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June 3 - 17, 2022 ᑭᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴ Community Newsletter



Pictures By David Nicholas-Hall



Congratulations Kylie Nicholas-Hall. Her team got second place in their soccer tournament last weekend.



Pictures submitted by David Nicholas-Hall
Submit your pictures, odd and ends for the newsletter to
communication@akisqnuuk.org
Follow and like ʔakisqnuuk First Nation on Facebook for updates,
events and more!

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Upcoming Events

- June 7 6-8pm.: School District Community Engagement at David Thompson Secondary School
- June 4-5.: I am Ktunaxa, KNGB Gym, Cranbrook
- June 9.: Dr. Page Clinic.
- June 10 10 am.: Kootenay Falls Gathering. Contact Barbara.fisher@ktunaxa.org
- June 16 11 am.: Little Badgers Preschool Graduation and BBQ at AFN Arbor.
- June 17.: School Year End Celebration
- June 23 9am -3pm.: Dr. Page Clinic and Health Fair
- June 28 10am.: ʔakisq̓nuk Elders' Committee meeting

St. Eugene Mission Charity Golf Tournament



Sign up now! The St. Eugene Mission organizing committee of the 2022 Charity golf tournament has earmarked a team of 4 for ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation, there will be no cost associated with the entry. Please contact/send Karen Vargas an email at kvargas@akisq̓nuk.org ASAP if you are interested in participating, only 4 spots available. The tournament is Thursday June 16th at the SEM.

Kootenai Falls 2022

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June 10, 2022
10 am {MST}
Mountain Standard Time

Ya·kiṭ 'itqawxaxamki

20 **22**

Ya·kiṭ sukiṭq̓ukamaṭnamki

Kootenai Falls

Ktunaxa Nation Council is honoured to host **The 2022 Kootenai Falls Gathering.**

Please contact **Barbara** if you have questions: Barbara.Fisher@ktunaxa.org

Preference will be given to Ktunaxa Citizens, as the primary requirement is an understanding of Ktunaxa Language and Culture.

I am Ktunaxa Project



The Ktunaxa Regional Branding Initiative has partnered with Kyle Hamilton of Birr Agency, to develop a website to incorporate the Ktunaxa Story. We are looking for Ktunaxa, all walks of like who would like to be part of this project.

It will feature your photo and a statement of what being Ktunaxa means to you. The photo shoot is taking place **June 4th and 5th, 2022 at the KNC Building Gymnasium at 10:00 am both days.**

If you are interested in sharing your beautiful face please make a point to drop by. If you have questions please contact Janice at jalpine@kabda.org or call 250 420 2762. If you plan on showing up the day of text 250 417 7895. See you there!

ʔakisq̓nuk Reservation Dogs....and Cats



Are you wanting to be an amazing Rez pet owner on ʔakisq̓nuk but struggle with finances paying for a spay or neuter for your dog or cat? More details to come but ʔakisq̓nuk is looking to assist members in getting pets fixed with help from ICAN and SPCA. Contact Allan Nicholas at anicholas@akisq̓nuk.org or Theresa Kains at communication@akisq̓nuk.org

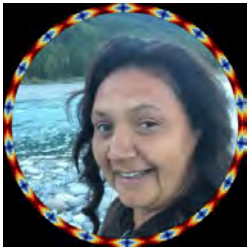
Member services - Health Corner



New Recreation Center Receptionist

We would like to announce that Glynda Joseph has been hired as the Recreation Centre's new Receptionist! As Glynda gradually settles in her role, visitors to the recreation centre will need to check in with the receptionist moving forward. Having a receptionist at the recreation centre is crucial in administering the affairs of the recreation centre as we slowly expand the centre's operations and encourage users from the community and beyond to use the facilities.

Aboriginal Care Navigator - Samantha Sam



Our Samantha Sam is our local Aboriginal Care Navigator via the KNC Social Sector. She can be reached at ssam@ktunaxa.org or call intake at 250-919-6500

The Aboriginal Care Navigator promotes in-patient access to community services that enhance continuity of care and efficient use of resources through:

- Supports patient attachment
- participates in primary care team - based care
- supports the delivery of culturally safe and agile care
- supports the transformation of primary care

The aboriginal Care Navigator supports acute care through:

- Ensure care is culturally specific and ethno sensitive
- participates in the discharge planning process to facilitate the timely discharge of patients while supporting patient self-care and independence
- provides necessary home support and follow up as required

Seeking membership input!

