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**Youth Gathering for Traditional
Land Based Teachings & Games**

**Mikisew High School
Cross Lake, Manitoba
March 12-16, 2018**



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INFORMATION PACKAGE AND SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Location: Pimicikamak Cree Nation (Cross Lake, Manitoba)

Dates: March 12-16, 2018

Open to: Senior High School Students involved in Outdoor Education/Land Based Education Programs in Manitoba First Nation High Schools.

Purpose

The purpose of the land based education workshops and competition is to provide our youth with team building skills and knowledge of how we as a people used animals, trees, water and made tools from the land for all aspects of life. These skills can be in the form of team work, hunting skills, animal preparation, and essential parts of the animal that can be used as a tool or instrument required for everyday tasks.

We also, want to teach these youths the importance of making or participating in events our people used to do prior to colonization. The event will be fun friendly and educational.

Anticipated participation

12 students (plus three or four supervising adults) from each participating high school limited to 225 students' participant's schools are to register students in an event with the registration form and fax back to school as we will put students in teams according grade level.

Format: Students will be organized into teams, each including at least one student from each school attending. Participants will be engaged in three categories of activities:

- A. Workshops on Traditional Practices related to Harvesting (Hunting/Fishing/Trapping) and on Survival Skills.
- B. Workshops with Elders on Traditional Teachings – Legends, Stories, Values
- C. Cooperative Games activities requiring team effort to complete, and designed around skills being taught/ developed in the various Land Based education programs in our schools.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Enhanced Student Communication Skills
- Increased understanding, use of, and appreciation for FN languages
- Opportunity to share traditional knowledge
- Increased self esteem
- Development of ability to work as a member of a team
- Development of enhanced skills in goal setting, problem solving
- Planning, preparation, cooperation, and leadership
- Development of outdoor survival skills
- Development of Identity
- Skills in conservation, and living in harmony with the environment – “Take only what you need”
- Development of life-long learning skills
- Meeting other’s and engaging in cultural exchanges
- Development of respect for others and the environment
- Development of medicinal knowledge
- Career preparation
- Skill development
- Development of scientific knowledge
- Education for a sustainable future

Registration Process

1. Please confirm your school’s intention to participate in this event by completing the form at the back of this package and returning by fax to:

ASHLEY KINSMAN, MFNERC

FAX: 204-942-2490

2. Once this form is submitted, we will contact the Person in Charge named on your form to complete the detailed registration of all individual student participants prior to the Games.

**REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 15 SCHOOLS
(180 STUDENTS plus 45 chaperones = 225)**

Please ensure your school’s spaces by returning the registration form ASAP.

Tentative Program of Activities

**Note that this agenda is subject to change. The time frames, as well as some of the activities may be further modified. However, you can expect 80% + to remain as listed below.*

Monday, March 12, 2018 Arrival Day

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| 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. | All evening: arrival of schools
Assignment of classrooms/accommodations |
| 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Supper: Mikisew High School Gymnasium |
| 8:00-10:00 p.m. | Ice Breaker
Break out into groups
Group Events |
| 10: 30 p.m. | Lights out (each group will go back to their designated area) |

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 Activity Day 1

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| 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Breakfast- Mikisew High School Gymnasium |
| 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | Opening Ceremonies: Mikisew High School Gymnasium |
| 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Name tags for each group |
| 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. | Lunch (Gym) |
| 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. | Events: Mikisew School grounds (locations will be given) |
| 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. | Supper |
| 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. | Indoor activities (Mikisew school)
Karaoke Night, Skinning, Knitting, Computer Lab, Gym night |
| 10:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m. | Lights out (each group will go back to their designated area) |

Wednesday, March 14, 2018
Activity Day 2

7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Breakfast-Mikisew High School Gym
10:00a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Events (School area)
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Net fishing/Snarring
12:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.	Lunch (gym)
1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Back to the events (Mikisew School grounds)
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Supper (Gym)
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Indoor activities (Mikisew School) Gym night, Movie night, Basketball, Volleyball, Dodgeball
10:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	Lights out (everyone back to their designated area)

Thursday, March 15, 2018

7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Breakfast-Mikisew High School Gym
10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Check their fish nets
11:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m.	Pull out their snares/nets
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Lunch (Gym)
1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Cont'd events (Mikisew School grounds)
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Supper
6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Scavenger Hunt
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Dance (Gym)
10:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	Lights out (everyone back to their destination)

Friday, March 16, 2018

8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Gym)
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Closing ceremonies (Gym) Bag lunch available for departure to home

****The activities which will be scheduled into the slots noted above will include those described in the Technical Package on the following pages.***

****The Daytime events will include outdoor activities. Evening sessions will include indoor activities.***

****Activities will be divided into categories/types:***

- a. Workshops by Land Based Practitioners focused on teaching values and skills;
- b. Cooperative Games and challenges which will showcase/emphasize skills from our various Land Based education programs
- c. Fun Activities designed to allow students to showcase and share their individual talents in the arts, network with each other, and build bonds through friendly competition.

