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Cultural Basket
Community Wellness
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Services
International Womens
Day

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Integrated Family Services
Cultural Basket

Words/Photos by Guide & Ashley Lightning

February 25, 2024

Samson HBMC: Dennis Omeasoo was the facilitator for the event and Karlene Cutknife was the coordinator. Integrated Family Services provides the program and they will have a Cultural Basket in March so sign up early. The program is getting bigger each month with cultural practices being taught to the people who attend. Dennis passed the eagle fan around so people could cleanse themselves of the negative feelings they have. This is a traditional practice that is done at home as well.

Ashley Lightning on the Samson Cree Nation Facebook page: "That concludes day 3 of the Cultural Basket! This month's session spoke on the topic of Grief. A very healing experience to hear others' stories, what they learned, and what has helped them to heal. Congrats to everyone who finished the program! Those who finished received a certificate of completion and a gift card. IFS would like to thank the staff, caterer, and all those who attended!"

Cultural Basket will be back March 26,27, 28, 2024, at the HBMC. Transportation provided and lunch. Please call IFS to Register at 780-585-2254.



Programs- Services

FAMILY EASTER CONTEST

TOPIC: EASTER FAMILY TRADITIONS
WHAT IS YOUR FAMILY TRADITION?

AGES: 7-17 YEARS OLD
DEADLINE TO ENTER IS: March 27, 2024

1st - \$150 Walmart Card, \$100 movie passes & \$50 Swimming Pass
2nd- Family Movie/Game Basket
3rd - \$50.00 Walmart Card

EMAIL YOUR SUBMISSION TO: tasaddleback@mccedu.ca
OR SEND TO SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS - FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 780-585-3634

SUMMER BREAK OF EVENTS
SAMSON YOUTH & SPORT DEV.

MAR 25 BASKETBALL CAMP 2:00PM - 5:00PM

MAR 26 MOVIE NIGHT TBA

MAR 27 BOWLING 4:00PM - 6:30PM

MAR 28 SWIMMING 1:30PM - 4:00PM

MAR 29 CRAFTS 2:00PM - 4:00PM

FOR MORE INFO CALL #780-585-3012 & SIGN UP AT THE HBMC
LIMITED SPOTS. SIGN UP NOW. PLEASE COME IN AND SIGN A WAIVER. PRIORITIZING SAMSON BAND MEMBERS FIRST.

"Little by little, one travels far." - J. R. R. Tolkien

MARCH 2024

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
				1 A.A 12:00 - 1:00
4	5	6 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding, MPP ASL - 5:00 - 7:00	7 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding, MPP	8 A.A 12:00 - 1:00
11	12	13 ASL - 5:00 - 7:00	14 Traditional Teachings 10:00-3:00	15 A.A 12:00 - 1:00
18 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding, MPP	19 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding, MPP	20 ASL - 5:00 - 7:00	21	22 A.A 12:00 - 1:00
25	26 Cultural Basket 10:00 - 3:00	27 ASL - 5:00 - 7:00 Cultural Basket 10:00 - 3:00	28 Cultural Basket 10:00 - 3:00	29 A.A 12:00 - 1:00

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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

February 25, 2024

Family Day originated in Alberta in 1990 and it is to recognize the importance of home and family. Almost all the provinces recognize family day as a holiday.

Family Day took place in Maskwacis as well at the HBMC in Samson. The event was originally scheduled for February 19 but due to unforeseen circumstances it was rescheduled. Samson Headstart and Samson Sports & Youth Development (SYSD) sponsored the event. There were a lot of youth and parents. There were prizes, face painting, balloon twisters, bouncy house and photo booth. A light lunch and drinks were served.

The event is getting more people each year and it is a Maskwacis event so everyone is welcome. The day may have been cold but the parents wanted to bring their children out for some fun. Especially when you have to stay inside most of the time when it is winter.

Furthermore, Headstart will be having their Spring Break Fun Day on March 27, 2024, at the HBMC in Samson from 3-8 PM. There will be face painting, glitter tattoos, a magician, photo booth, snacks and door prizes. This is a family event and once again, everyone is welcome.

Words/Photos: Guide.



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CELEBRATION
Save The Date
AUGUST 9-11,
2024
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SAMSON CREE NATION
MEMBERS
HOCKEY
RALLY
Special Guest:
Motivational Speaker
Carlin Nordstrom
Do you have a Samson Cree Nation youth (U7-U21) attending Alberta Native Hockey & or Alberta Treaty Hockey Tournaments? This is an information rally for both tournaments to see what kind of funding we can offer this year.
MARCH 23, 2024 3:00 P.M. H.B.M.C.
Off Reserve: If you cannot make this event please email: communitywellness.nwsd@gmail.com for information.
For more information please call SCW 780-585-3634
NATIVE HOCKEY ALBERTA A.T.H.A.

93.5 FM HAWK RADIO
CREE WORD
CONTEST
"TANSI OMA ETEWYAN"
(WHAT AM I SAYING?)
EVERYDAY A NEW CREE WORD!
LISTEN & CALL IN TO TRANSLATE THE WORD. IF YOU ARE CORRECT, YOU WILL BE ENTERED IN FOR THE WEEKLY & SEASONAL DRAW. WEEKLY DRAWS ARE EVERY FRIDAY. SEASONAL DRAWS ARE THE DAY BEFORE THE NEW SEASON EQUINOX
CALL HAWK RADIO: 780-585-4295
LISTEN ONLINE: WWW.HAWKRADIO935.COM
ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GIFT CARD

SPRING BREAK
FUN DAY
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 27
3:00 PM TO 8PM
@ THE HOWARD BUFFALO
MEMORIAL CENTRE (HBMC)
ACTIVITIES:
• Face Painting/Glitter tattoos
• Photobooth
• Magician
• snacks & door prizes
• Family Event, everyone is welcome
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No drop-offs
If you have any questions please contact us 780-585-2230

March 15, 2024
Pigeon Lake Recreation Centre: Community Wellness focus group. Nation members are providing input into their community. The Health Survey was done in the afternoon. The next Gang and Drug focus groups will take place March 21, 2024, at the Jim O Centre in



Samson. Elders will be first while general public will be in the afternoon. Transportation is provided to and from location by Community Wellness so give them a call 780-585-3634. Please Register for the upcoming events.



