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Members Messages

A reminder to all

During the upcoming heatwave next week:

- Please ensure you are wearing a hat when out in direct sunlight.
- Please make sure you are wearing sunscreen to avoid blistering burns and
- Make sure you have adequate drinking water throughout the day. Drinking enough will be very important during the heat.

The Recreation Center (mural room) will be made available as a cooling station for the community for the upcoming weeks to accommodate those who want to cool down.



Members Messages

A REMINDER OF THE QUILT PROJECT

The project group is accepting completed quilt squares. It is a slow process, but will keep it open as there are individuals working on their squares. If you are interested in the project and need assistance, you can reach out to Gayle Michel or Patsy Nicholas.

Gayle.michel@akisqnuk.org

Patsy.nicholas@akisqnuk.org

Quilting Project for a healing journey

This is an opportunity for Akisqnukniks to express how you are feeling on your journey by writing a statement about your experience of the residential school, '60's scoop or the Murdered/Missing Indigenous Women Girls/Boys on a quilt square. You may have been affected by one or two or all three. I am coordinating the project, and the possibilities are endless on how this project can take its course. However, the end project will be 3 quilts to showcase in the community. Please remember that this may be difficult and do take your time with this process. Please reach out if you need to. You can express your unique experience in words, sentences, paragraphs, images, color, symbols, pockets and more.

HOW IT WILL WORK

We will send you quilts squares to use, or you can utilize your own to design your masterpiece. We will also be available to put on the squares whatever you would like on a square for you, if you prefer. An opportunity for individuals to assist with the sewing with be set up when all quilt squares have been submitted.

The completed projects will be displayed at the Akisqnuk First Nation. Submissions for the squares will be open until all interested individuals have completed their task.

Thank you for participating in this project. Contact Gayle or Patsy if you have any questions.



Members Messages

Lillian Rose is collecting submissions for the Ktunaxa Legacy Publication project.
Please reach out to have your story idea, article, photo or artwork included!
Contact Lillian Rose Traditional Knowledge and Language Coordinator
Cell 250 342 1635
lillian.rose@ktunaxa.org

Pioneer article on the project

https://www.columbiavalleypioneer.com/ktunaxa-legacy-publication-in-the-works-through-parks-





- There are no catches. There is no fine print. This is Free internet or \$55 per month subsidized for every household on reserve.
- The Nations 20 years ago wanted improved connection in communities and wanted it to be free, it is now possible.

You can get an application from your Band office, Shane or fill the application online by login into your Ktunaxa Hakqyit account

https://ktunaxahakqyit.org/login

You must register with the site to complete the application for free internet or subsidy for your internet

https://ktunaxahakqyit.org/ktunaxa-communityconnectivity

For more information contact Shane Stewart with the Ktunaxa Nation at 250 489 2464 ext 4373

or shane.stewart@ktunaxa.org



Upcoming Events Mark your calendars

- May 19, 9-11am: Na‡mit nana Playgroup. Outdoor play at Little Badgers. Caregivers and children 0-5 are invited.
- May 25, 2-4pm: Dr. Page Clinic at AFN health center. To book an appointment or cancel, contact 250 342
 6379.
- May 26, 9-3: Wills and Estate Planning in the mural room at the recreation center.
- May 26, 9-11am: Na‡mit nana Playgroup. Outdoor play at Little Badgers. Caregivers and children 0-5 are invited.
- May 27, 9-3: Wills and Estate Planning in the Akisqnuk band hall in administration building.
- May 31: Deadline to register for the Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society after school program through the summer. Contact Evy Walker at badgersafterschool@gmail.com or by phone at 250-342-6331.

June

- June 2, 9-11am: Na‡mit nana Playgroup. Outdoor play at Little Badgers. Caregivers and children 0-5 are invited.
- June 5, 9-4: Ribbon shirt and skirt making day at the recreation center in the mural room. Register with Christy at christy.baker@akisqnuk.org
- June 7, 9-4: Foot Clinic at AFN Health Center. Call 250 342 6379 to book an appointment.
- June 8, 2-4pm: Dr. Page Clinic at AFN health center. To book an appointment, contact 250 342 6379.
- June 9, 9-11am: Na‡mit nana Playgroup. Outdoor play at Little Badgers. Caregivers and children 0-5 are invited.
- June 14, 9-noon: De-brief and action items moving forward from the Community is the Medicine workshop and the Wellness workshop in the band hall.
- June 16, 9-11am: Na‡mit nana Playgroup. Outdoor play at Little Badgers. Caregivers and children 0-5 are invited.
- June 22, 2-4pm: Dr. Page Clinic at AFN health center. To book an appointment, contact 250 342 6379.
- June 23, 9-11am: Na‡mit nana Playgroup. Outdoor play at Little Badgers. Caregivers and children 0-5 are invited.

