIDAY	10 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding, MPP	11 ASL 5-7 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding, MPP	12	13 A.A 12-1
16	17 Informational 1:00-2:30	18 ASL 5-7	19 Beadng 10:00-3:00	20 A.A 12-1
23 Family Tree w/ Rita 10:00-3:00	24 Family Tree w/ Rita 10:00-3:00	25 ASL 5-7 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding, MPP	26 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding, MPP	27 A.A 12-1 Special Needs Children Halloween Event
30	31			

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Integrated Family Services

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Office Hours
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed during lunch 12:00 - 1:00

Contact:
780-585-2254
Fax 780-585-2234

INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES

MIYO CÎPAY KÎSIKÂW

YOU ARE INVITED TO

FAMILY PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT

NIPISIHKOPAHK ELEMENTARY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 FROM 4-6PM
FOOD AND PUMPKINS PROVIDED, ALONG WITH THE TOOLS AND PATTERNS FOR DESIGNS
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

780-585-2244
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Join us!

Willow Planting Workshop

Location:
Meet at the Pigeon Lake Rec Centre
then drive to plant the willows

October 28, 2023
Start at 10:00 AM

Open to Maskwacis Members. Please register at
<https://forms.gle/1ZKKgi5bEChonCZp9>
Lunch and a gift card for all participants

Contact Glinis Buffalo for any inquiries:
780.238.1845

Maskwacis Cultural College
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12 Days of Christmas

1. MCC Basket (MCC Cree Dictionary, Sweater, Syllabics Shirt, mug, etc)
2. Games Basket
3. Baking Basket
4. Espresso Machine
5. Taste of Maskwacis (various Maskwacis eateries certificates)
6. Ribbon Skirt w/ beaded item
7. Ribbon shirt w/ beaded item
8. Nintendo Switch
9. Pay & Talk Cell phone with case
10. Smart TV
11. Date Night basket (Cineplex Odeon + \$50 gas + \$50 The Keg)
12. One Night Fantasyland hotel + \$50 gas + \$50 The Keg

12 chances to win.
Winning tickets get put back in the draw for more chances to win!
Last Day: Nov 30
Dec 1st draw begins
Random Draw of prizes

\$10/Ticket

Contact an MCC team member to purchase or phone 780-585-3925 or email info@mccedu.ca

MASKWACIS CULTURAL COLLEGE

Call for Prayer

WED | OCT 25 | 2023

PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS, OUR ELDERS, PARENTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN. PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF OUR PEOPLE AND LANDS. TAKE THE TIME OUT TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES.

6:30PM
INFRONT OF THE CTA BUILDING

Indigenous Master of Social Work

Deadline date is December 1, 2023. Applicants will be notified of the results in January, 2024.

Applications will be available on September 15, 2023

Please contact info@mccedu.ca for an application package

www.mccedu.ca
For more information contact:
info@mccedu.ca or wlistener@mccedu.ca
Call: 780-585-3925

MASKWACIS CULTURAL COLLEGE

IRON EARTH

UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL WITH WIND ENERGY TRAINING!

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Yôtinohkêwin

Join Iron and Earth for the Community Wind Skills Training Program starting November 14, 2023 at Maskwacis Cultural College and Pigeon Lake Health Centre. Empower yourself and diversify your skills while getting compensated for your time!

- Gain practical skills in wind energy installation from field experts.
- Transform classroom knowledge into real-world impact.
- Open doors to exciting career paths in the renewable energy sector.
- Help install a new wind turbine at the Pigeon Lake Health Centre!

Program Information: [CWS Training Program Description](#)
Questions? Contact: renewableskills@ironandearth.org

Maskwacis Cultural College **Canada**
Funded in part by the Government of Canada's funding

Analy Here!

You're Invited- P.L. 4Nations Event

HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 31, 4-8pm

Pigeon Lake Recreation Center
Hamburgers, Hotdogs Served 6-7pm
Bouncy Castle, Prizes & More

IndigiFund

Apply for \$250 BURSARY

Who is eligible?
Indigenous youth age 15 to 30 needing financial assistance in the areas of sport, education, and culture.

apply now at www.indigifund.com

Deadline to apply is November 15th

HUGE NEWS! The KidSport Oil Country Hockey Assist Program IS BACK for a second year!

