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Samson Cree Nation Elections

Chief & Council Elections May 2023

Words by Guide

May 29, 2023

The Samson Cree Nation had their elections for Chief and Council during the month of May and there are new Councilors leading the nation. The Acimowin would like to thank all the past Councilors who have contributed to the nation. We appreciate your hard work and dedication over the past few years.

Brenda Vangaurd was the Electoral Officer this year and her Assistant was Stephanie John. Brenda stayed up the whole Council election on May 22 which took approximately 30 hours. The reason being the tabulating machine malfunctioned.

As for the Chief, Vernon Saddleback has captured his third term as Okema. Chief Saddleback had competition from former

SCN Chief Kurt Buffalo. Vernon had 319 votes and Kurt had 300 so it was a very close race. Thank you to all the SCN voters who came out and supported the nation.

There were 68 candidates for council. Out of that 68, 12 (twelve) were elected as SCN Councilors. Those that were elected are as follows: Ryan Lightning, Frank Buffalo, Darryl Montour, Kurt Buffalo, Elesha Buffalo, Brian Lightning, Louise Omeasoo, Vincent Saddleback, Cletis Louis, Izaiah Swampy-Omeasoo, Holly Johnson and Armand Swampy.

Thank you to the Electoral Employees, Tom Crier and SCN Security, the Witnesses and Janet Potts for catering.

Election 2023

Samson



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SCN 4TH YEAR 6 MILE TRADITIONAL POWWOW
JUNE 17TH 2023, 1PM - 6PM



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OWNER: **SAMSON CREE NATION**

Contract: **WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE 2**

Reference No: 1799.0009.04

The Owner invites tenders for construction of the work, which in general terms, will consist of the following:

Schedule A: Watermain Replacement Phase 2

- Replacement of approximately 650 m of watermain and associated fittings and appurtenances
- Replacement of water services
- Restoration of all disturbed areas including parking lot, gravel and landscape areas

Schedule B: Stormwater Upgrades

- Replacement of approximately 250m of storm mains and associated fittings and appurtenances
- Ditch and surface improvements adjacent to proposed storm main replacements

This bid will be evaluated and awarded using the Best Value Procurement system as detailed in the Bid Documents.

This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada.

This tender will be evaluated and awarded using the Best Value Procurement system as detailed in the Tender Documents.

Tenders for "SAMSON CREE NATION – WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE 2" will be received prior to **June 16, 2023 at 2:00:00 PM**, local time, through the tendering website at: <https://urbansystems.bidsandtenders.ca/>. Tenders received by other methods will not be accepted.

Documents will be available commencing **May 26, 2023**

Tender Documents and reference material for this Contract will only be distributed electronically in digital format through the tendering website at: <https://urbansystems.bidsandtenders.ca/>.

URBAN
SYSTEMS



May 17, 2023

Congratulations to our SCN Administrative Staff for completing the Frontline Administrative Assistant Program. Graduates of this program will receive a Certificate, along with the knowledge and skills they need for all levels for Frontline and Administrative Support roles. Thank you to Instructor Lindy Brown from Channer Consulting & Training as well as Devon Morin (SREC) for setting up the program for staff.

Photo: Guide. Words: Ashley.

PHT Call for Submissions from Indigenous Artists

40th Annual Indigenous Art Contest

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

youth
1st Place - \$2000
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Deadline: September 14th, 2023

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Located at the H.B.M.C. foyer 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

for more information contact: Angela Boyars 1-780-355-7013 ang.bhul@yahoo.com

Register Now

ENTRY FORM

ENTRY DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
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. [\[initials\]](#)

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. I and my parent/guardian understand that my entry **MAY OR MAY NOT** be returned to me after the contest. 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: _____

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NUMBER: _____

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

June 6, 2023

The intent of this article is to provide an update on the Mimiw Sakahikan Habitat Restoration Project. At the end of the article is the overall goals and outcomes of the project.