March 18, 2024
Service Award for Employees: Paul Johnson 20 years, Allister Nepoose 19 years, Robert Ward 15 years. Congratulations Employees! The nation and people appreciate your work and dedication. Samson Councilor Holly Johnson (right) in attendance for the recognition.



International Womens Day March 8, 2024

March 8, 2024
Ermineskin NOK Building: International Womens Day took place in Maskwacis with all the women being honoured with a celebration. Ashley Lightning from SCN Communications attended the event and here is what she had to say (Source: Samson Facebook March 8, 2024):
 with Ermineskin Womens Shelter Society to host a Women’s Day Luncheon for all Four Nations! All the ladies received a rose and a gift. They also handed out cake to everyone. Wonderful guest speakers. Each spoke on empowerment, strength, and celebrating the success of women. Thank you to the speakers, staff, and everyone who attended. Ladies, you are appreciated every day.”

“What a great day to honor the women of our nation! Samson Community Wellness partnered

Photos: Ashley Lightning.



March 4, 2024

The drought in Alberta is at Stage 4. The Alberta Government has a webpage:

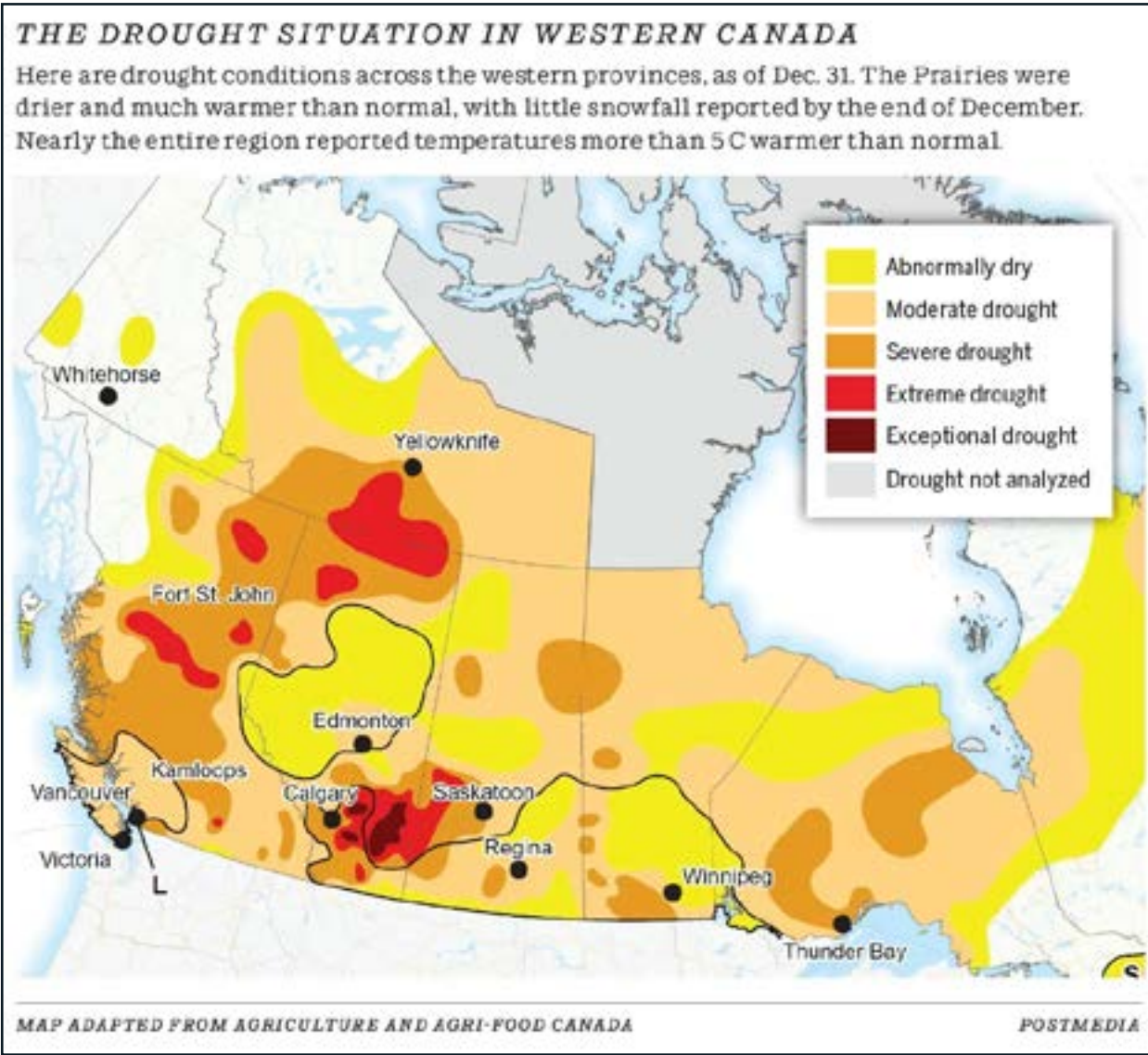
www.alberta.ca/drought

This webpage monitors the situation.

“Alberta is currently in water shortage management stage 4 (out of 5), where multiple water management areas are impacted by water shortage. Alberta’s government is monitoring conditions and working closely with water users and local governments to help manage and conserve water where possible.”

Alberta relies on rain and melting snow for it’s water. The town of Pincher Creek which is south of Calgary relies on the Oldman River to get the majority of its water. So do the First Nations in that area which include the Blood and Pikani. The town recently had to dig up the area where their intake pipes for the towns water comes from. The intake pipes were above where the river should have been.

On March 4, 2024, Alberta Minister of the Environment & Protected Areas, Rebecca Shultz, did a media conference in which she said there will be a \$125 million in funding for drought and flooding problems. The funding will be through local grants.