IT'S BACK!

EDMONTON OILERS

KidSport Oil Country Hockey Assist Program

FULL HOCKEY REGISTRATION FEES & ACCESS TO NO COST EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR ELIGIBLE KIDS!

kidsportHAP.ca

Funded over 500 Indigenous youth in 2022/2023

Apply now

INDIGENOUS SPORT COUNCIL OF ALBERTA

October 18, 2023

Samson Celebrations Yard Contest 2023 Winners

- Country Homes
1.Gloria McNight
2.Myles Rain
3.Candace Crain
4.Jordan Buffalo
5.Twain Buffalo

- Town Sites
1.Amy Dion
2.Taryn Desjarlais
3.Theresia Boysis

- 4.Dezmone Rowan
5.Charmain Soosay

- Pigeon Lake
1.Azure Johnson
2.Bev Dion
3.Amber Yellowbird
4.Candace Saskatchewan
5.Clayton Saskatchewan

Home Winners Prizes and Consolation Winners can be picked up Wednesday October 18, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the entrance of the CTA band office building.



Photos: DMak & Organizer.





October 19, 2023

The Maskwacis Employment Center (www.maskwacisemployment.ca) had their annual jobfair at the HBMC in Samson and a lot of people were in attendance. Company representatives were talking and engaging potential employees and everybody was dressed their best. Merchandise was available as you went to each table and if you forgot the company name you could look at the pen,stickers or brochures of who you wanted to call back. The Hawk radio 93.5 FM was in attendance talking to the employers about their company. MEC staff were taking registration and if you want to contact them here is the address:

Maskwacis 4-Nations Initiative
Ph: 780-585-4450

Fax: 780-585-4456

Email:
info@maskwacisemployment.ca

The jobfair is always something good to look forward to in Samson. Thank you to the companies and MEC staff for choosing this location because it is good for the Samson people who might have to walk to the location. The jobfair is for all the people in Maskwacis. So we hope the people find employment or choose to go back to school to better their employment potential. We hope to see you all back next year.
MEC 2023 Fall Job Fair Sponsors: Luncheon & Gold: TC Energy. Gold: ATB Financial, Sanjel Energy Services, Careers In Energy, Scotiabank. Silver: VINCI, Starbucks and Samson Cree Nation.

MEC

Sponsors: Canada, Maskwacis Employment Center Society, Alberta Government. Sanjel Energy, TC Energy, ATB Financial, Scotiabank, Careers In Energy, CBS Maintenance Ltd. VINCI, Maswacis Maternal Chief and Family Research Group, Starbucks. Primco Dene, HD Horizon Drilling, Joint Economic Development Initiative.

Companies set up: Norpoint Sandblasting & Painting, Badger Daylighting, Work Wild Alberta Forest Products Association, SML Samson, Paul IKB Resources, AICCC, Alberta Advance Education Apprenticeship and Industry Training Apprenticeship, SAIT, Correctional Service of Canada, Canadian Army, Alberta Health Services, Midwest Pipelines Co., Ensign, LTS Testing,

Parkland Community Living and Supports Society, University of Alberta Indigenous Recruitment, Peace Hills Insurance, Royal Camp Services, Trans Mountain, TRICAN, Community Futures East Parkland Economic Development, Worley Cord LP, Delmar College Red Deer, University of Alberta Agustana Campus, The Leduc, Nisku and Wetaskiwin Chamber of Commerce, Bird Construction, Precision Drilling, Women Building Futures, Ponoka and Rimbey Adult Learning Society, Canada Border Services Agency, Wetaskiwin Coop, Serenity Funeral Service, Maskwacis Health Services, Norquest College, Louis Bull Tribe ISET Program and the Wetaskiwin Community Learning Program.

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Free SELF DEFENSE CLASSES
REGISTER @ H.B.M.C.