Article Title:
Mimiw Sakahikan Habitat Restoration Project Update:
Students Were Immersed in X-Stream Science Facilitation Training

Samson Community Wellness (SCS) organized a half-day learning opportunity for high school students from Samson Cree Nation to undertake X-Stream Science facilitation training. The training was held on May 26, 2023, in Camrose, Alberta. Also joining the training was a recent graduate of an environmental technician diploma program from Swan River First Nation, a Hunter from Red Pheasant First Nation, Cheri-lyn Buffalo, Engagement Coordinator, Samson Cree Nation, and Glinis Buffalo, Project Manager, of the Mimiw Sakahikan Habitat Restoration, with Glinis Buffalo Consulting.

What is X-Stream Science?
X-Stream Science facilitation training is a learning program led by the Battle River Watershed Association to connect students to their watershed through real world science. Best suited to students in grades 7-12, X-Stream Science aims to have schools commit to sampling the same location every year to allow quality long-term data to be collected.

The facilitation training half-day session consisted of 3 learning objectives:

- 1.In-class preparation presentation: The instructor provided an overview of the reasons for monitoring, the parameters for study, and the scientific protocols students are expected to follow.
- 2.Stream-Side Experiential Learning: Students were provided equipment, materials, and guidance from the instructor for a half-day outdoor experience. Students collected benthic macro-invertebrate samples, as well as physical and chemical water and land data and completed Turbidity. Turbidity is the measure of the clarity of the water (how clear or murky is the water).
- 3.Debrief: The group debriefing on what they learned. Questions were raised such as:
 - How does this affect our environment and community?
 - What is affecting the stream?

Students discussed the learnings and identified this is a starting point for environmental stewardship.

The facilitation training was important to build capacity and awareness for water quality data. Students took away the learning that the quality of the water tells us if our greater watershed is healthy and if the life that relies on that water is healthy, too. When the water quality is poor (unhealthy),

then we know there are upstream or land-use effects that are negatively impacting the water. Once we know this, we can take action to improve things.

The SCW group participation in the training contributed to a comprehensive water quality data for streams across the Battle River Watershed annually. This data will be used by schools and the Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils to monitor the health of local streams and greater watersheds. It is important the students followed and learning the importance for of a standardized set of protocols for sampling.

Brittany Gladue, Swan River First Nation said “after attending this training, I learnt the importance of how benthic

macroinvertebrates are a good indicator of water quality. The training was informative and provides a good understanding of aquatic ecosystem health”.

What is the Mimiw Sakahikan Restoration Project?
BACKGROUND:

Samson Community Wellness (SCW) are building capacity and increasing awareness to maintain stewardship and protection of the Mimiw Sakahikan (Pigeon Lake) aquatic habitat. SCW is working with the support and knowledge sharing of Elders and Traditional Knowledge holders to conduct this project. This is a legacy project committed to protecting Pigeon Lake. Samson Cree Nation members recognize Pigeon Lake

Spring Issue



is important and integral to our language and culture because it is an area to be immersed in our Treaty and Inherent Rights to hunt, fish, trap and gather medicines.

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Hosted a Winter Camp 2023. Families from Samson Cree Nation were immersed in ice fishing, water sampling and learning how to use fishing equipment over 3 days in March.
- Host 2 seasonal community land and watershed camps to provide training for participants on watershed assessment, water and fish sampling, and habitat restoration.
- Host community celebration in Fall.
- Coordination and engagement with the community to increase awareness of the ongoing Aquatic Habitat Restoration Fund (AHRF) project and build capacity of SCN members to contribute to the sustainability of the aquatic habitat.



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- Ongoing involvement by Elders and Knowledge Keepers for generational transfer and sharing of Traditional Knowledge to parallel western science perspectives.
 - Restoration of a selected lakeshore site through vegetation planting.
- EXPECTED RESULTS:
- Increased awareness a capacity of the community to contribute to the long-term sustainability of the aquatic habitat, conduct future studies, and complete aquatic habitat restoration projects through training, knowledge sharing, and documentation.
 - Increased knowledge of the current condition of the aquatic habitat through multi-seasonal data collection.
 - Development of paper and digital historical habitat maps of traditional values and key cultural components of the aquatic habitat.
 - Restoration of a selected lakeshore site through vegetation planting.