Source: “ ‘Gut Punch’: As Crownest River Runs Dry, Pincher Creek forced to dig for water.” Continued dry conditions raise alarm for all who rely on Oldman River basin, group says. Stephen Tipper, Calgary Herald February 23, 2024. www.calgaryherald.com

“ ‘A Societal Issue’: Drought-plagued Alberta braces for even worse conditions.” Province will push ‘water sharing.’ Cities will restrict usage. This year could be drastic. Jason Markusoff, February 1, 2024. CBC.ca

PHT 41st Annual Indigenous Art Contest

Call for Submissions from Indigenous Artists

Deadline: September 3rd, 2024

more details @peacehillstrust.com

1st Place - \$5,000 2nd Place - \$3,000 3rd Place - \$2,000

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Maskwacis Community Guide

Supports, Resources, and Programs for Four Nations: Ermineskin, Louis Bull, Montana, & Samson

Scan me to view a digital copy of the Maskwacis Community Guide

The Maskwacis Community Guide is a part of a research study. Hishikish nanawak (everything is one, everything is connected). Restoring healthy family systems in Indigenous communities in collaboration with the Maskwacis Wabikowin Research Group, University of Alberta, and other partners.

The air hurts my face

Why am I living where the air hurts my face

Ethan Buffalo

ENTRY FORM

ENTRY DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL IN ORDER TO QUALIFY

Name of Entrant: _____ Age of Entrant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province/Territory: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Band/Home Community: _____

Title of Entry: _____ Price: _____

Medium: _____ Size: _____

Description: _____

ADULT CONTEST SECTION

I, _____ (name of Adult Entrant), understand that in order to be considered for the Art Contest my entry must be in a "2 Dimensional Art" form, on a flat surface suitable for framing, and it must be no greater than 4 feet by 6 feet in size. I hereby certify that I am the original creator of my entry and that I am the sole owner of the copyright interest in my entry. I hereby agree to assign all of the copyright interest in my entry to Peace Hills Trust, as required by the Rules and Regulations, and waive all of my moral rights in my entry in favour of Peace Hills Trust. [Learn more](#)

I confirm that I am of Indigenous ancestry. (First Nations, Inuit, or Metis) [Initials](#)

I agree that my entry was created within the last 24 months. [Initials](#)

I agree/do not agree (circle one) to have my telephone number (as shown on the entry form) released to potential purchasers of my entry.

I certify that the information in this entry form is true and accurate. I certify that I have read, understand and agree to be bound by the entry procedures, the rules, and regulations of the Peace Hills Trust Art Contest as written on the reverse side of this Entry Form.

Signature of Adult Entrant: _____ Date: _____

YOUTH CONTEST SECTION

Age Category: 14-17 _____ 10-13 _____ 9 and under _____

I, _____ (name of Youth Entrant), and my parent/guardian understand that in order to be considered for the Art Contest my entry must be in a "2 Dimensional Art" form, on a flat surface suitable for framing, and it must be no greater than 4 feet by 6 feet in size. If my entry is the winner then Peace Hills Trust will become the owner of my entry and Peace Hills Trust shall have unrestricted rights to my entry, to do with it as they may decide, including but not limited to reproducing and displaying my entry, and I and my parent/guardian hereby assign all copyright interest in my work to Peace Hills Trust and waive my moral rights associated with my entry in favour of Peace Hills Trust. I and my parent/guardian certify that the information in this entry form is true and accurate, that I have read, and I and my parent or guardian understand and agree to be bound by the entry procedures and the rules and regulations of the Peace Hills Trust Art Contest as written on the reverse side of this Entry Form.

Signature of Youth Entrant: _____ Name and Signature of Parent or Guardian of the Youth Entrant: _____

Date: _____

REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY NUMBER: _____

SEND ART TO:
Peace Hills Trust Indigenous Art Contest, 10th Floor, 10011 - 109 Street NW, Edmonton AB, T5J 3S8

Maskwacis Minor Hockey News

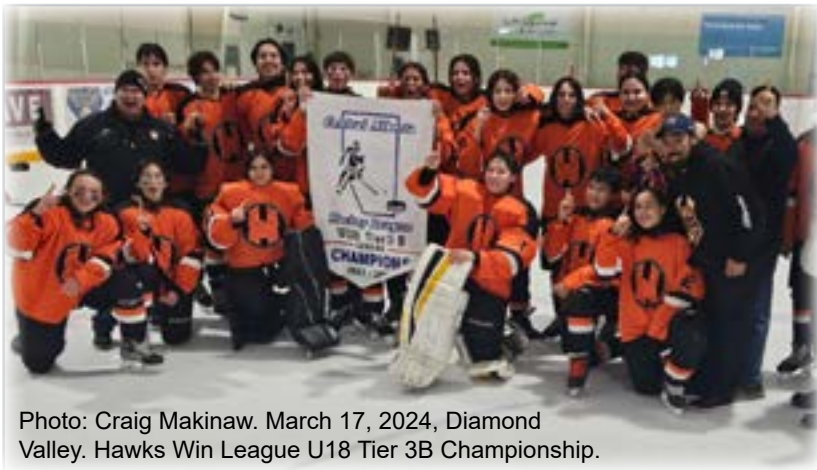


Photo: Craig Makinaw. March 17, 2024, Diamond Valley. Hawks Win League U18 Tier 3B Championship.
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March 11, 2024

Source: **Maskwacis Minor Hockey Association** Facebook page.

“Congratulations to the U18 Hawks for winning the 2023-2024 tier 3 Silver Banner

Thank you to the coaching staff, the parents and the players for making this such a successful season for our youth!! A job well done. Also would like to thank all the fans that packed the house tonight, it was such a surreal feeling.

We had an honoring ceremony for the 5 players who are aging out and moving on, thank you for your dedication and hard work.

Keep dreaming, keep striving, and most importantly, keep your stick on the ice. One last show of appreciation, a huge thank you going out to Chief Mykat for showing up and supporting MMHA and our Maskwacis Youth in Hockey, Ay Hai”

U18 Hawks move onto the Tier 3 Provincial Playoff Tournament scheduled for March 28-31, 2024. Watch their facebook page for locations and time. #GOHawks



Source: Hockey Indigenous Facebook page.

March 16, 2024

Samson Cree Nation Four Nations Arena:
What a hockey game for the U18 Maskwacis Hawks, I recommend community members come out and support the Hawks final games, it just might give them what they need to walk away with their league title. The crowd was very supportive and the bleachers were packed with visitors and home team families. Young people had their cow bells and signs they held up. There was a huge GO HAWKS sign up on the north side of the rink. On this Saturday the Hawks walked away with the win, 9 to 7, in Tier 3B versus the Diamond Valley Rockies. Shots on Goal Hawks 46, Rockies 32.