Nov. 7, 8, 9, 2023

Samson Youth, Education & Sport Dev. in collaboration with Samson Community Wellness

FEATHER LIGHT DEFENSE

50 youth PER CLASS

OPEN AGES 8 - 13 YRS BOYS/GIRLS COMBINED

4:30 - 5:30 YOUTH ONLY

Women 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. only

CERTIFICATES PROVIDED BY FEATHER LIGHT DEFENSE UPON COMPLETION

CONTACT H.B.M.C. 780.585.3012

HAPPENING AT
MASKWACIS CREE HIGH SCHOOL

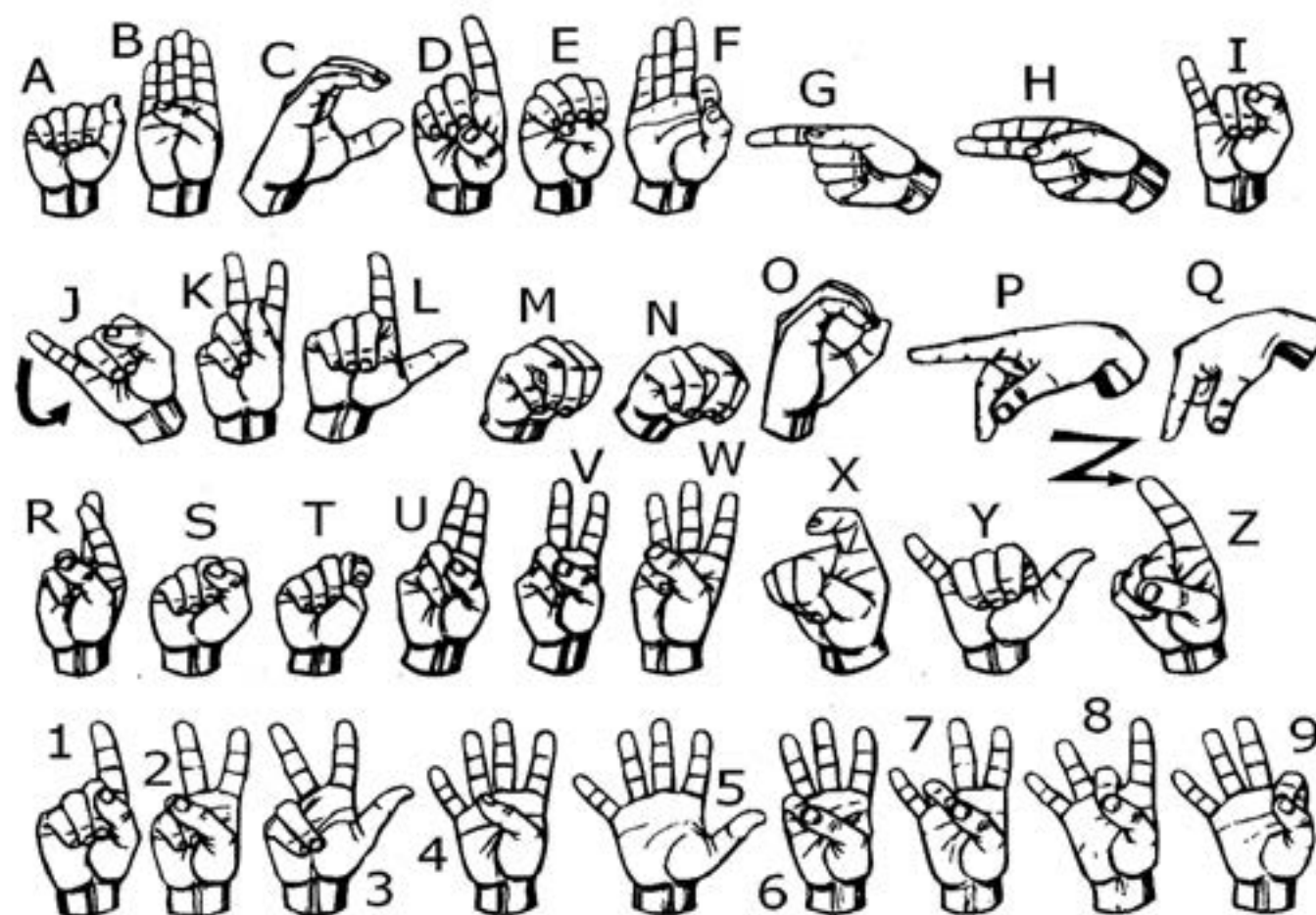
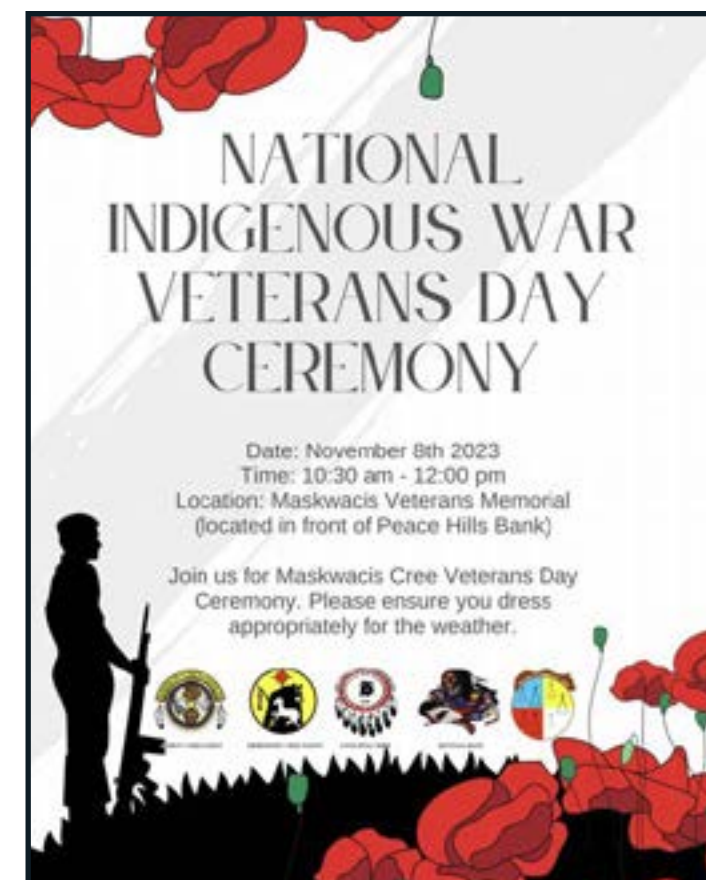
BASKETBALL CAMPS

