

pimâcihitâtân nêhiyawêwin



“KEEP OUR LANGUAGE ALIVE”

CONFERENCE AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

7:00 am	Pipe Ceremony	Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6
8:00 am	Breakfast	Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6
9:00 am	Opening Remarks	Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6
	Panel Session: “The Spirit of the Language” Featuring: Mary Lee, Ira Swindler, Bernie Makokis and Ralph Morin	Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6
11:00 am	Plenary Session: nêhiyawak: askiy, nêhiyawêwin êkwa tânitê ê-kê-ohci-ohthotê The Saskatchewan Cree: The Land, the Language, and the History Featuring: Dr. Belinda Daniels	Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6
12:00 pm	Lunch (Provided)	Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6
1:00 - 2:15 pm	Breakout Sessions	

BREAKOUT SESSION TOPIC	ROOM
nêhiyawak Language Experience Dr. Belinda kakiyosêw Daniels (This is an extended session and runs until 3:45 pm) Dr. Daniels will present information about her land-based camp. Create in 2003, Daniels started a Cree summer camp where attendees came to learn and practice speaking the language. The camp takes place in a number of different First Nations communities across Saskatchewan.	Tatanka 1 & 2
Nêhiyâwiwin Language and Culture Program Pete Chief Jr. This unique language and culture program is for any student wishing to learn the Cree language. It is a bilingual learning strategy that focuses on creating a language- and culture-rich classroom environment for students to learn conversational Cree in the “Y” dialect. Cultural activities are an important part of the program.	Wildhorse 1

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<p>sôskwâc itôtamok: nêhiyawêk/Just do it: Speak Cree</p> <p>Dorothy Thunder</p> <p>Dorothy shares nêhiyawêwin everywhere she goes. A first language speaker of Plains Cree from Little Pine First Nation, she has been teaching Cree at the University of Alberta for over twenty years. Dorothy makes learning Cree a rewarding and enjoyable experience.</p>	Wildhorse 2
<p>awasisak ka nêhiyaw kiskinahasocik: When Children Learn the Cree Language</p> <p>Norine Tourangeau</p> <p>This workshop will focus on methodologies used in an Indigenous language classroom including relationship building and teaching strategies to support students and their complex needs.</p>	Wildhorse 3

2:15 pm Break (Snacks Provided) Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6
2:30 - 3:45 pm Breakout Sessions

BREAKOUT SESSION TOPIC	ROOM
<p>nêhiyawak Language Experience</p> <p>Dr. Belinda kakiyosêw Daniels (This is a continuation of the 1:00 p.m. Breakout Session)</p>	Tatanka 1 & 2
<p>Reviving Plains Indian Sign Language</p> <p>Floyd Favel</p> <p>Floyd will speak about the importance of preserving Plains Sign Language and its value as a learning tool that is different from conventional methods now being taught in universities and in schools.</p>	Wildhorse 1
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<p>Cree Language Preservation & Revitalization</p> <p>Falynn Baptiste</p> <p>Falynn, a nêhiyaw iskwêw from Red Pheasant First Nation with maternal roots connecting her to Cumberland House Cree Nation, shares her journey as a Cree language educator, singer/songwriter and advocate for Cree language preservation and revitalization.</p>	Wildhorse 3

3:35 pm Conference Day 1 Wrap Up Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

8:00 am	Breakfast (Provided)	Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6
9:00 am	Plenary 1: Dr. Lanny Real Bird Using Plains Indian Sign Language as an Innovation Tool	Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6
10:15 am	Break (Snacks Provided)	Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6
10:30 am	Plenary 2: Dr. Kevin Lewis Indigenous Language Teacher Education Programming	Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6
12:00 pm	Lunch (Provided)	Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6
1:00 - 2:15 pm	Breakout Sessions	

BREAKOUT SESSION TOPIC	ROOM
<p>nēhiyawēwin awāsi-masinahikanis: A Plains Cree Little Book for Children</p> <p>AJ Felix & Pat Dieter</p> <p>A Plains Cree Little Book for Children follows suggested content from the Saskatchewan Curriculum Guide for Kindergarten to Grade 12 on Aboriginal languages. The book provides learners with an ability to understand basic words, rules, and phrases in the Plains Cree language and allows them to be able to make themselves understood by Plains Cree speakers. Supplementing the book are a Teacher's Guide, videos, and a colouring book.</p>	Tatanka 1 & 2
<p>Using Innovation to Keep Our Language Alive</p> <p>Jessica McNaughton</p> <p>Founder of memoryKPR, Jessica will lead a session on how we can use innovation to keep our language alive and well while protecting it.</p>	Wildhorse 1
<p>kāniyāsīhk Culture Camps</p> <p>Dr. Kevin Lewis</p> <p>Within the last two decades, the kāniyāsīhk Culture Camps at Ministikwan Lake Cree Nation have evolved from providing fall culture camps where participants took part in fishing and hide tanning to offering camps throughout all seasons and to anyone who wants to learn nehiyo (Cree) culture. Founder, Kevin Lewis explains that at kāniyāsīhk Culture Camps participants take part in land-based learning that involves connecting with Elders, knowledge keepers, land keepers, medicine keepers, and berry pickers in their community. By sharing this wealth of knowledge with participants they begin to learn how to be self-sufficient and independent.</p>	Wildhorse 2
<p>Balance, Harmony & Cree</p> <p>Dwayne Lasas</p> <p>Language learning involves using effective tools and techniques. The first step Dwayne uses is to empower nations and show the students how our ways of life and Language, is connected to everything around us. Using mathematics, music, universal connection, and a host of other unique teachings, he demonstrates how certain patterns are within our Nēhiyaw Language. As a multiple instrumentalist, he mainly uses his Native American flutes tuned to nature to connect with participants. Dwayne designed this method to be as simple as possible.</p>	Wildhorse 3

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BREAKOUT SESSION TOPIC	ROOM
<p>Teaching Plains Indian Sign Language Dr. Lanny Real Bird Dr. Lanny Real Bird will guide us through the basics of our traditional hand signs as we learn our language.</p>	Tatanka 1 & 2
<p>Using Innovation to Keep Our Language Alive Jessica McNaughton</p>	Wildhorse 1
<p>kâniyâsihk Culture Camps Dr. Kevin Lewis</p>	Wildhorse 2
<p>Balance, Harmony & Cree Dwayne Lasas</p>	Wildhorse 3

3:45 pm

Conference Wrap Up

Tatanka 1, 2, 5 & 6

Thank you for participating in the YXE Cree Speakers Society Keep Our Language Alive Conference! We look forward to meeting with you again and wish you the best as we work together to develop and retain the Plains Cree Language in our communities!