

SAMSON CREE NATION

NEWSLETTER



Happy Valentines.

10 FEB 2026

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



WE ARE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM

OPEN POSITIONS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Heavy Equipment Operator/Licensed Truck Driver.

Public Works Department.

personnel.179@gmail.com

Closes February 13th, 2026.

NOTE: YOU HAVE UNTIL 4:00PM TO APPLY ON CLOSING DATES.

 780-585-3793 EXT: 107

TO APPLY EMAIL: PERSONNEL.179@GMAIL.COM



Pigeon Lake Health Centre

hosted another fun and creative beading day today. Participants had the opportunity to learn something new—creating beautiful Kokom scarf earrings. A big thank you to **Florence** for sharing her knowledge and teaching the class. ❤️🇺🇸







TODAY'S ATTENDANCE



Credit: Kurt Lightning

SOCIETY

Isabella Johnson
Sarah Gaudette

SOCIETY

Taylor Buffalo

MIDDLE

Dayton Buffalo



Madison Thompson-Jenkins	Elden Ostrom
Cydney Yellinck	izza Namska
Kiana Swadlow-Zorikian	Laylyn Lightning
Riley Ramsey	Jahar Cole
Karyle Rahn	Kayanna Niede
Landon Mackinnon	Lamel Burthensaker-Maine
Leah Littlechild	Jamsha Lightning
Sara Young	Kesha Rabbit
Phoenyx Wilcox	Sarah Gaudette
Nina Ostrom-Spore	





We came together this week to share in **Traditional Birthing Practices**, sitting with our knowledge holders to deepen our understanding of how to support women through pregnancy, labour, and postpartum. The gathering was beautiful, informative, and filled with positive energy among the women who attended. We are grateful for the gifts, teachings, and connections shared.

Thank you to Nadia and Lori from Kihew Awasis Wakamik for your gentle guidance and meaningful teachings. Thank you as well to IFS staff and the wonderful ladies from the Ermineskin CPNP Program for joining us—sharing, learning, and laughing together.

More beautiful things are coming as we continue to strengthen Maskwacis birthing supports within our community.

Credit: Carmella Cutknife.





Credit: Taylor Buffalo

✦ Between the Ears ✦

Horses carry the weight of broken hearts, broken homes, and broken bodies. They hold our tears in their tangled manes and offer comfort when parents or friends cannot be there. Horses embrace, empower, and support physical, mental, and emotional healing.

They carry hopes and dreams, stress and sorrow, joy and celebration. They carry graduations and new beginnings, marriages and divorces, loss and love.

They carry babies before they are born, and sometimes the mothers who cannot carry them on their own.

Horses will carry you toward success when all you have known is failure.

They carry your burdens without ever knowing their weight. If you let them, they will carry you through life—because life is heavy, but a horse can make you feel weightless.





Credit: Taylor Buffalo





FAMILY FUN DAY

Monday, February 16, 2026

Get ready for a day of bonding, making memories, and enjoying a wide range of fun-filled activities. Here's what you can expect:



Cards start at 12:00pm
Cribbage Games and Ace to King



10:00am skating starts until 5:00pm
Public skating with family



Hot dogs and snacks


(780) 585-3771 | www.samsoncree.com



NOTICE

— CTA BUILDING CLOSURE —

Please be advised that the CTA Building will be temporarily closed due to scheduled repairs to the HVAC system and main water line. During this time, the CTA Building will be inaccessible to staff and the public.



TEMPORARY CLOSURE DATES:

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20, 2026

During this time, all SCN Departments are working remotely or from other available SCN Buildings. Once a list of these locations are received, we will inform the community.

For further information or inquiries, please contact:
Governance Office
 ☎ 780-585-3793 ext 101

www.samsoncree.com



Family Day Fun!



NETS & CARDS



HOTDOGS & SANDWICHES



BOUNCY CASTLES



Face Painting



FAMILY PHOTOS

Celebrate Family Day!



FEBRUARY 16TH, 2026 | 12 PM - 4 PM | NBMC



Family Fun Day

AT SAMSON HEAD START

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2026

11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

Bring the whole family for a day filled with laughter, excitement, and unforgettable memories!

Event Highlights

- FAMILY-BASED ACTIVITIES
- FOOD & REFRESHMENTS
- PHOTOBOOTH SETUP
- *EARLY VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFTS*

Join Us for a Spectacular Family Fun Day!