REGISTER HERE

GRADES 4 TO 7
12:30 TO 1:30

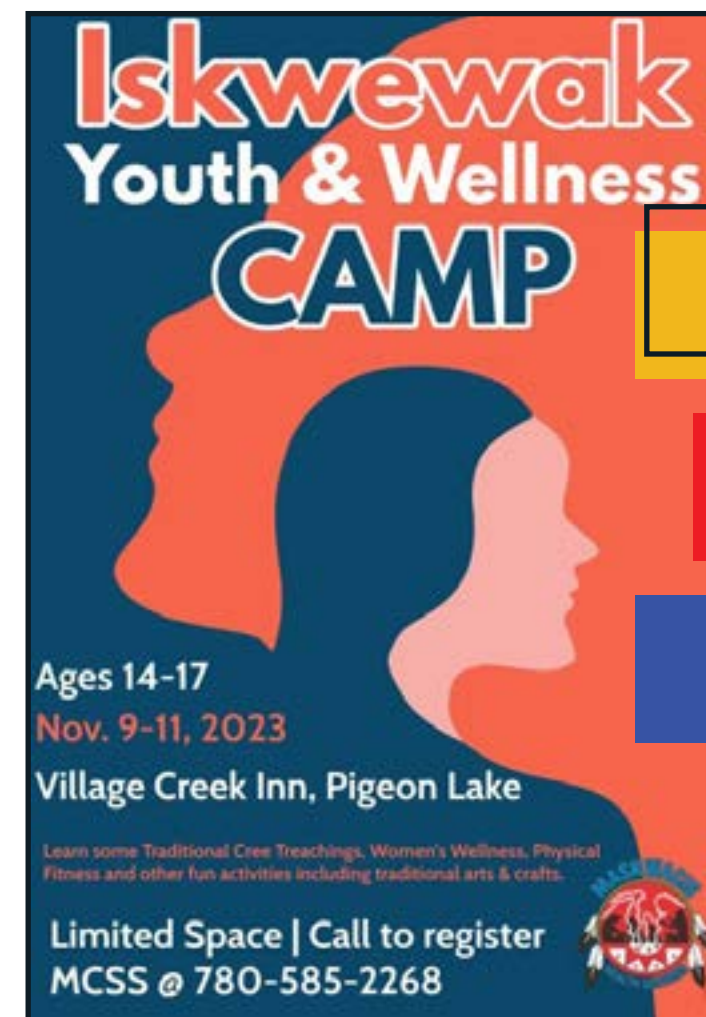
GRADES 8 TO 12
2PM TO 4PM

SATURDAYS
OCT 28TH
NOV 4TH, 18TH, 25TH
DEC 2ND & 16TH



ASL

October 25, 2023
 OPENING THIS FRIDAY at 5 PM.
 This weather had us a little behind schedule to finish the haunted house. No matter the cold and snow! We will be open daily until HALLOWEEN NIGHT! No \$30 or \$40 ticket prices here, only \$5 or \$10. Come support your local fund raiser scary event.



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Recording Studio Opening.	4	5	6	7
8	9 Thanks Giving Turkey Trot Bear Park.	10	11	12	13 Acimowin Red Deer Pow Wow	14 P.L. Willow Planting with Glinis R.D. Pow Wow
15 R.D. Pow Wow	16 Elders Engagement	17	18	19 MEC Job Fair.	20 Cree Market	21
22	23	24	25 Day Of Prayer. Equine Therapy.	26 Acimowin Equine Therapy	27 6 Mile Haunted House. Sober Dance HBMC. Rita Cutknife.	28 Haunted House Restoration Camp Glinis 9AM. Basketball High School.
29 Haunted House Restoration Camp Glinis 9AM	30 Restoration Camp Glinis 9AM National Gathering of Elders.	31 Halloween Pigeon Lake Dance 5PM. Photobooth HBMC 11AM. SML Halloween Samson Mall 11AM. MCTC building 830AM	Maskwacis Counselling & Support Services (MCSS) NNADAP Phone: 825-299-0056 585-2268 for A.A. Program. Abbreviations: P.L. Pigeon Lake Recreation Center. R.D. Red Deer. MEC Maskwacis Employment Center. SYSD Samson Sports & Youth Sports Development.			

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Day Light Savings Time Ends	6 Communications Meeting 10AM.	7 Youth & Women Self Defence Class HBMC.	8 Youth & Women Self Defence Class HBMC.	9 Youth & Women Self Defence Class HBMC.	10 Acimowin	11 Veterans Day Memorial Cenotaph in front of Peace Hills bank. Ermineskin Veterans Pow Wow Panee.
12	13	14	15	16	17 IFS National Child Day 4Pm HBMC.	18
19	20	21	22 Staff Christmas Pictures Start. End Dec 1. Book Now.	23	24 Acimowin	25
26	27	28	29	30	Maskwacis Counselling & Support Services (MCSS) 585-2268 for A.A. Program.	

Vision Statement

Samson Cree Nation is a healthy, educated, knowledgeable and industrious community.

Mission Statement

Samson Cree Nation is a Sovereign Nation that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all our People by maximizing our Human Resources and respecting our Cree Language and Traditions of our Peoples.
www.samsoncree.com/aboutus



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- JOB OPENINGS
- SURVEYS
- EVENTS
- NEWS

Application Form Released
Have to the application form you will need to hold your open Closing date is this weekend

HOW TO GET THE APP

- 1 Scan the QR code below or visit the App Store or Google Play Store and Search "Samson Cree Nation"
- 2 Tap "Register" under "Member Login"
- 3 Fill out your information and press "Register"
- 4 Click the verification link in your email address





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Please make it a JPEG or PDF format to save paper.

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Check out their Facebook page.

SCN Communications Department




Samson Cree Nation 

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**NATIONAL CHILD
DAY 2023**




4 - 6pm **NOVEMBER 17, 2023** HBMC Gym

FUN COMMUNITY EVENT
GAMES * PRIZES* ENTERTAINMENT
FAMILY FUN * BAGGED LUNCHES
FAMILY PHOTOS * CRAFTS * MUCH MORE



CREE PRAYER

Our Father,
God Almighty,
Help us and keep us this day.
We are your children,
Men and Boys,
Women and Girls,
And all other people of this
Earth.
Ay Hail!







**SML WILL BE
GIVING OUT CANDY**
Oct 31 | 11:00 am-4:00 pm
SAMSON MALL