July

• July 26-27: Ktunaxa Nation Annual General Assembly in Cranbrook. Registration forms at ktunaxa.org.

August

August 25-27: AFN Annual General Assembly. More information will follow.



Upcoming Events Mark your calendars

COMMUNITY KITCHEN



WHERE: Recreation Centre Kitchen

WHEN: June 28th

TIME: 10 A.M – 1 P.M.

RSVP REQUIRED – Please contact Christy at

250-342-6301-extension 3845

First meal prepared to bake and take: Lasagna

and Caesar salad.

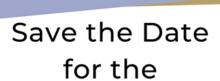
Ribbon Skirt and Shirt Making

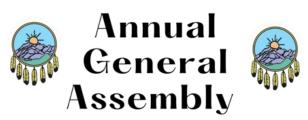
Date: June 5

Time: 9-4

Location: Rec Center

REGISTER WITH CHRISTY AT CHRISTY.BAKER@AKISQNUK.ORG





AUGUST 25 - 27

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Little Badgers







Na‡mit' Nana Playgroup

Join us for outdoor play and exploration at the Little Badgers Early Learning Center located at the ?akisqnuk First Nation in Windermere BC.

Caregivers and children 0-5 are invited for nature play, songs, stories and a community snack.

Friday mornings 9-11am.

May 12, 2023- June 23, 2023









The cost is \$200/week.
Families are eligible to apply
for the Affordable Child
Care Benefit

Contact Evy Walker at badgersafterschool@gmail.com or by phone at 250-342-6331

Registration ends May 31

Outdoor fun





Self Care







HEALTH CENTER

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KUQUKUPKU

(HIGH WATER) (RIPENING OF STRAWBERRIES)

MAY

JUNE

MAY 25 2-4PM.: DR. PAGE CLINIC

JUNE 7 9-4PM.: FOOT CLINIC

JUNE 8 2-4PM.: DR. PAGE CLINIC

JUNE 22 2-4PM.: DR. PAGE CLINIC

For more details on the Clinics, to book or to cancel your appointment Contact Health Office: (250) 342-6379

Naloxone kits are available for pickup at the Health Center for anyone who would like them

Please note that all Medical receipts should be submitted directly to Patsy Nicholas at patsy.nicholas@akisqnuk.org

?akisánuknik, your feedback helps ?akisánuk First Nation make improvements to services provided.

Take a few minutes to fill out the Health and wellness survey. visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XW2YVVM or scan QR



code





Learning Something New

Fire and Life Safety Education – Training for Fire Departments

FNESS is offering FREE firefighter training designed to prepare firefighters to teach fire and life safety to all members of their community. Our experienced public educators will bring the tools and resources needed to teach life safety skills to the community. At the end of the training, these resources will be given to the fire department for their ongoing use. Here are the training options available:

Option 1 – 1 Day Training

This option can take place in the Fire Station or other community venue. Morning

- · WHY is it important to teach our community about fire and life safety?
- HOW can the Fire Department be involved?
- WHO in the community do we teach?
- · WHAT do we teach?
- How do we teach?
- What tools help us teach?

Afternoon

- Simulations teaching different community groups.
- Practice using different teaching methods and tools.

Option 2 – 1½ Day Training

This option consists of Option 1 described above, PLUS a ½ day teaching a group in the community. This is a great opportunity to try out new skills learned with a community group. Preparation for teaching in the community will happen on Day 1 and participants will be mentored and supported throughout this experience.

If you are interested in this training, please respond privately to this email and I'll be happy to help.



Alisha Juma

Fire Services Coordinator Cell: 236.998.0591 aiuma@fness.bc.ca



Employment Opportunities



summer school holidays.

A schedule of events will go out to Community by the end of May.

Contact us at hr@akisqnuk.org

The ?Akisq́nuk First Nation is looking for a casual staff to come in and assist with general maintenance of homes (light bulbs, railings, door handles, stair railings, etc.)