FOR MORE INFORMATION: | WWW.SAMSONHEADSTART.COM



Sweetheart
SKATE



Sainsbury
Community Wellness

WALKING WITH THE LAND

LAND-BASED TEACHINGS

To empower Indigenous youth by reconnecting them with their cultural roots, language and traditional knowledge

- Ceremonial Connection
- Tipi Teachings
- Sweats
- Songs and Drumming



Every Wednesday
February 11th - April 1st, 2026
Location: NYI Building
Transportation Available

For more information call SCW (780)-585-3634
or
Register online at scwprograms.com



February 20,21,2026

\$5,000 +

Entries

Handgame Tournament

Champion
Jackets

Healing our People

\$100 Entry
2-5 Players



Everyone Welcome

Gym Doors Open Friday 5 pm

96 chart

Carrie's Consession on-site
Maskwacis, Alberta

Contact Vickie Brown
780.364.0001

SPRING JOB FAIR

Thursday
 March 19, 2026
 10 am to 3 pm

HOWARD BUFFALO MEMORIAL CENTER
 MASKWACIS, ALBERTA



FREE REGISTRATION FOR VENDORS

GET YOUR RESUME READY

GET READY TO NETWORK

DRESS TO IMPRESS

FOR REGISTRATION OR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CONTACT
 LACEY YELLOWBIRD
 780-585-4450 OR LACEY@MASKWACISEMPLOYMENT.CA

Returning by popular demand

FOOD SAFETY (FOOD HANDLER) CERTIFICATION



REGISTER NOW

February 18th - 19th



Contact your PESP Advisor today to register



GOAL SETTING INFORMATION SESSION

Upcoming new year, let your aspirations
 outshine your fears.



Wednesday, February 18, 2026
 10:00am - 3:00pm

FACILITATOR: PATRICIA WOLFE
 Location: NYI Bldg. (White House
 Across Willowview)

For more information please contact
 Samson NNADAP (780) 585-0799

APRIL 24-26, 2026

NĒHIYAWĒWIN CREE LANGUAGE CONFERENCE 2026

INDIGIWORK PRESENTS
 CREE LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS | ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT | BUSINESS VENDORS



DON'T MISS THIS HISTORIC GATHERING

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
 REGISTER & PAY ONLINE: WWW.INDIGIWORX.CA

ATTENDEES: 18+ (must include 2-day ticket, workshop & food pass package. Free for Indigenous youth & students with valid identification. Early Registration Available. Limited seats available. Includes 10% early & weekend special rates. Tickets & T-shirts HIGHLY AVAILABLE FOR YOUR TEAM!

PERFORMANCES BY: NORTHSIDE BABY AND MORE!!

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INDIGIWORX | Righteous | CREE OUT!

CONTACT: INFO@INDIGIWORX.COM | 780-220-7753 | WWW.INDIGIWORX.CA

EDMONTON INN & CONFERENCE CENTRE • 11836 KINGSWAY NW, EDMONTON, AB



After School Care PROGRAM

6-12 YEARS OLD

****Room Available****
apply online or send us an email

**Operating 2 days/week:
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:20pm-5:00pm**

unless otherwise noted

- Homework Completion
- Creative Arts & Crafts
- Exciting Group Activities
- Healthy Snacks provided
- After School Transportation (within Maskwacis Area)

www.samsonheadstart.com

SCAN ME!



scan QR code or find the google form on our website

We are located in the new Samson Head Start building with plenty of space for activities. Our staff are trained & certified to offer high quality care. Our priority is to serve SCN children, single-parent homes, low-income families.

LEARN MORE

780-585-2230

www.samsonheadstart.com
info@samsonheadstart.com

TREATY SIX REIGN FUNDRAISER

SENIOR WOMEN'S HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

ENTRY FEE \$1000.00
10 TEAMS
OPEN TOURNAMENT

1ST PLACE \$3000
2ND PLACE \$2000
3RD PLACE \$1000

BEST FORWARD
BEST DEFENCE
BEST GOALIE



MARCH 6TH-8TH, 2026

MASKWACIS, ALBERTA
ERMINEKIN ARENA

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CHECKLIST

- Sign-up with MMHA as player or coach for Maskwacis AB Treaty Hockey Championship Team Roster, deadline Jan. 13, 2026.
- Register with AB Treaty Hockey Championship \$25 on RAMP, per Player or Coach, deadline Feb. 25, 2026.
- Register with Alberta Native Provincials \$30 on RAMP, per Player or Coach, deadline Jan. 31, 2026.

2026 NATIVE HOCKEY ALBERTA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



APRIL 2-5, 2026

PLAYER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

\$30.00 FEE
REGISTRATION CLOSES ON
JANUARY 31, 2026

TO REGISTER GO TO
WWW.NHAC.CA
REGISTER HERE TAB AND LOGIN OR CREATE AN ACCOUNT

Any players looking for a team can go to our Facebook page [Native Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships](#) and post on the division posts. NHAC is not responsible for finding players a team.