June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Clean Up Day.	9 Acimowin	10 Basket Ball High School.
11	12 Amen Corner 12 PM. Elders Engagement HBMC 9 AM. Autism Group.	13 Poundmakers Lodge Gathering. Grief & Loss Willowview Building.	14 School Jump Rope For Heart.	15 Elders Abuse Awareness Day HBMC.	16 HBMC Fathers Day Personal Care. Grief & Loss Willowview Building.	17 6 Mile Pow Wow 1-6 PM.
18 Fathers Day.	19	20	21Chief & Council Inauguration. Uncle & Bros Camrose Casino. Solstice.	22 MESC Pow Wow Bear Park 11 AM.	23 Acimowin Saddle Lake Pow Wow.	24
25 30	26	27	28 HBMC Community Engagement. Goal Setting & Getting MCC.	29	30 Pigeon Lake Home Maintenance Workshop.	

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Canada Day
2	3	4 Land to Lab P.L. 9-5 PM.	5 Land to Lab P.L. 9-5 PM.	6	7 Acimowin Alexis Pow Wow.	8
9	10 Youth Gathering @ Kehewin Cree Nation.	11	12	13	14 Youth Gathering @ Kehewin Cree Nation.	15
16	17 Girls Cultural Camp @ Kootney Plains.	18	19	20	21 Acimowin Girls Cultural Camp @ Kootney Plains.	22
23	24	25	26 Mobile Mammography MHS	27 Mobile Mammography MHS	28 Kehewin Pow Wow. Mobile Mammography MHS.	29
30	31					



The Land2Lab Camp
A PILOT PROJECT CENTERING RECIPROCAL AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Indigenous participants participate in (1) place-based learning on water sample collection and water quality monitoring and (2) lab-based activities where participants learn the basics of water quality analysis. Throughout the activities, the participants will develop their relationship with their local water bodies.

JULY 4-5, 2023 | **JULY 06, 2023**
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12 - 35 YRS | TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

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Arlos Research Group (Engineering)
Johnson Research Group (Sociology)
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MESC 2023 Kehtehyk Forum

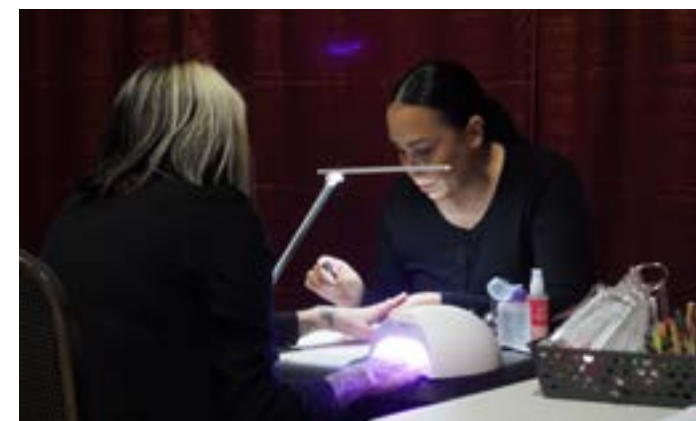
Monday June 5, 2023, Maskwacis Cree Senior High School.



June 5, 2022
Maskwacis Cree Senior High School: the Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) had an Elders forum with guest speaker Wilford Buck. All four band Elders were in attendance.

Mothers Day May 2023

May 12, 2023
HBMC in Samson: The Integrated Family Services had personal care services for Mom and there were ladies who showed up between 10 AM and 2 PM. Personal care services provided were hair cuts, socializing, massage, nails, art therapy, massage and photography portraits. Snacks and drinks were provided along with lunch. Gift bags were handed out to the ladies as soon as they registered.