?akisqnuK Health and Wellness Strategy

We want to hear from you! will be posting questions Bi-weekly.

- **what does a healthy community look like to you?**
- **What health services are we missing currently?**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HBF5VFW> or scan QR code



Self Care

Dr. Page Clinic

June 9 and 23 are the next clinics. Contact the health center to book appointment at 250 342 6379

Foot Clinics

June 14 is the next Foot Clinic. Contact RN Jason Juell for booking and more information at jjuell@akisqnuk.org

Chiropractor

ʔakisq̓nuk Members may book your Chiropractor appointment at *Invermere Family Chiropractor* at 250-342-9666

Massage

ʔakisq̓nuk members may book your massage with Lynn Birkett, Rising Sun massage therapy in Radium at 250 341 5668.

*If you like to see someone else or are living off reserve keep/submit receipts for reimbursement or to make other arrangements contact Health Manager Patsy Nicholas at pnicholas@akisqnuk.org.

Non Coverage Medical

ʔakisq̓nuk members living in BC have [Pacific Blue Cross](#) Coverage.

If your needing assistance with medical expenses that are not covered contact the ʔakisq̓nuk Health Manager Patsy Nicholas for assistance at pnicholas@akisqnuk.org

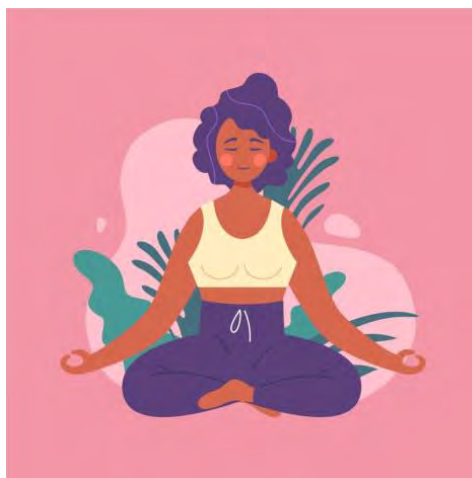
Medical Appointment Transportation

If you need assistance with transportation to health appointments contact health staff to make arrangements at 250 342 6379.

COVID

Do you have questions about boosters shots. Below is the most recent from the BC government website. It is near the bottom where it says who can get a 2nd booster and who is eligible.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/booster#second>



Recreation/Donation Program



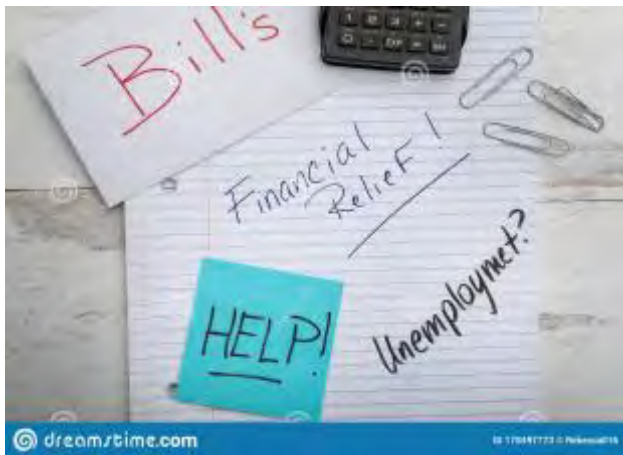
Reminder to ʔakisq̓nukniks that ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation has a recreation/donation fund to support membership in their recreational activities/events. It has assisted some members with purchasing work gear too. This is open to all ʔakisq̓nukniks.

An Individual person can access up to \$500 and Family can access up to \$750 per fiscal year.

Complete application and Submit to Christy Baker at cbaker@akisq̓nuk.org

Can find application on the ʔakisq̓nuk website <https://akisq̓nuk.civicweb.net/document/60940/>

Financial Hardship Assistance Grant



Reminder to ʔakisq̓nukniks that ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation has a Financial Hardship fund to support membership when an financial crisis falls upon them. This is open to all ʔakisq̓nukniks.