TECHNICAL PACKAGE

A complete Technical Package, explaining each activity that participants will be engaged in will follow this document. However, a Summary of the types of activities planned is provided below. Note that there will be different categories of activities provided.

*While the gathering will include some friendly “skills competitions”, these will **NOT** include any activities with fish/game/birds.*

The Event/Activities will be divided into the following categories/types:

- 1. Cultural Teachings:** These will include workshop style activities where students will learn from Elders and Land Based practitioners (Hunters/Trappers) about the skills, protocols, values, and traditions of living on the land. These will be educationally focused, non-competitive activities. They will include story-telling, instructional, and demonstration activities. They will include sharing of cultural values and traditional teachings with respect to living a good life in harmony with the land and the rest of creation. This part of the gathering will also include skills, processes, and proper protocols for harvesting wildlife, such as trapping and skinning demonstrations.
- 2. Cooperative Games:** These activities will include friendly competition emphasizing teamwork, team building, and survival skills. They will include events such as: shelter building; snowshoeing; fire making tea boiling; archery; snow snake; sled pulling; ice chipping; goose calling; moose calling; trap setting for speed; arm wrestling; leg wrestling and etc.
***These set of activities will not include any work with animals.**
- 3. Entertainment Activities:** Some of these activities will be included in the Team Scoring in number 2 above, but will be designed to provide opportunity for students to network with each other while engaging in fun activities and showcasing their individual skills and talents in both traditional and non-traditional activities. These may include: an open talent show; basketball tournament; “mixer” activities; team banner design and etc.

Travel, Accommodations, Meals, Logistics, Etc.

- 1. Each school will be responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs.**
- 2. Accommodations will be provided on site as follows:**
 - ✓ Each school will be provided with floor space in a classroom in which to sleep.
 - ✓ However, you must bring all your own sleeping gear (sleeping bags/bed rolls/mats or air mattress etc.) The classrooms will still be used for regular classes during the day, so your gear will have to be rolled up and stored each morning.
 - ✓ Participants will have access to showers and bathroom facilities in the school also kitchen but again, you must provide your own towels, soap, etc.
 - ✓ Meals will be provided on site by the host committee.
- 3. Security will be provided on site, inside and outside the school 24/7.**
- 4. Other Accommodations**
 - Cross Lake Inn: 204) 676-3333
 - Hilliker Hotel: (204) 676-0001
 - York Boat Inn: (204) 359-6550 – Norway House, MB (**1 hour away**)

TO REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL FOR THIS EVENT,

Please complete the form on the following page and return by fax or email to:

Ashley Kinsman, Administrative Assistant MFNERC,

Fax # 204-942-2490

Email: ashleyk@mfnerc.com

Please return ASAP, AND NO LATER THAN MARCH 5, 2018

REGISTRATION FORM
MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS LAND BASED EDUCATION STUDENTS GATHERING 2018
MARCH 12-16, 2018
PIMICIKAMAK CREE NATION

Name of School _____

Name of Community _____

Teacher in Charge _____

Contact Information for Supervising Teacher

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Expected number of participants - Male: _____ Female: _____

Each School may select up to 6 male and 6 female participants to bring to the event. The teacher in charge will be contacted following receipt of this form to provide the names, grade, gender, and ages of all students participating before you come to the event. This will allow the Host Committee to have all students organized into pre-arranged teams before your arrival.

Final changes will be made at a Chaperones meeting of the teacher in charge from each school, the night before the events begin (evening of arrival day, March 12, 2018).

To Register your school for participation in this event. Please complete this form and return by fax, no later than March 5, 2018 to:

MFNERC: Attention Ashley Kinsman

Fax #: 204-942-2490

Email: ashleyk@mfnerc.com

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Students					Preferred activities; area of special skills/interest relates to these activities.	Any food allergies or Health issues	Medical # Treaty #
	First Name	Last Name	Age	Gender			
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Chaperones		Phone Number & Email Address	Any food allergies or Health Issues
First Name	Last Name		
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Are the chaperones the bus/van drivers? _____

If not, please state how many bus drivers attending? _____

Are bus drivers looking after their own meals? _____

Audio Visual Consent Form

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Title/Project:
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Name of Participant (please print) Signature of Participant

Date

For participants under eighteen:

I am the parent or guardian of the participant named below. I hereby consent to this agreement on their behalf.

Name of Participant (please print) Name of Parent/Guardian (please print)

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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