The game started with the Hawks down 2 goals. The momentum of the game changed near the end of the first period when the Hawks started to score. One goal was disallowed because the net came off the post. The crowd was very disappointed and they made their voices heard to the referees.

Period two saw one of the Hawks players being tripped while on a break a way. Later, Hawks player #52 scored a goal. The Hawks had their players in front of the Rockies goalie that is one of the reason they won, they could either deflect



a shot or shoot it in if the goalie stops it and the puck bounces out to the Hawks players. The Rockies goalie was good but the Hawks goalie came back from a deficit to keep his team in the game. That is one of the reasons the Hawks won, the goalie stopped some critical shots by the Rockies and kept his team in the game long enough to even up the score.

Also during the game, the Hawks scored while short handed. The Hawks player took a penalty but within seconds the Hawks took the puck down the ice and scored on the Rockies. This was one of the goals that brought the Hawks back from being down two goals.

The Rockies were good. They brought their best game to Maskwacis hoping they could walk away with the win. You could see it on the parents face with each goal they scored. I could tell the Hawks were not going to settle for a loss. The players reached in to their spirits this evening, something that could take one of these young men and women to the NHL. A few players took some hard hits in order to forward the puck for a shot on goal. That is dedication and they did not get any attention for it. The parents dreams of seeing their son or daughter playing for an NHL team is not far, not far at all.
Guide: Photos/Story.



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Welcome New Employees

February 5, 2024

The Acimowin would like to say Welcome to some of the nation’s new employees:

October 2023:
Kristen Wildcat-ManyBears, Foodbank Coordinator, (Community Wellness)

Dec 2023:
Neil Littlechild, Financial Accountant (Finance Department)
Katherine Swampy, Senior Manager (Business Development)
Grant Okeymow, Water & Wastewater Apprentice (Tipahaskahn Kamik)
Chase Campeau, Calgary Transitional Coordinator, (Community Wellness)
Tara Simon, Office Assistant (Samson Gas Utility)

January 2024:
Norine Littlechild, Asset Manager (Emergency Management)
Chyann Buffalo, Receptionist (CTA Maintenance)

Feb 2024:
Taylor Buffalo, Public Works Manager (Public Works)
Liam Buffalo, Youth Wellness Worker (Community Wellness)
Shania Buffalo, Youth Wellness Worker (Community Wellness)

March 2024:
Juliana Bruno, Water Quality Technician (Nipiy Department)
Lorne Quinney, Water Quality Technician (Nipiy Department)
Amanda Ermineskin, After School Program Coordinator (Daycare)

If you have any new employees in your department and would like them to be featured in this article please email the editor their name, department and title.

Thank you to Ashley and the department who helped her compile the list.



March 15, 2024.
MHS Maskwacis Counselling & Support Services Round Dance at the HBMC. Photo: Leo Bruno.

MHS Health Promotion: Nutrition Bingo



Photos: Ashley Lightning

February 29, 2024

Samson HBMC Nutrition Bingo:
“Learn about healthy eating and the affects of unhealthy foods. February is Heart Health month and March is Nutrition Month! Open to All Community Members.”

All you had to do was bring your own dabber. Learn while you have fun and win some really good prizes. Bring the family next time. All the participants got food bags and there was door prizes.

Public Health at MHS includes: nutrition bingo, water testing, good food bags, Mommy Moments, car seat safety, home inspections, bike safety and food safety inspections. Give them a call 780-585-2151. You can see their promotions on their social media.



Stephanie Harpe & Kirk Buffalo: Community Wellness Program.



March 5, 2024

Willowview Building: Samson Community Wellness had Kirk Buffalo and Stephanie Harpe speak to a few people in one of the programs. It was a mixed program with males and females. Kirk mentioned to the ladies present that if a male makes it uncomfortable in the room that he would leave. Kirk talked about his past and he was honest about it. Everyone makes mistakes but the point is to try and make amends if it does happen. It's about forgiveness. Kirk talked about being sent to Calgary to go to school and the reason this happened was his parents wanted what they did not have growing up. More opportunities to become a success. Kirk said that he would catch the train from Maskwacis and go to Calgary that way. Most

Sundays his parent would drive him back to Calgary to go back to school. Around that time in Maskwacis, it was not that easy to enter into the local towns. Kirk talked about that briefly and he mentioned that today, we do not have those restrictions. If you want more of the story behind what it was like back in our parent's day go see the documentary: The Pass System by Alex Williams.

Stephanie had a medicine wheel drawn on the white board. In it was four areas: air, fire water and earth. Air was thought, Fire was spirit, Water for feelings and Earth for body. This is what she based her teachings on. When Stephanie talked about air she said we have to look in the mirror each morning and tell ourselves that we are worth it and that we are loved. It may take time but

Winter Issue

that negative feeling has to eased out for positive thought. Stephanie said her family does it and she recommends the whole family do it every day.

For water, Stephanie said that we should not live in the past. If the memories are good then keep them around but if they are negative then they should be left behind. Water has memory. People have to make the conscious decision themselves to get better and once that's decided then healing can begin.

For earth it was about the body. Water is important for women because it will deter Alzheimer's from setting in. Stephanie talked about the third eye and this is why water is important for the ladies in our community. Stephanie, when she has to, drinks Voss water and if that's not around she will drink Figi water. For pop, Stephanie will drink Stevia from Safeway. It's a little more expensive but she said it is better for your body because there is not so many chemicals in it.

Stephanie talked about the natural foods we should be eating. Always read the labels on food and the bottled water you drink. She also talked about decolonization. The food we eat today is quick and easy but

we should be growing our own gardens and using natural products instead of the chemicals we use today. This includes laundry detergent on our clothes, toothpaste with the green or blue label at the bottom, bamboo tooth brushes because regular plastic tooth brushes are not healthy for our bodies.

A real good idea that Stephanie had was creating a traditional medicine walking trail. This is done so people can learn what they medicines are, where they are located and when is the best time to pick them. Stephanie has also participated in the Rez Dog Project. This project makes people take care of the dogs on the reserve. A central area was set up at this reserve and that's where the dogs were located. The dogs were adopted by local people and they had to care for them. In the end, the participants took the dogs home. Pets can help people who are experiencing loneliness. Studies have shown that Elders who have pets live longer than those who do not have any. It brings meaning to their lives and a responsibility to wake up every day and take care of the pet. You can also use plants to alleviate loneliness. These are skills you can learn when you go to the Community Wellness programs that feature people like Stephanie Harpe and Kirk Buffalo.