An Individual person can access up to \$1000 per fiscal year.

[Complete application](#) and Submit to Christy Baker at cbaker@akisq̓nuk.org

Can find application on the ʔakisq̓nuk website <https://akisq̓nuk.civicweb.net/document/60934/>



Reminder - Social Assistance

Update:

Ongoing SA file audit – as we are going through the full audit, you may be asked to bring in relevant information. You may be asked to bring in updated drivers license, rent reports, etc. For those who have not yet brought in your notice of assessment and bank statement if you do not bring these items in by the 15th of June – you will not be issued a cheque for the month of July. Further, anyone on SA who does not fill out the Monthly renewal declaration and job search (for those this applies) – you will also not be receiving benefits until this is submitted. If you are having issues with transportation to get to the office, etc. please let Christy know so we can make alternate arrangements.



Takisqnuk Health Fair



June 23 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Health Centre

Some of the booths/services that will be available: Medication return booth (return old or expired medications)

Harm Reduction

FNHA

Women's Health (Pap smears, and bloodwork)

Blood glucose and Vital signs checks

Immunizations for children and adults

Let's Get Quilting!



In Honor of those who attended residential school, were part of the 60's scoop or in honor of the Murdered/Missing Indigenous Women Gils/Boys, **you are kindly reminded to decorate a square (10inx10in)** with whatever may inspire you (paint, bead, draw, stitch etc.) and to **submit/mail** it to Patsy Nicholas at 3050 HWY 93/95 Windermere BC V0B 2L2.

The goal is to have this beautiful quilt finished for June 21st for Indigenous Day

Can't wait to see all the beautiful artwork from all our ʔakisq̓nuk artists out there.

Education



Stephanie Sam ʔakisq̓nuk Education Manager ssam@akisq̓nuk.org

School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain)

Dear parents and caregivers, School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) is excited to begin community engagements on our 2022-23 operational plan and school plans. Join the Trustees, the district leadership team, principals, vice principals, and students at your local high school for a brief presentation and to provide feedback on the 2022-23 plans.

Golden Secondary School - June 2, 2022 6-8pm;

David Thompson Secondary School - June 7, 2022 6-8pm;

Selkirk Secondary School - June 9, 2022 6-8pm.

RSVP to Stacey Ursulescu 250-342-9243 ext 4404 stacey.ursulescu@sd6.bc.ca

School Year End Celebration



We will have our School Year End Celebration **June 17, 2022** to recognize all of our students' accomplishments and all are welcome to come celebrated together.

Parents and family of ʔakisq̓nuk students, we need your input and ideas on how we would like to celebrate this year. If you have ideas on how to celebrate contact Stephanie Sam at ssam@akisq̓nuk.org, 250-342-6301 ext 3807 or share with survey monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZNFTD79> or scan QR code to submit comments.

Are you wanting to attend **Post Secondary**?



Post secondary Assistance

If you are seeking to attend Post Secondary studies in the coming year, please contact Stephanie at ssam@akisqnuk.org, or 250-342-6301.

[Application for Post Secondary Education Sponsorship](https://akisqnuk.civicweb.net/document/58684/)

<https://akisqnuk.civicweb.net/document/58684/>

Employment Opportunities

Resume Assistance

Contact Stephanie Sam if you are needing resume assistance for any application you are seeking at ssam@akisqnuk.org.

AFN current Job postings

[?akisqnuk Employment Opportunities full descriptions](https://akisqnuk.icompasscms.com/content/employment-and-contracting)

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- **Senior Administrative Officer:**
- **Fiscal & Economic Director**
- **Registered Professional Forester**
- **Social Development Worker**

Check out Ktunaxa Nation Education and Employment on Facebook for jobs and career opportunities. Phone: 1 250 489 2464 Or check out the website <https://www.ktunaxa.org/careers/current-postings/> for current KNC postings

General Yard Work

We had Arnold Molone come to the office looking for a general laborer to assist him with his General yard work. He pays wells and had someone from the community before assist him and is looking again. Please contact him at 250 341 3540 or prapro@shaw.ca for more details





Parks Canada is hiring young Canadians aged 15 to 30!

The Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS) is a Federal Government jobs initiative targeted at young Canadians aged 15 to 30. It supports the creation of job opportunities, with a particular focus on young people facing barriers. Parks Canada is excited to participate in this initiative, and encourages applications by youth facing barriers to employment, in particular visible minorities, Indigenous Canadians and persons with disabilities.

Work in jobs such as: Visitor Experience Product Development Officer, Trail Crew, Trades Assistant, Admin Assistant, Ecological Integrity Monitoring Tech, Wildlife Tech, Aquatics Tech, Vegetation Management Tech, Aquatic Invasive Species Tech, Interpreter, and more!

Who can apply? To be eligible, you must be:

- Between 15 and 30 years old.
- Canadian citizen, permanent resident or legally entitled to work in Canada.
- In addition, preference may be given to candidates who self-identify as Indigenous, visible minorities or persons with disabilities, as well as youth facing barriers to employment. We encourage you to self-identify in your application.
- All Parks Canada Agency employees are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and attest to their vaccination status unless accommodated based on a medical contraindication, religion, or another prohibited ground of discrimination as defined under the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Anyone who is interested in being considered, and meets the eligibility criteria above, is encouraged to submit their resume and a cover letter to: rhlyk-llykhr@pc.gc.ca

Subject line should include: YESS, last name, and where you saw this poster.

Parcs Canada embauche des jeunes de 15 à 30 ans!

La Stratégie emploi et compétences jeunesse (SECJ) est une initiative fédérale en matière d'emploi qui s'adresse aux jeunes Canadiens et Canadiennes. Elle mise sur la création d'emplois, surtout pour les jeunes qui doivent faire face à des obstacles.

Les postes sont variés : agent/agent(e) d'élaboration de produits liés à l'expérience du visiteur, membre de l'équipe d'entretien des sentiers, adjoint/adjointe aux métiers, adjoint administratif/adjointe administrative, technicien/technicienne en surveillance de l'intégrité écologique, technicien/technicienne de la faune, technicien/technicienne des milieux aquatiques, technicien/technicienne en gestion de la végétation, technicien/technicienne des espèces aquatiques envahissantes, interprète et plus encore!

Qui peut postuler? Pour être admissible, vous devez :

- avoir entre 15 et 30 ans;
- détenir la citoyenneté canadienne ou le statut de résident permanent ou avoir le droit de travailler au Canada.
- Il se peut que la préférence soit accordée aux jeunes aux prises avec des obstacles à l'emploi qui s'identifient comme Autochtones, membres de minorités visibles ou personnes handicapées. Si vous faites partie de l'un de ces groupes, nous vous encourageons à l'indiquer dans votre demande.
- Tous les membres du personnel de l'Agence Parcs Canada doivent être entièrement vaccinés contre la COVID-19 et attester leur statut vaccinal, à moins que des mesures d'adaptation n'aient été prises en raison d'une contre-indication médicale, d'un motif religieux ou de tout autre motif de discrimination interdit par la Loi canadienne sur les droits de la personne.

Les personnes qui répondent aux critères d'admissibilité énoncés ci-dessus et qui souhaitent postuler sont invitées à soumettre leur curriculum vitae et une lettre de présentation à l'adresse suivante rhlyk-llykhr@pc.gc.ca.

À la rubrique « Objet », veuillez inscrire : SECJ, votre nom de famille, ainsi que l'endroit où vous avez vu cette affiche.



Parks
Canada

Parcs
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Wildland Firefighting

Do you have an interest in Wildland Firefighting? Need 20 people to participate. Contact Jenn Higginbottom with KNC at jenn.higginbottom@ktunaxa.org

Bladerunner Wildland Firefighting Training cohort **July 5**

2022 running for 8-10 days.

You'll be learning:

S-100 Basic fire training

S-185 Fire Entrapment avoidance

Pumps and Pumping systems

Burning and back firing

ICS-100

Navigation GPS

Map and scale

Compass

WHMIS

TDG

Communications Crew boss

Fire weather Fire behavior





JOB POSTING: Labourer

Reporting to the Mine Supervisor, the Labourer will be responsible for the safe operation of mobile and stationary heavy equipment and various tasks as assigned. This position will initially be based in Windermere and will be moved to Canal Flats as the Kootenay West Mine comes into production.