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May 29-June 1, 2023

Maskwacis Bear Park: The Ermineskin Cree Nation hosted a Natural Resource Transfer Agreement Summit with guest speakers Roseanne Archibald AFN Chief, Jimmy O'Chiese and Vice Chief Heather Bear Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) and many others. Sponsors were the Prince Albert Grand Council, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc., Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, the Enoch Cree Nation, Niwihcihaw Acceptance Ltd. and the Indian Governments of Saskatchewan Federation of Saskatchewan. There was a pipe ceremony on the first day and a feast later on. Topics of discussion included knowledge keepers declaration, reclaiming jurisdiction and authority: historical education day, business and decision day and a bundle transfer



ceremony. Thank you to Rene McCarthy for letting the Acimowin attend the event.

Red Dress Day May 5, 2023



January kisê pîsim Kind Month ᐱᐅ ᐱᐅᐅᐅ February mikisô pîsim Bald Eagle Month ᐱᐅᐅᐅ ᐱᐅᐅᐅ	March niski pîsim Goose Month ᐱᐅᐅᐅ ᐱᐅᐅᐅ	April ayîki pîsim Frog Month ᐱᐅᐅᐅ ᐱᐅᐅᐅ
June paskâweh pîsim Hatching Moon ᐱᐅᐅᐅ ᐱᐅᐅᐅ	MONTHS PÎSIMWAK ᐱᐅᐅᐅ Cree Provided by Betty Simon	July ôpasko pîsim Moulting Moon ᐱᐅᐅᐅ ᐱᐅᐅᐅ
August ôhpaho pîsim Flying Up Moon ᐱᐅᐅᐅ ᐱᐅᐅᐅ	October kaskatinô pîsim Frost Month ᐱᐅᐅᐅ ᐱᐅᐅᐅ	November ihkohpîw pîsim Fog Month ᐱᐅᐅᐅ ᐱᐅᐅᐅ
September ônocihito/wasêpakaw pîsim Moose Fighting/Mating Month ᐱᐅᐅᐅ ᐱᐅᐅᐅ	December pâwacakinasîs pîsim Drift Clearing Month ᐱᐅᐅᐅ ᐱᐅᐅᐅ	

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Kiara Lynette Deveraux Johnson Bachelor of Commerce (BComm) 2023 with Distinction.