March 12, 2024

Samson Willowview TP Room: NNADAP Coping Skills and Relapse Prevention with Yvonne. Yvonne was teaching coping skills and how stress can make a person unhealthy. There is a lot of programs and services within SCN so don't

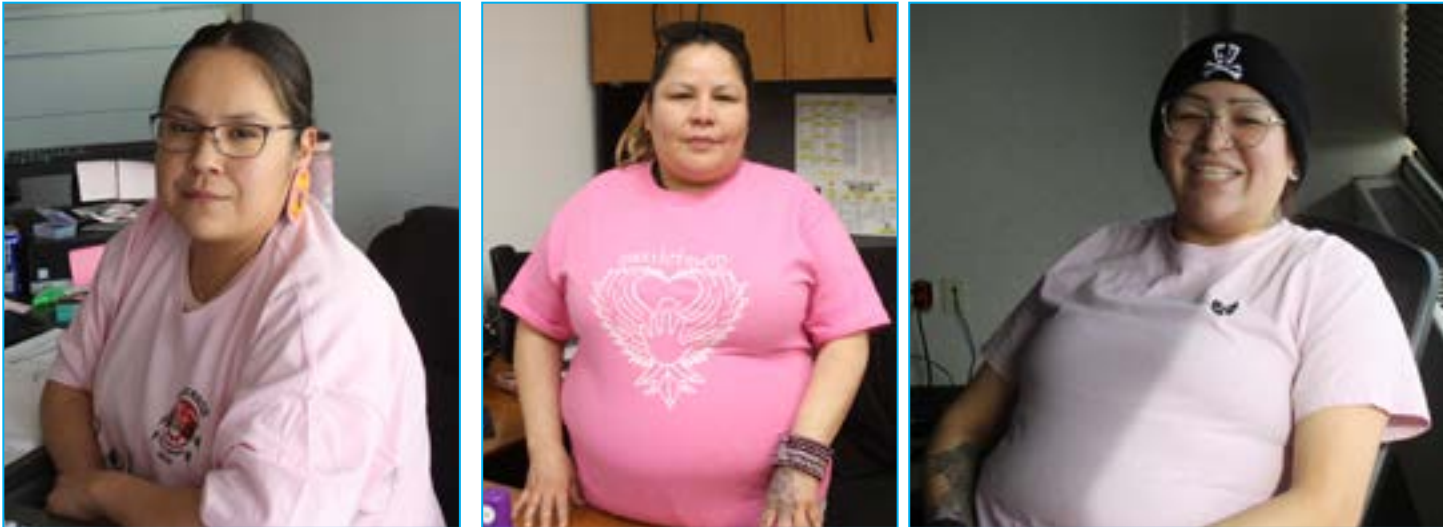
be afraid to ask. Go check out Walk In Wednesdays from 9 AM to 3 PM. This is your chance to ask Yvonne about the SCN programs and services available to the people. Koda-Cree also has services that people can use for employment. Koda-Cree is upstairs in the building where the Bottle Depot is located.



Pink Shirt Day February 28, 2024

Pink Shirt Day took place in the Samson Cree Nation and most employees were wearing their shirts. Pink Shirt Day is about stopping bullying in our society. The theme this year is: All Kinds of

Kindness. Pink shirt day started in 2007 and most people in Maskwacis recognize this day. Thank you to Maskwacis Health Services for handing out the shirts.



Photos: Ashley Lightning.



WHY KODA-CREE?

The Challenge:
Oil Sands companies tell us two things:
1. They need to hire indigenous workers.
2. Indigenous workers are hard to retain.

The Truth:
Indigenous workers have unique backgrounds and challenges, like intergenerational trauma, that many companies aren't equipped to support.

PROGRAM DETAILS

In-Class Training

- 10 weeks (week 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71-80, 81-90, 91-100, 101-110, 111-120, 121-130, 131-140, 141-150, 151-160, 161-170, 171-180, 181-190, 191-200, 201-210, 211-220, 221-230, 231-240, 241-250, 251-260, 261-270, 271-280, 281-290, 291-300, 301-310, 311-320, 321-330, 331-340, 341-350, 351-360, 361-370, 371-380, 381-390, 391-400, 401-410, 411-420, 421-430, 431-440, 441-450, 451-460, 461-470, 471-480, 481-490, 491-500, 501-510, 511-520, 521-530, 531-540, 541-550, 551-560, 561-570, 571-580, 581-590, 591-600, 601-610, 611-620, 621-630, 631-640, 641-650, 651-660, 661-670, 671-680, 681-690, 691-700, 701-710, 711-720, 721-730, 731-740, 741-750, 751-760, 761-770, 771-780, 781-790, 791-800, 801-810, 811-820, 821-830, 831-840, 841-850, 851-860, 861-870, 871-880, 881-890, 891-900, 901-910, 911-920, 921-930, 931-940, 941-950, 951-960, 961-970, 971-980, 981-990, 991-1000, 1001-1010, 1011-1020, 1021-1030, 1031-1040, 1041-1050, 1051-1060, 1061-1070, 1071-1080, 1081-1090, 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Corrections Service Canada

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Employment Opportunity

PE Sakikawé Centre, Correctional Service Canada is seeking two highly qualified individuals for the position of **Administrative Assistant** in Maskwacj, Alberta. The successful applicants will be subject to a 90-day trial to start, with the possibility of extension.

Essential Qualifications:

EDUCATION:

- A secondary school diploma or a satisfactory score on the PSC test approved as an alternative to a secondary school diploma or successful completion of a provincially/territorially approved secondary school equivalency test, or an acceptable combination of education, training and/or experience.

EXPERIENCE:

- Experience in the provision of administrative support.
- Experience in the use of various software programs such as: Excel, Microsoft Word, Outlook, PowerPoint.

PERSONAL SUITABILITY:

- Effective interpersonal relationships Reliability Thoroughness Initiative Integrity

Asset Qualifications:

ABILITIES:

- Ability to establish and maintain a filing forward (off) system and files.
- Ability to set priorities.
- Ability to control incoming/outgoing correspondence.
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Organizational Need:

Member of an Employment Equity group: Indigenous peoples, excluded groups, persons with disabilities and women. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Correctional Service of Canada and the Samson Cree Nation, preference may be given to Samson Cree Nation members.