In addition to a competitive hourly wage, CertainTeed offers an attractive benefits and pension program.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Perform all duties in a safe and efficient manner
- Perform duties such as shoveling, sweeping, cleaning and lifting
- Operation of heavy equipment (Front end loader, haul truck, dozer, skid steer)
- Operation of rock crushing plant
- Must be comfortable with filling in paperwork
- Must be able to interact and work effectively and professionally with all employees and management staff in a team-oriented environment
- Other duties as required

Interested applicants may forward a one-page cover letter and resume outlining their interest and how they feel their background and experience would allow them to contribute to this position

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum grade 12 education
- Class 5 Driver License (Class 3 or 1 preferred)
- Team oriented individual.
- Must have versatile skills and be able to handle various job tasks.

AFN Housing & Workforce Development



Dale Shudra ?akisqnuK Housing Manger: dshudra@akisqnuK.org or 250 342 6301 ext 3808

AFN housing Applications

[Housing applications](https://akisqnuK.civicweb.net/document/60602/) <https://akisqnuK.civicweb.net/document/60602/>

AFN Home Grant Application <https://akisqnuK.civicweb.net/document/60603/>

Reminder to akisqnuKniks that AFN has a Home grant that all akisqnuKnik may apply for up to \$8000 to assist AFN members in their housing goals.

[Complete application](#) and submit to Dale Shudra dshudra@akisqnuK.org

Housing Workforce Development update

Participation highlights of the Mentoring Program include:

- 4 Members have worked fulltime for over one year
- currently have 7 fulltime Members
- 1 member went to work fulltime with Holland Creek Homes where he is doing well



Benefits of the Mentoring Program include:

- certainty and stability of work.
- participants acquiring general/life skills.
- participants acquiring construction skills and competencies.
- workers thriving/increased confidence.



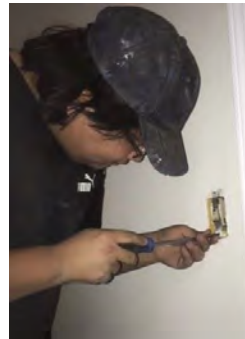
What are they doing?

- Participating in almost every task on new homes and renovation projects.
- 203 Subdivision – almost completed, with a very high AFN labour component.

Cost to AFN

There is a cost to properly run this program:

- supervision
- administration
- reduced production.



Offset costs:

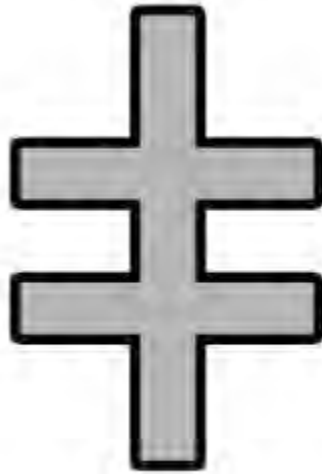
- their time is factored into construction costs which is paid for by funders.
- Further, grants were obtained just for the Mentoring Program.

It's not just about the work.

- AFN members (and outsiders) are forming a good team.
- We recently held a disc golf, pizza gathering to socialize and have some fun.



Ktunaxa Language Corner



łu?ni qapsin ?at kinə qa qatkin. (There is nothing that you *cannot* do/create.)

Join the [Ktunaxa Language group](#) on Facebook for more Ktunaxa Speakers' recent language posts.

Check out the [Kootenai Culture Committee](#) on Facebook for the word of the day

Thursday Ktunaxa Group: All welcome! Happens every Thursday evening 5:30pm pst/6:30pm mnt.

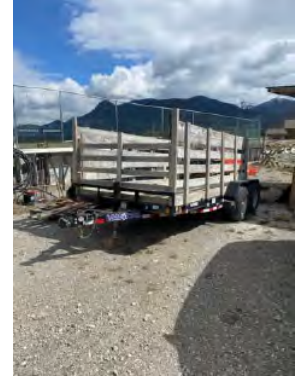
Contact **Elise McKay** elise.mckay@gmail.com to join and get zoom link

Did you know there are Ktunaxa Apps you can download on your phone?