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Christy Baker via email christy.baker@akisqnuk.org or by calling the office at (250) 342 6301 ext.3845.

Check out full Postings at https://
akisqnuk.org/employment-opportunities

- New* General Manager for AFN Enterprises
- Casual workers
- Facilitator for Summer Programs
- Administrative Assistants
- Communications Assistant (1 year Fixed Term Contract)
- Social Development Worker
- Registered Nurse
- Project Manager Trainee
- Registered Forest Technician

You may submit your application to Human Resources at hr@akisqnuk.org



Elders Corner

?akisqnuk Elders Committee

Scheduled: May 30, 2023: 10 am AFN Band Hall and Zoom.

Usually Last Tuesday of the Month

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

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/85934733519?
pwd=UmIrNEpET1V1TWVPT0tXd1dMS1U3UT09
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Ktunaxa Nation Council, Traditional Knowledge and Language (TKL) Elder's Advisory

1st Wednesday of Every month. Next meeting is June 7, 2023.

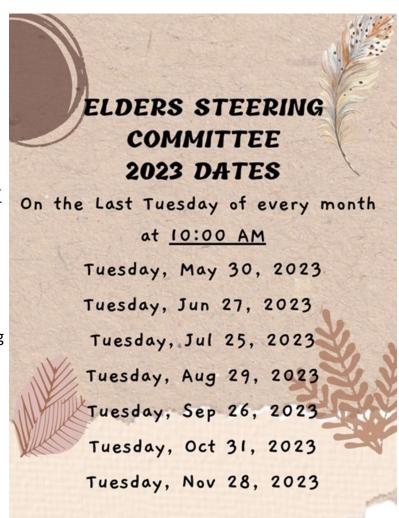
Contact Darcy Luke for agenda items, information (location for in-person) and/or Zoom link at darcy.luke@ktunaxa.org

Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society

Honorariums are available if you are interested in sharing stories or cultural activities with the Badger students please contact Kayla at Kayla.ejlcs.ahs@gmail.com.

BC Elders Gathering

Scheduled for August 15-16, 2023 in Vancouver. Deadline to Register is July 10th. \$550 per person.





Elders Corner

47th Annual Elders Gathering (less 3 Covid-19 years)
IS AUGUST 15-16, 2023

Theme: "STRONGER TOGETHER"

Location: Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building, Ballrooms AB EMAIL ALL QUESTIONS TO: bcelders@telus.net

PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER ONLY - WE DO NOT DO ETRANSFERS OR CREDIT CARDS

CRAFT VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

COMPANY:		 _
ADDRESS:		 _
CONTACT NAME:		 _
F.N./NATION:	CELL:	_
TYPE OF CRAFT:		

PAYMENT: FEE PER BOOTH SPACE IS \$700 and does not include food.

There is a Food Court across the street from the Vancouver Convention Centre and there is an underground walkway to get there.

- Vendor booth registration fee is payable immediately with this form. The booth will be re-allocated after 2 weeks if payment is not received. NO POSTDATED CHEQUES.
- Method of payment <u>cheque or money order only</u> made payable to the BC Elders
 Communication Center Society and mailed to 1415 Weiwaikum Rd. Campbell River, BC. V9W 5W9.
- Your cancelled cheque or money order stub <u>will be your proof</u> of payment, no invoices or receipts will be issued. Though you are welcome to confirm your booth at <u>bcelders@telus.net</u> after payment is sent.
- Vendors are advised to contact the office via <u>email</u> before mailing an application in case there
 are no more spaces available if you are filling out this application in late spring.

SET-UP OF BOOTH:

Booths are to be set up no later than 8:00 am on Tuesday, AUGUST 15, 2023.

OPEN HOURS OF BOOTHS

- MONDAY SET-UP 12:00 PM TO 5:00 PM, AUGUST 14, 2023
- TUESDAY OPEN 8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM Spaces will open for you at 7:30 am each day. NO earlier.
- WEDNESDAY OPEN 8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM (everything must be out of the vendor space by 11 pm)



Chief and Council Meetings

Band Meeting

The next meeting is TBD.

Chief and Council

Deadline to submit items to Chief and Council Agenda is always the Friday before.

Deadline is May 19th for May 24th Chief and Council.

Deadline is June 2nd for June 7th Chief and Council.