The successful applicant must be able to obtain a Reliability Clearance from the Government of Canada. This clearance will be obtained prior to any work beginning by the successful applicant.

Please send your resume, two direct supervisor references and direct inquiries to:

PE Sakikawé Centre
Attn: Sharon Charlette Buffalo
P.O. Box 1306
Maskwacj, Alberta
(780) 585-4184
Email: Sharon.CharletteBuffalo@CSC.SCC.GCCCA

Corrections Service Canada

Service correctionnel Canada

Employment Opportunity

PE Sakikawé Centre, Correctional Service Canada is seeking a highly qualified individual for the position of **Executive Assistant** to the Executive Director in Maskwacj, Alberta. The successful individual will be placed on a term position for a period of one (1) year, with the possibility of extension.

Essential Qualifications:

EDUCATION:

- A secondary school diploma or a satisfactory score on the PSC test approved as an alternative to a secondary school diploma or successful completion of a provincially/territorially approved secondary school equivalency test, or an acceptable combination of education, training and/or experience.

EXPERIENCE:

- Experience in supporting senior managers.
- Experience in providing administrative and financial support services.

PERSONAL SUITABILITY:

- Effective Interpersonal Relationships, Respect, Random Orientation, Initiative, Integrity, Team Player

Asset Qualifications:

ABILITIES:

- Ability to manage records.
- Ability to set priorities.
- Ability to control incoming/outgoing correspondence.
- Communicate effectively orally.
- Communicate effectively in writing.
- Ability to use software programs to produce documents.
- Ability to track expenditures.

Organizational Need:

Member of an Employment Equity group: Indigenous peoples, excluded groups, persons with disabilities and women. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Correctional Service of Canada and the Samson Cree Nation, preference may be given to Samson Cree Nation members.

The successful applicant must be able to obtain Secret Clearance from the Government of Canada. This clearance will be obtained prior to any work beginning by the successful applicant.

Please send your resume & two direct supervisor references before end of day Friday February 13th, 2024

PE Sakikawé Centre
Attn: Todd Sakikawé, A Executive Director
P.O. Box 1306
Maskwacj, Alberta
(780) 585-4184
Email: Todd.Sakikawé@CSC.SCC.GCCCA

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Executive Assistant

Department: Business Development

Summary:

The Executive Assistant will report to the Senior Manager of Business Development. The Executive Assistant is responsible for the coordination of the office by ensuring effective procedural methods are developed and maintained.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Phone reception for Business Development
- Maintain messages and reception records
- Set up meetings and maintain Business Development Calendar
- Minute taking and/or Recording for Business Development Committee Meetings
- Provide support and back up to other areas within the Business Development Team as required.
- Perform a variety of administrative duties in support of the Business Development Office.
- Responsible for meeting logistics including:
 - booking rooms,
 - preparing all financial requirements of meetings,
 - prepare agendas,
 - ensure Managers have submitted reports,
- Process department payroll in an efficient manner

Additional Responsibilities:

- Understands and adheres to all department policies and procedures,
- Will perform administrative support to the Sr. Manager in accomplishing their roles and responsibilities. This includes:
 - Assists in the development and distribution of staff schedules
- Produce forms, schedules, and correspondence as required
- Completes confidential administrative services for the Sr. Manager
- Produce and/or assists in the production of all required internal and external reports, regularly review progress on standard department deliverables and takes appropriate action to ensure timely completion of all department tasks,
- Supports the Sr. Manager in addressing any personnel matters within the department, Verifies and records department staff compliance with the departments administrative and financial policies and procedures, including travel expense claims and staff attendance reports,

Knowledge and Abilities:

- Minimum Grade 12 Diploma or Equivalent.
- Certification in Administration/ Clerical field would be a definite asset.
- Office Phone etiquette
- Ability to record meeting minutes
- Ability to take direction
- Ability to record accurate notes, and record keeping.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, strong active listening skills,
- Proven planning, prioritizing, organizing and coordination skills,
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to establish and maintain successful and effective relationships with a variety of internal and external contacts,
- Advanced computer skills and use of MS Office,
- Proven ability to maintain confidentiality at all times
- Must Submit an Application, Resume, Drivers License, and Clear Criminal Record Check.
- Ability to speak and/or understand the Cree language is considered an asset
- Wages: \$18/hr

CLOSING DATE: APRIL 5, 2024 @ 4:00 pm

INTERVIEWS: TO BE ANNOUNCED

*****All applicants will be screened to be considered for this position *****

You must submit all necessary documents.

(Application, Cover Page, Resume, Certification/Licenses, Criminal Record Check, Driver's License)

For application and further information, please contact:

Samson Cree Nation
Personnel Department
Box 130
Maskwacj, AB, T0C-1Y0

Telephone: (780) 585-2703
Extension: 167
Fax: (780) 585-2088
Email: personnel.1329@gmail.com

Position: Traditional Land Use Lead

Department: Consultation

Summary:

Under the direction of the Consultation Coordinator the Land Use Lead assists the Consultation officer to work with Elders and community members to design and implement Traditional Ecological Knowledge & Traditional Use Studies related to projects.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- The planning and implementation of TLU and TEK studies.
- Design models for each specific TLU and TEK Study
- Engaging and the inclusion of community members, including elders.
- Providing logistics for each study.
- Work as a liaison between the nation and contractors, pertaining to Consultation projects.
- Creating a timeline, work plan, and budget for each study.
- Contribute to the SCN knowledge base.
- Historical preservation of landscapes with cultural and historical significance.
- Recording the Oral Knowledge/Histories of SCN Elders and Members.
- Provide support and back up to other areas within the Consultation Team as required.
- Reporting to the Consultation Coordinator, Business Development Senior Manager, and Business Development Committee.
- Community Engagement sessions on consultation projects as needed.
- Educate and advise Industry and Government on Indigenous rights, lands, culture and interests.
- Perform a variety of administrative duties in support of the Consultation Office.