Type in "Ktunaxa" in your phones app store and you should find:

- **Ktunaxa Language App** by First Peoples' Cultural Council. This app you can search for Ktunaxa words
- **Ktunaxa Books** By Christopher Horsethief. Have a listen.
- **Ktunaxa Keyboard App** by Christopher Horsethief so that you can type Ktunaxa on your phone to friends, family and Ktunaxa community
- **Ktunaxa Grammar App** By Christopher Horsethief so we can work on understanding the Ktunaxa language structure

Membership Bid Winners



Winners of AFN Membership Bids

For more details contact John (Moochie) Nicholas at publicworks@akisqnuk.org

- Blue health van--- Hillary Vance,
- Travel trailer from campground no papers.- David Burgoyne
- Flat bed trailer 2 yrs old, insurable - Wes Nicholas

Video link below

<https://www.facebook.com/541260660/videos/802080207467630/>

Elders committee



June 28 2022, 10 am AFN Band Hall and Zoom.

All members over 60 are welcome to attend or log in.

To add or to be added to the agenda and to get zoom link contact *Administration Assistant Brittney Murphy* at bmurphy@akisqnuk.org

Reminder



Reminder to membership that **if you have *changed banks, address or would like to receive direct deposit*** to update the AFN Finance team with your current banking information. The risk is not getting your funds/checks in a timely manner. Funds for membership may include honorarium from meetings, reimbursements from Health, social assistance clients, or short term work contracts. Your information will not be used for any other purpose.

Email finance@akisqnuk.org with your updated information or if you have questions.

New Admin. Building update + Advisor committee invitation



The Administration Office

- The Administration Office is currently being considered for a major renovation to improve its space to accommodate an increase in staff. A Budget has been approved by Chief and Council to proceed with this Project.
- To date, following a Request for Proposals from various Architectural Firms, **Unison Architecture has been selected to provide prime architectural services for the renovations of the Band Administration Office.**

New Health Center

- After careful review of various locations for the new Health Center it is **proposed to create a combined Health Center and Administration Facility.**
- To date a preliminary **Feasibility Study for a new Health has been completed** and submitted to First Nation Health Authority (FNHA) as a draft for their review.
- **Health Center will eventually be connected to the Band office** by an atrium which would provide access to both the Administrative office and Health center.
- **The design of the Atrium and Health Center will not be part of the Administrative Office design other than design consideration of the Administrative Office to incorporate these elements in the future.**
- FNHA has indicated that possible **funding may not be currently available for the new health center.**

YOUR INVITED

To ensure maximum community involvement we are putting together an advisory committee to help advance the Administrative Office Facility.

By serving in this committee, you can help ensure that the voices and needs of the community are expressed throughout the project development. Additionally, this will be a rewarding project that will significantly positively impact the Community.

By sending a **response to the invite, email ?akisq̄nuk Project Manager Bob Cotterall at bcotterall@akisq̄nuk.org** or phone him at the office at 250-342-6301.

Your interest will be acknowledged. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Bob.

Community Quality of Service Survey



Scan QR code to complete Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F5T6GWG>

Service standards are important in maintaining good member service and effectively manage staff performance. They help members to understand what level of service they should expect under normal circumstances, guide staff improvements to member service, and contribute to results-based management.

Service standards strengthen Band accountability by making performance transparent and increase the confidence of members in their leadership by demonstrating commitment to service excellence. Please set aside some time to complete this survey by answering the questions that follow once QR code is scanned. We will be obtaining basic data on demographics to help assess the age group that is usually active in their pursuit for service, and to help us analyze the most popular type of services our community members utilize.

Eva Joseph Learning and Culture Society



The Eva Joseph Learning and Culture Society (EJLCS) was developed by the ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation council to assist with the community in keeping the Little Badgers Early Childhood Education (ECE) program running and to assist with bringing in Ktunaxa culture into the programs.