Pakisqnuk Nation is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Chief and Council Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/89758249947?

pwd=dlYvNm9CSFdFVm4xa1dtM1lrdnBvQT09 Meeting ID: 897 5824 9947 Passcode: 054045

Contact Executive Assistant Karen Vargas <u>karen.vargas@akisqnuk.org</u> to request to be on the agenda or if you have any questions.



PAKISONUK FIRST NATION IS LOOKING FOR A CATERER FOR THE 2023 AGA

Please email

Christy.Baker@akisqnuk.org if you are interested or know anyone who might be available to cater from

August 25 to 27, 2023.







We care about what you think.

?akis**q**nuknik, your feedback helps **?**akis**q**nuk First Nation make improvements to our Health Plan.

Take a few minutes to fill out the Health Survey.

The results will help to inform our Akisqnuk Health Plan (2023 - 2027), and will be submitted to FNHA for funding.

visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XW2YVVM





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FOR PAKISQNUK BAND MEMBERS ONLY

GOOD FOOD BOX

The next Good Food Box will go out on May 31

Cost \$7

To sign up or for more information (or to cancel your box) contact reccentre@akisqnuk.org, or 250-342-0804

Please confirm or sign up by

Wednesday May 24.

Pickup is between 1pm and 2pm,

Wednesday May 31



In planning for the coming year, we need to gather information on Akisqnuk student needs. We are referring to ALL Akisqnuk students, regardless of where they reside.

If you have children in Kindergarten to Grade 12, please complete and submit the assessment form, to help us ensure we are striving to provide sufficient supports and services to all of our students.

If you have questions regarding this, please contact Stephanie Sam (250) 342-6301 Ext 3849 or email stephanie.sam@akisqnuk.org Can download the PDF https://akisqnuk.org/education







Job Search documentation and Monthly Renewal Applications need to be submitted to Christy Baker email: christy.baker@akisqnuk.org

Due the 15th of every Month



WHAT IS BILL C-92? AN ACT REPRESENTING FIRST NATIONS, INUIT & METIS CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF BILL C-92?

- RTLL C-92 WAS PASSED IN CANADA ON JANUARY 1, 2020.
- . IT AFFIRMS THE INHERENT RIGHT OF THE FIRST NATIONS: JURISDICTION IN RELATION TO CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES.
- TO CHANGE THE WAY IN WHICH CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO INDIGENOUS CHILDREN.
- ESTAPLISHES NATIONAL PRINCIPLES (BEST INTERESTS OF THE INDIGENOUS CHILD: CULTURAL CONTINUITY: AND SUBSTANTIVE EQUALITY) AS WELL AS MINIMUM STANDARDS TO BE MET IN THE PROVISION OF CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES.
- THE PEST INTERESTS OF THE INDIGENOUS CHILD IS ALWAYS THE PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION WHEN IT COMES TO DECISION MAKING FOR THAT CHILD.

HOW CAN A FIRST NATION EXERCISE JURISDICTION OVER CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES?

- ONCE A FIRST NATION HAS AN EXISTING LAW IT CAN TRANSITION TOWARDS EXERCISING JURISDICTION OVER CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES. ONCE A LAW IS IN PLACE THE FIRST NATION SENDS A REQUEST TO CANADA AD PRITISH COLUMPIA TO ENTER INTO A TRIPARTITE COORDINATION AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE EXERCISE OF FIRST NATION JURISDICTION.
- WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE REQUEST BEING MADE. IF AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED BUT REASONABLE EFFORTS WERE MADE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. THE FIRST NATION LAW WOULD HAVE THE FORCE AND EFFECT OF FEDERAL LAW AND WOULD PREVAIL OVER PROVINCIAL LAW IN THE EVENT OF CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENCY.
- THE KTUNAXA NATION HAS DECIDED TO PURSUE FULL JURISDICTION . FAMILY NETWORKS AND HAS STARTED WORK ON THE KTUNAXA CHILD WELLNESS LAW.
- THE KTUNAYA LAW IS FORWARD LOOKING, ALLOWING FOR THE FUTURE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS COURT OR TRIBUNAL OR OTHER CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE SYSTEM TO DEAL WITH CHILD PROTECTION MATTERS.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF KTUNAXA LAW?

- IT REFLECTS THE SELF DETERMINATION OF THE KTUNAXA NATION BY IMPLEMENTING THE INHERENT RIGHTS OF THE NATION.
- THE KTUNAXA LAW WORKS TOWARDS KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TOGETHER. ALTERNATIVELY, FAMILY AND KINSHIP CONNECTIONS WOULD BE PRIORITY.