Additional Responsibilities:

- Represent SCN at external meetings, forums and workshops as assigned, or required in the performance of the Consultation Traditional Land Use Lead responsibilities,
- Perform all duties and responsibilities in accordance with policies, standards, protocols and procedures of the SCN as directed,
- Contribute effectively as a team member to the overall plans and objectives of SCN,
- Participating in all applicable initiatives, workshops, conferences, and meetings,
- Perform other duties and responsibilities as necessary in the performance of the position, and as assigned by the Consultation Coordinator.

Knowledge and Abilities:

- Degree in an associated Social Science field (History, Anthropology, Sociology, Native Studies)
- Knowledgeable about Ethnographic Research methods.
- Knowledgeable about Community Based Research methods
- Knowledgeable about Archival research.
- Familiar with Mapping and GPS/GIS
- Must be able to work within an office space as well as in the fieldwork when needed

- Awareness of Intellectual Property
- Awareness of negotiation and litigation with government and industry in relation to Treaty and Aboriginal Rights
- Community engagement facilitation skills (large groups, small groups, workshops, Indigenous Knowledge interviews)
- Ability to record accurate notes, and record keeping.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, strong active listening skills,
- Proven planning, prioritizing, organizing and coordination skills,
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to establish and maintain successful and effective relationships with a variety of internal and external contacts,
- Has an understanding of Samson Cree Nation culture, demonstrates cultural competency and sensitivity towards SCN cultural traditions with the ability to use sound judgment and diplomacy in high stress conflict situations,
- Demonstrated adaptable skills with the ability to multitask in a fast-paced environment,
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively in a team environment,
- Advanced computer skills and use of MS Office, Adobe Acrobat and statistical/data analysis software,
- Proven ability to maintain confidentiality at all times

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree or Related Post-Secondary Diploma in Environmental Science, Business Administration, Communications or related field of study
- Clear Criminal Record Check
- Must Submit a Resume, copy of Class 5 Drivers License with application
- Ability to speak and/or understand the Cree language is considered an asset
- Certification in Project Management is considered an asset
- Must have own transportation and will be required to provide proof of registration and insurance for their vehicle

Education: Bachelor's Degree OR Related Post-Secondary Diploma

Salary: Negotiable based on education, experience and skills

CLOSING DATE: March 27, 2024 @ 4:00 pm

INTERVIEWS: TO BE ANNOUNCED

*****All applicants will be screened to be considered for this position *****

You must submit all necessary documents.

(Application, Cover Page, Resume, Certification/Licenses, Criminal Record Check, Driver's License)

For application and further information, please contact:

Samson Cree Nation
Personnel Department
Box 130
Maskwacj, AB, T0C-1Y0

Telephone: (780) 585-2703
Extension: 167
Fax: (780) 585-2088
Email: personnel.1329@gmail.com

Samson Management Ltd.

"First Nation Owned & Operated"

Managing Various Businesses and Real Estate Holdings

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

Samson Management (2009) Ltd. (SML) is a First Nations owned company that oversees a diverse group of companies. We are looking for a motivated champion with high integrity who will represent our organization's core values as the General Manager. Reporting to the SML Board of Directors (Board), the General Manager is responsible for SML's overall leadership and management by giving guidance and taking direction from the Board. With the support of the Board, you will be implementing the vision, mission, values, goals, and objectives, which will be accomplished by successfully managing relationships and communications with employees, shareholders, the Samson Cree Nation community, as well as businesses within and outside the community of Maskwacj.

General Responsibilities, but not limited to:

- Policy Management:**
 - Prepares policy options for Board approval in consultation with Board and/or Board Committees.
 - Recommends appropriate policy issues for Board's attention
 - Implements all policies adopted by Board
- Strategic Planning:**
 - Implements Board's strategic plan
 - Oversees divisional action plans.
 - Identifies the required resources to achieve goals and objectives.
 - Develops and administers a sound organizational plan for Board approval; initiates improvements as necessary.
 - Keeps Board informed of any changing environmental issues which may impede the accomplishment of goals and objectives.
 - Reports to Board on action plan status.
- Leadership:**
 - Follows and promotes the vision, mission, values, goals and objectives established by Board by developing and implementing necessary programs.
 - Creates and implements strategies to stimulate brand loyalty within community and target markets, furthermore inspiring all team members to adopt the new vision, mission, values, goals and objectives, and to perform to their optimum potential, thus achieving growth and financial goals as set by Board.
- Corporate Management:**
 - Performs risk management functions, communicates concerns to the Board, recommends corrective action, and performs mitigation.

Assures that the Corporation interprets all applicable provincial and federal laws, and presents concerns, along with creative solutions, for Board approval.

Plans and presents required operational restructuring to meet operational efficiency requirements for board approval, when required.

Oversees SML, Administration Staff and Business Managers.

Achieves growth and financial goals.

Ensures that investment/business opportunities are identified, evaluated, assessed, and presented to Board for approval.

Evaluation:

- Monitors and evaluates all corporate divisions' profitability and staff performance on a regular basis and presents findings to Board
- The role necessitates a thorough assessment of the program's operations and efficacy.

Strategic Networking:

- Implements Board's direction regarding networking.
- Ensures organization and Board have an appropriate understanding of the external environment, including all levels of government, other agencies, potential or actual partners, joint ventures, suppliers, customers, and the public at large.
- Promotes the Corporation's vision, mission, values, and rebranding for the community, the shareholders, target markets, and external communities for their awareness.

Working Conditions

This position is situated in a climate-controlled office. Various activities are required pertaining to the operation of the business. Will be required to work evenings and weekends to attend meetings, appointments, and emergency calls/situations. Travel may also be necessary.

Qualifications

- Minimum Bachelor's in Business Administration, Management, Commerce or designation, copies of documentation required.
- Minimum five years' experience in a senior management position with accounting knowledge required.
- Understanding of and experience working with First Nations.
- Experience speaking and/or understanding Cree as an asset.
- Current criminal record check must be provided.

Employment Opportunity

This is a six (6) month TERM position and reports to the Samson Management (2009) Ltd. Board of Directors.

Closing date: March 27, 2024

Interested persons are requested to submit cover letter, resume, copies of relevant certificate(s), diploma(s) and/or degree(s), criminal record check, and three references by email or fax to:

SAMSON MANAGEMENT (2009) LTD.
P.O. Box 539, Maskwacj, Alberta T0C 1N0
Email: humanresources@smcorp.com
Telephone: (780) 585-2466 Fax: (780) 585-2393



Photos: Ashley Saddleback, Katherine Swampy.