If you have an interest in ECE, have background in ECE or have ideas or interest in children and have an interest to bring Ktunaxa culture in or like to be more involved in some way or form with Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society contact Carrie Richards EJLCS Manager at 250-342-6331 or Carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com or Kayla at kayla.eljcs.ahs@gmail.com

Find, Like and follow [Little Badger Early Learning Programs & Nature school](#) on Facebook

Website www.littlebadgersearlylearning.com

For toddler friendly events in the Columbia Valley check out <https://littlebadgerearlylearning.com/events-calendar/>



Preschool Graduation

June 16, 11 am

Arbor for ceremony and BBQ

RSVP by June 8 to

Carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com

Aboriginal Headstart



Kayla Ferguson Aboriginal Head Start Coordinator kayla.ejlcs.ahs@gmail.com

Aboriginal Headstart (AHS) on Reserve is dedicated to helping Akisqnuq youth in Education, Health promotion, Nutrition, Culture and Language, Parent and Family Involvement and Social support. If your child is aged 0 to 5 and have not been in contact with Kayla, please contact her. Always feel free to share your creative ideas for the kiddos too by emailing.

Ktunaxa Family Cook Book Kayla is currently gathering recipes to compile a cook book for AHS. You can share your Ktunaxa inspired, creative and favorite recipes by sending her an email.

Community/Learning Garden

Things are sprouting in the community garden and the community is welcome to visit it at any time.



Be Bear aware



Caution there have been sightings of bears in the subdivision and in the center of akisqnuk reservation around Emilia's.

BC Is home to both grizzly bears and black bears. Bears are extremely sensitive to human disturbance and activity. Avoiding an encounter is the best way to protect both yourself and bears.

To report nuance bear contact the local Conservation Officer Service, **call the RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277** or email **Conservation Officer Greg Kruger at Greg.Kruger@gov.bc.ca**.

<https://bcparks.ca/explore/misc/bears/>

Summer Trends That Affect Human Trafficking

As we enter the month of June, it's important to be aware that temperatures will not be the only things rising this summer season.

Human trafficking rates are found to soar at this time in Canada. Let's explore the reasons behind this trend, and what you can do to help our movement.

Why do human trafficking rates spike in the summer?

1) A surge in tourism.

During the months of May to September, more people are traveling, making it easier to disguise moving of victims from place to place without detection.

2) Pressure to make money in a summer job.

Intrigued by offers of big money, fast money, and easy money, unsuspecting young persons can become targets. Traffickers will pose as business people in the modelling, film, and other business industries to lure and exploit for financial gain.

3) Opportunity for excuses.

Summer also means a time where parents and guardians extend freedom. Youth who are being exploited are taught to lie to their parents about being at a friend's house, an activity, a sleepover, or even being away for camp or work.

Prepare for a safe summer. Talk about ways to increase education and prevention measures for your community. #KnowHumanTrafficking



CALL FOR FIRST NATIONS ARTIST INTERPRETATIONS



*First Nations'
Emergency Services Society*

O F B R I T I S H C O L U M B I A

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

In the summer of 2022, First Nations' Emergency Services Society of BC (FNESS) will be launching our new website and introducing our new logo. We are looking for First Nation artists to submit their artwork that reflects our work, our values and the four pillars of emergency management.

The submitted works will be selected by a FNESS committee. Once the final selection is purchased it will become the sole property of FNESS for use on advertising posters, flyers, websites, printed materials and various promotional materials. The artwork must translate well into poster format, printed material and promotional material, including clothing. Submission rules below.

FNESS serves First Nations in developing and sustaining safer and healthier communities through emergency planning, training, response and recovery; fire training, education and prevention; forest fuel and wildfire management; and leadership and collaborative relationships.

Our Values

Courage: Strength and curiosity while determining the most beneficial actions with communities.

Honesty: Open and transparent environments in all actions.

Integrity: Consistent and accountable for all actions, assessing and adapting as needed.

Passion: Acknowledging enthusiasm and initiative; rewarding success regularly.

Respect: Inclusiveness and teamwork that allows fairness, balance, and harmony in all activities; appreciative of all cultural diversities.

Trustworthiness: Providing credible and state-of-the-art recognized services.

The relaunch of the FNESS brand will reflect First Nations' resilience and culture, FNESS values, and the four pillars of emergency management, mitigation, preparation, response and recovery.

To Make a Submission: Please submit an electronic copy or photograph of your artwork, a description of your artwork and how it represents the FNESS values and the four pillars of emergency management. Please also include a short artist biography.

The deadline for submissions is 4:00 pm on June 22, 2022. We appreciate all submissions however only the winner will be contacted.

Please send submissions to:

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