

# Akii'wi Kikinomagewinan

**Date:** January 18, 2023  
**To:** Manitoba First Nation Schools  
**From:** Davin Dumas, Director of Language and Culture  
**Cc:**  
**Re:** Seasonal Land-Based Youth Education Gathering, Pinaymootang First Nation

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This is to invite you to participate in the Annual Seasonal Land-Based Youth Education Gathering being held in Pinaymootang First Nation from February 27 – March 2, 2023.

The attached information package includes:

- Information package and School Registration
- 3-day tentative agenda
- Technical Package
- Travel, Accommodations, Meals, Logistics Information
- Registration Form
- Audio Visual Consent Form
- Student and Chaperone List
- Poster

If you would like to participate in the event please fax your registration form by **February 10, 2023** and we will confirm the schools by **February 20, 2023**.

Should you have any questions please call or email Nicole Fontaine at [nicolef@mfner.com](mailto:nicolef@mfner.com) phone: 204-594-1290.

Thank you,  
Davin Dumas  
Director of Language and Culture

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## *Information Package and School Registration*

Location: Pinaymootang First Nation

Dates: February 27 – March 2, 2023

***Open to Students in the middle years and high school***

### ***Purpose***

The purpose of the land-based education workshops and events 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 teamwork, 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 youth 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***

Maximum of 12 students (plus three or four supervising adults) from each participating middle years and high school limited to 400 Student participants 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:

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

### ***Anticipated Outcomes***

- Enhanced Student Communication Skills
- Increased understanding, use of, and appreciation for First Nation 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 others 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***

***Registrations will be limited to the first 12 schools that apply. So please ensure your school's spaces by returning the registration form ASAP.***

1. Please confirm your school's intention to participate in this event by completing the form at the back of this package and return by email or fax to: NICOLE FONTAINE MFNERC

[nicolef@mfnerc.com](mailto:nicolef@mfnerc.com)

***Fax: 204-477-4314***

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.

## **Agenda**

\*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.

### *Arrival Day: Monday, February 27, 2023*

- 4:00 p.m.      **Arrival day assign classrooms for students of each school**
- 5:00 p.m.      **Supper**
- 7:30 p.m.      **Ice breaker and list of groups for activities**

### *Activity Day 1: Tuesday, February 28, 2023*

- 7:00 a.m.      **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m.      **Events in & outdoors**
- 12:00 p.m.     **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.      **Events in & Outdoors**
- 4:00 p.m.      **Free Time (mingle with youth from other schools)**
- 5:00 p.m.      **Supper**
- 7:00 p.m.      **Event in Gym**

### *Activity Day 2: Wednesday, March 1, 2023*

- 7:00 a.m.      **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m.      **Events in & Outdoors**
- 12:00 p.m.     **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.      **Events & Outdoors**
- 4:00 p.m.      **Free Time (mingle with kids from other schools)**
- 5:00 p.m.      **Supper**
- 7:00 p.m.      **Event in Gym**

### *Activity Day 3: Thursday, March 2*

- 7:00 a.m.      **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m.      **Events in & outdoors**
- 12:00 p.m.     **Closing ceremonies passing of gifts...**  
**Bag lunch provided**

## **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 Events/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 storytelling, 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; orienteering; etc.  
***\*This 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; volleyball tournament; ‘mixer’ activities; ice sculpture making; team banner design and production; etc.

## ***Travel, Accommodations, Meals, Logistics, Etc.***

**Each school will be responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs.**

1. 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/etc.) The classrooms will be available for the day, so your gear can be kept in your assigned classroom.
  - Participants will have access to showers and bathroom facilities in the school, but again, you must provide your own towels, soap, etc.
  - Meals will be provided on site by the host committee.
2. Security will be provided on site, inside and outside the school 24-7.

# Manitoba First Nations Seasonal Land-Based Youth Education Gathering 2023 Registration Form

## Akii'wi Kikinomagewinan

Hosting Community Information			
School Name:			
Community Name:			
Supervising Teacher:			
Phone:		Email:	

### Expected number of participants

Male:                  Female:                  Other:

**Each school may select up to six male and six 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 chaperone meeting of the teacher in charge from each school, the night before the events begin (evening of arrival day, February 27, 2023).

**To register your school for participation in this event Please complete this form and return by fax, no later than February 10,2023 to:**

Nicole Fontaine

Fax: 1-204-477-4314

E-Mail: [nicolef@mfnerc.com](mailto:nicolef@mfnerc.com)

# Audio Visual Consent Form

**Date:** Feb 27 – March 2, 2023

**Title/Project:** Seasonal Land-Based Youth Winter Games

**Location:** Pinaymootang First Nation

**Producer:** Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Inc.

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Name of Participant (please print)

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Signature of Participant

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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.

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Name of Participant (please print)

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Name of Parent/Guardian (please print)

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian



<b>Students</b>					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	Grade			
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<b>Chaperones</b>			Phone Number & Email Address	Any food allergies or Health Issues
First Name	Last Name	Gender		
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Are the chaperones the bus/van driver?

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

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Are bus drivers looking after their own meals?

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# Land-Based Activity Suggestions

Please select up to **three** activities per section. We will use these to help select what activities will be offered.

## **Cultural Teachings:**

- Bannock Making
- Canoe/Kayak/Boat Safety
- Cleaning/Filleting Fish
- Cleaning/Plucking Ducks or Geese
- Diamond Willow Talking Sticks
- Drum Making (Conference Centre)
- Hunting Pinay/Bine
- Identifying Trees and Traditional Names
- Maple Syrup
- Medicine Harvesting – Weekay, Sweetgrass, Sage, Labrador Tea Leaves
- Net Fishing
- Setting Snares for Rabbits
- Skinning Deer, Muskrat, Beaver, Rabbits
- Slingshot making/Target Practice
- Tanning Hides – Moose, Deer, Elk
- Tea Boiling
- Traditional Cooking – fish, deer, moose, muskrat, etc.
- Trap Setting
- Wild Rice Cleaning/De-shelling (Fall)

## **Cooperative Games:**

- Goose Calling
- Karaoke
- Language Workshop (Puppets)
- Moose Calling
- Movie Night
- Music Talent Night
- Scavenger Hunt
- Shoshoominag – Snow Snakes (Winter)
- Spinning Tops
- Story Telling/Legends/Windigo/Sasquatch/Nanabush etc.

***Entertainment Activities:***

- Archery
- Bingo
- Broomball (Area)
- Floor Hockey (Gymnasium)
- Lacrosse
- Ping Pong
- Snowshoe Races
- Soccer
- Volleyball (Gymnasium)