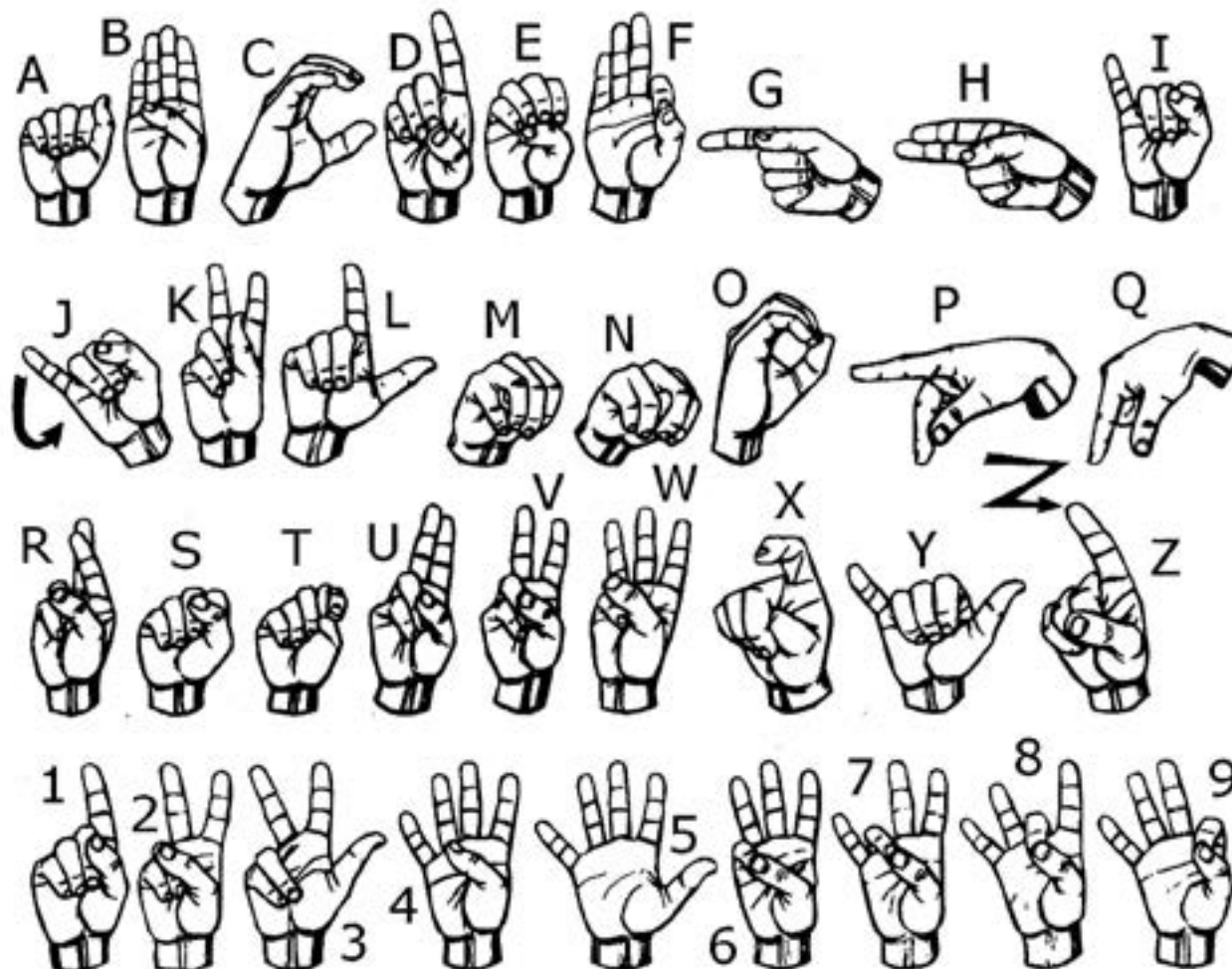
Congratulations to Elders Ken Saddleback and Todd Buffalo on their Aboriginal Achievement Award on June 3, 2023. Photo: Felicia SOTR.

Manaciso: Healing with Horses (Pat Buffalo) is back on with Maskwacis Counselling Services. Next Dates: June 15-16, 2023. Text or Call 780-312-0114.

Youth Gathering: July 10 to July 14, 2023. Presented by Samson Community Wellness. Call 780-585-3634 for more information. Deadline to Register June 10. 5 Day Camping at Kehewin Cree Nation.

MESC Bus Drivers Needed. Looking for Class 1 and 2 (full size bus) and Class 4. Training is available for Class 2 license upgrades. If interested please contact Clainia Potts at the main office 780-585-3333.

Employment Opportunity: Financial Accountant with the SCN Finance department. Open until suitable candidate is found. Email Resume, criminal record check, certificates and drivers license to: personnel.179@gmail.com Ph: 780-585-3793 ext 107. Fax: 780-585-2088.



Maskwacis

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

*June 10 Basketball at High School.

*June 12: Maskwacis Parents Place presents **Autism Support Group** at Bear Park. Transportation provided. Open to all Maskwacis families. Time: 4-6 PM.

*June 12: Samson Headstart presents **Dad/Tot Golf Program** at Amen Corner Driving Range on 611 East. Register with Jared 780-585-2230 or Email: scnheadstart@gmail.com

*June 12: **Samson Elders Event** Kehtehayak Miyo Macihowin Kisikaw. HBMC Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Presented by Indian Residential Schools.

*June 13-15: **Poundmakers Lodge Survivor Gathering**. Register: info@poundmaker.org Or Call 780-458-1884 ext 105.