 RTILL C-92 WILL HELP CHILDREN STAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTE CONNECTIONS TO THEIR CULTURE AND COMMUNITY. IT PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK THAT FIRST NATIONS CAN USE TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION IN RELATION TO CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF BILL C-92>

WHAT DOES BILL C-92 MEAN FOR CHILDREN IN CARE NOW?

- THE IMPORTANCE OF REUNITING INDIGENOUS CHILDREN WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES IS RECOGNIZED.
- THERE IS A PRIORITY PLACEMENT FOR THE INDIGENOUS CHILD. WHICH PRIORITIZES FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PLACEMENT.

ONGOING REASSESSMENT IS REQUIRED TO DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL FOR REUNIFICATION.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF BILL C-92>

 12 MONTHS AFTER THE NATION GIVES NOTICE TO THE GOVERNMENTS AND DEPENDING ON SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF A COORDINATION AGREEMENT.

WHICH COURTS HAVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR CASES UNDER THE KTUNAXA LAW?

- THE KTUNAX A LAW WORKS TOWARDS KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TOGETHER. ALTERNATIVELY. FAMILY AND KINSHIP CONNECTIONS PRIORITY AND FOCUS WOULD BE ON STRENGTHENING THESE
- THE KTUNAXA LAW MAY STILL USE THE PRITISH COLUMPIA COURT SYSTEM. PUT ALSO CREATES ALTERNATIVES TO THE COURT SYSTEM INCLUDE:
- CUSTOMARY CARE AGREEMENTS
- FAMILY SHARING CIRCLE
- COMMUNITY OF CIRCLE CARE

WHAT LEVEL OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OF THE NEW KTUNAXA LAW IS COMING?

- KKCFSS HAS HOSTED ONLINE ZOOM ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS AND IN PERSON SESSIONS WITH KTUNAXA NATION MEMBERS INITIALLY. FOCUS GROUPS WITH THE FOLLOWING GROUPS FOR INPUT:
- FIDER'S
- FORMER CHILDREN IN CARE
- DELEGATED SOCIAL WORKERS/TEAMS
- JEADS KKCESS
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS

FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS:

IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS/QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN **EVENT PLEASE CONTACT:** JULIE PIRDSTONE: JPIRDSTONE@KTUNAXA.ORG

CHELSEA HOLLINGSHEAD: CHELSEA.HOLLINGSHEAD@KTUNAXA.ORG 250-489-4563



What's Happening at the Rec Centre

CRAFTS & CHATS

EVERY WEDNESDAY

NIGHTS IN

THE MURAL ROOM

COME JOIN STAFF FOR EVENINGS OF LAUGHS, CHATS, AND CRAFTS. EVERYONE AND EVERY CRAFT

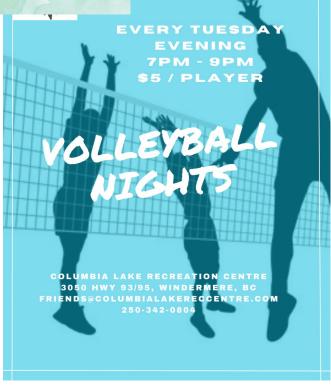
WELCOME!!

BEADING, SEWING,
COLOURING, VISITING, ETC.

COME AND SOCIALIZE!!!

BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT SUPPLIES







What's Happening at Ktunaxa Nation

Material Harvesting In the vicinity of Yaqan Nukiy and Kootenay Pass

Come and harvest!

Needles

Roots

Bark

Lichen

Cattails

May 20th & 21st 8:30am-12:00 pm

Demonstrations and processing to be done during the Yaqan Nukiy Pow-wow at the Ktunaxa Nation Council, TKL booth in the pm on both days

Equipment and Supplies Required: Sharp scissors or clippers Gardening gloves Small pairing knife Plant press Zip Lock bags Mid sized tote

To Register Contact Lillian Rose Email: lillianrose363@gmail.com

Text: (250) 342-1635





What's Happening at Ktunaxa Nation





What's Happening at Ktunaxa Nation

BTH ANNUAL DAY OF CELEBRATION MAY 30

10AM-2PM & 5PM-7PM

Oportunity for Ktunaxanintik to come out to learn more about our Sectors.

Hoodies for the first 200 Ktunaxanintik