March 11, 2024

Maskwacis Library Services:
CBC Edmonton was at the library with a Beginners Beading Workshop 1: Brick Stitch Fringes.

This is the second visit from CBC Edmonton, the last time they visited was January 26, 2024, and they did a community engagement. That community engagement was called Out Your Way Maskwacis. They wanted to know what kind of stories they should produce and they did get feed back from the people.

The library serves all of Maskwacis and it is located in the HBMC in Samson. The services they offer: wireless internet, Alberta wide borrowing, borrow books by mail, photocopying/printing, reading suggestions and research help, alternate formats for Print Disabilities, grant connect, tools and equipment and suggest a

purchase.

The library has a website:
www.prl.ab.ca/maskwacis/services

The Phone Number is 780-585-3012 ext 103

The Maskwacis Library Service Facebook page from March 11, 2024, mentioned that the beading participants, "...got to learn how to bead floral pins. They also got to learn about the history behind beading. After, everyone got to take home a beading kit and swag bag."

The library Facebook page also states that CBC Edmonton will be back in the future with more beading workshops. CBC also purchased the beads and beading kits for the people.

CBC Edmonton will be back Monday March 25, 2024, at the Maskwacis Library from 11AM to 4 PM. This will be the second installment of beading.



SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS
NNADAP

ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS
SUPPORT GROUP

LOCATION:
NNADAP OFFICE
GREY HOUSE BESIDE SHELTER TRAILERS

TOGETHER
IN RECOVERY

EVERY
THURSDAYS
4:00 -5:00 P.M

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL THE NNADAP OFFICE
825-299-0056

SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS
NNADAP

WOMEN'S
SUPPORT GROUPS

LOCATION:
SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS

TIME: 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY:
MARCH 6, MARCH 20, APRIL 3,
APRIL 17, MAY 1, MAY 15, 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL THE NNADAP OFFICE
825-299-0056

International
Women's
Day

8th March





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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E: chase.c@samsonnwsd.com

SCN Edmonton Urban Office
Address: N/A
Ph: 780-756-6377 OR 780-585-3634
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Check out their Facebook page.

 **780-585-3793**

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Email: acimowin@samsoncree.com
Ph: 780-585-3793 ext. 202

The Acimowin is released bi-weekly every month.
Advertisers please call the Communications Office.

Community events can be forwarded to the Acimowin.
Please make it a JPEG or PDF format to save paper.

Social Media:
Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, Twitter (X) and Snapchat.

Website:
www.samsoncree.com

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Camrose Augustana UofA Round Dance	2 MESC Open House.
3	4 Communications Meeting 10AM.	5	6	7	8 Acimowin International Womens Day	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins.	11	12	13	14 Pigeon Lake Leadership Luncheon 11-2PM.	15 MCSS Round Dance HBMC. GangsDrugs Pigeon LK 10AM. Health Survey.	16 Ice Fishing with Glinis Pigeon LK. Traditional Teachings.
17 St. Patricks Day Ice Fishing with Glinis Pigeon LK.	18	19 First Day of Spring Equinox. Glinis Buffalo 9AM.	20 Cree Market.	21 MEC Job Fair HBMC 10AM. Equine Therapy. GangsDrugs1PM & 5-8PM Jim O.	22 Acimowin Equine Therapy.	23 Hockey Rally
24	25 Justice Summit. CBC Maskwacis Library. Health Survey930AM & 1PM.	26 STI Workshop 10-2Pm. Justice Summit. Cultural Basket.	27 Tobacco Cessation10-2PM. TikTok Deadline for Com. Wellness. Justice Summit. Cultural Basket.	28 Justice Summit. Cultural Basket. Nutrition Bingo HBMC 1PM. Kayla Ward 12-4PM.	29 Good Friday. Round Dance Deadly Dads HBMC 6PM. SYSD Arts Crafts 2PM 585-3012.	30 Hawks Hockey U18 Provincial Playoff Tournament March 28-30.
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April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4 After School Sports Pigeon Lake.	5	6
7	8 Full Moon	9	10	11	12 Acimowin	13 Edmonton Round Dance 9210 118AveNW. Enoch Traditional Pow Wow.
14 . Enoch Traditional Pow Wow.	15	16	17	18 Kasokowew Traditional Pow Wow Panee.	19	20
21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Administrative Professional's Day.	25	26 Acimowin	27
28	29	30				

SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS- NNADAP

RELAPSE PREVENTION/AFTERCARE SUPPORT GROUP

LOCATION:
Samson Community
Wellness



**EVERY
TUESDAY'S
10:00 - 3:00**

WEEK 1: MARCH 5
WEEK 2: MARCH 12
WEEK 3: MARCH 19
WEEK 4: MARCH 26



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825-299-0056

ISKWESIS PROGRAM

*DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS
*BUILD HEALTHY IDENTITY
*HAVE & BE A MENTOR

**13 WEEK
PROGRAM**
STARTING FEBRUARY 19TH, 2024

REGISTRATION CAN BE
DONE ONLINE AT
SCWPROGRAMS.COM
OR BY SCANNING THE QR
CODE

**EVERY
TUESDAY
SCW WILLOWVIEW
(4:00-5:00 P.M.)**

**EVERY
THURSDAY
PIGEON LAKE REC
(4:00-5:00 P.M.)**

TRANSPORTATION & SNACKS
PROVIDED

PLEASE CALL SCW FOR MORE
INFORMATION 780-585-3634

**AGES:
7-11 YEARS**

This program provides a prevention education program
that will enable youth ages (7-11) to create healthy identities
for themselves as young Native women.

YOUTH SACRED VOICES

**AGES 13-17
YEARS**

**EVERY
WEDNESDAY
SCW WILLOWVIEW
(4:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M.)**

TRANSPORTATION
&
SNACKS PROVIDED

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OR BY SCANNING THE QR
CODE

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YOUTH WHOLISTIC TEACHINGS

**AGES 13-17
YEARS**

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DONE ONLINE AT
SCWPROGRAMS.COM
OR BY SCANNING THE QR
CODE

LOCATION: SAMSON WILLOWVIEW (TEEPEE ROOM)

**EVERY THURSDAY
4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

TRANSPORTATION & SNACKS PROVIDED

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