*June 13-16: Samson Community Wellness, **Grief and Loss Wellness Session**. Time: Daily 10 AM to 3 PM. Register by calling 780-585-3634. 15 Spots available. Register Online: www.scwprograms.com

*June 17: **6 Mile Pow Wow** 1 PM to 6 PM. This will be the 4th year. Grand Entry 1 PM. Call Cletis L 780-312-8572, Myles R 780-585-3793, Armond Swampy 780-585-3919.

*June 22: **MESC Annual Pow Wow** at Bear Park. Grand Entry 11 AM.

*June 28: Maskwacis Cultural College **Goal Setting and Goal Getting**. Free online presentation with Jennifer Shafer, micro learning. Time 12- 1 PM.

Nipisihkopahk Sr. Hawks presents **Drop In Inline Skating/Hockey**. Great for exercise and hockey off season training. From beginner to advanced skaters. All are welcome. For Ages 5 to 17. Safety equipment required. Helmets mandatory. Running through Summer months. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 PM to 8 Pm at the Four Nations Arena. Back door entrance. Call Dylan Buffalo 780-839-8778.

*June 30: **Pigeon Lake Home Maintenance Workshop**. At the Recreation Centre. Certificate upon completion. Lunch provided. Call Bruce Littlechild EPM 780-585-3886 ext 237 Cell 780-360-1557/ Time: 10 AM to 5 PM.

July

*July 4-5: **Land to Lab** in Pigeon Lake. July 6 Edmonton, University of Alberta. Email: emily.quecke@ualberta.ca
Cheri-Lyn Buffalo
cherilynbuffalo11@gmail.com

*July 17-21: **Girls Cultural Camp**. Deadline to Apply July 7. 5 Day overnight camp at Kootney Plains. Call Samson Community Wellness 780-585-3634. For Girls 12-17 years of age.

August

*August 11-13, 2023: **Samson Cree Nation Pow Wow**. Host Drum: Sharp Shooter. For more information please call the Pow Wow Chairperson at 780-585-3793 OR Angela Boysis at 780-335-7013 Email: ang.bbull@yahoo.com
Vendors please call Pam Johnson 780-585-3517 Cell 780-335-3437 or Email: pamelajohnson1996@gmail.com

*August 3-6, 2023: **Rocky Boy's 59th Annual Celebration**. Pow wow.

*August 15-19: **Boys Cultural Camp**. For boys 12 to 17 years of age. Deadline to Apply August 4. 5 day overnight camp at Kootney Plains. Call Samson Community Wellness 780-585-3634.

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.
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Submission by Marilyn Buffalo.

Joe Buffalo: Indspire National Achievement Award May 12, 2023 in Edmonton.

Samson Cree Nation, Maskwacis AB
Whether he's in front of the camera or performing gravity-defying feats at a skatepark, athlete and actor Joe Buffalo is an inspirational man on a powerful mission. This residential school survivor has become a legend in the skateboarding community for his skills and his work as a role model to young Indigenous skateboarders, who he mentors through Nations Skate Youth organization. After overcoming issues with substance use originating from his time at residential school, Joe became a professional skateboarder and has been sponsored by many notable brands including Van's and Colonial Skateboards. He has travelled

all over Turtle Island for competitions and demos and has frequently been featured in high profile industry magazines such as Thrasher, Skateboarder and Concrete Powder.

Joe draws strength from his heritage and was recently the subject of an acclaimed documentary entitled *Joe Buffalo*, which he co-wrote and was executive produced by legendary skateboarder Tony Hawk. It appeared at festivals such as SXSW across Turtle Island and won numerous awards, further raising Joe's profile even as it broadened awareness of the residential school system in Canada.

Honours & Accomplishments

2021: Subject and co-author of *Joe Buffalo*, biographical short documentary film directed by Amar Chebib.

2020: Appeared in *Brother, I Cry* (film).

2018: Appeared in *The Fish and the Sea* (short film).

2017: Nominated for Best Supporting Actor Award at the Vancouver Film Circle Critics Awards for his role in *Luk' luk' I'* (film).



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