Alcoholics Anonymous

SUPPORT GROUP SESSIONS

EVERY THURSDAY

12:00PM TO 1:00PM

@ WHITE HOUSE ACROSS WILLOWVIEW

For more information please contact
Samson NNADAP @ (780) 585-0799

Samson Community Wellness



Healing

Through The Arts:

A CREATIVE WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR
YOUTH AGES 12-24

WHEN

Every Thursday
Feb 12th - April 2nd, 26
4:00pm-6:00pm
NYI Building

- Beading
- Sewing
- Parfleche
- Dance
- Painting
- Drumming



TRANSPORTATION
AVAILABLE

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.SCWPROGRAMS.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL SCW 780-585-3634

Nicmos (Sweetheart) Round Dance

In honour of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives.
Join us for an evening of kinship and healing.

Edmonton
EXPO Centre
Hall H

FEBRUARY 13

Pipe Ceremony (5:30pm),
Meal (5pm), Round Dance (6pm),
Artisan Market (5pm) & Giveaway (7pm)
Closing (7:30pm)



Emcee -
Al Graveland
and Ben Cardinal
Sponsors -
Fairy Central

Learn more at
edmonton.ca/MMIR



TRIGGERS & BOUNDARIES

INFORMATION SESSION

Protect Your Well Being with Healthy Boundaries

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

10AM - 3PM

FACILITATOR: PATRICIA WOLFE
LOCATION: NYI BLDG. (WHITE HOUSE
ACROSS WILLOWVIEW)
MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
SAMSON NNADAP (780) 585-0799

Understand Your Limits

Get to know your personal limits in various aspects of life such as time, energy and emotional capacity, and how they help you maintain balance and prevent burnout.

Learn to Say No

Don't hesitate to say no when something exceeds your capacity. Saying no is your right to protect your time and energy. Prioritize your own needs without feeling guilty.

Prioritize Self Care

Make self care a top priority. Make time for activities that calm and restore energy such as exercise, meditation, or reading. Self-care helps you stay healthy and happy.



Samson Community Wellness





Maskinaw Consulting & Support Services

IN-PERSON CREE CLASS

Open to the Elm and Sault Community members, including those who reside on the land

6 PM TO 8 PM MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
FEB 2 & 5
FEB 9 & 12
FEB 23 & 26
LOCATED IN THE YSW TIPI ROOM

We will learn to speak and understand the Cree language. Come for story telling, dinner and an enjoyable time.



Questions please call: 780.565.2288
Doors open at 5:45
Dinner provided.



First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle Settlement

Information Session

Claims Helpers are available to help you complete your Claim for compensation.

Join Claims Helpers for a free information session to learn about the Settlement, eligibility and how to submit a Claim for compensation.

Date: February 17th, 2026 (CHANGED DATE)

Time: 9:30am-3:30pm

Location: Samson Bingo Hall

The Claims Helpers will also be available to provide free private support with completing Claim Forms.

Details: Please join us if you have any questions or need support for the Claim. One submission per Claimant.

To learn more about the Settlement, visit www.FNChildClaims.ca.

Contact the Administrator at 1-833-852-0755 for information or to be connected with a Claims Helper.



Detox & Treatment Presentation

Information Session with Patricia Wolfe

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

10:00am to 2:00pm

Samson MHADAP (White house across Willowview)

Learn about:

- Intake Process
- Detox
- Treatment application
- Aftercare Plans

For registration and inquiries:
(780) 545-5777



Saskatchewan
Community Wellness



LIVINGWORKS ASIST

APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTIONS SKILLS TRAINING

Learning Objectives:

- Consider how personal and community attitudes about suicide affect someone's openness to seek help and your ability to provide it.
- Learn how to recognize when someone may be thinking about suicide, and how to provide a skilled intervention and develop a safety plan with the person and connect them to further support.
- Increase your willingness, confidence, and capacity to provide suicide first aid.

Trusted by professionals, approved by the World Health Organization and learnable by anyone, LivingWorks ASIST is the only workshop of its kind.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

February 23 & 24 - Regina, SK
March 2 & 3 - Prince Albert, SK
March 4 & 5 - Saskatoon, SK
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
\$275 + GST

REGISTER OR CONTACT US:

trainings.mentalhealth@gmail.com
www.abkwellness.ca/register

Facilitated by

abk WELLNESS CONSULTING

Pigeon Lake
Health & Wellness

February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Peyote Stick Lighter Case Binding 11AM-2PM Pigeon Lake Library	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Sakawon Teaching & Arts and Crafts 11AM-2PM Pigeon Lake Library	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Family Day Event Pigeon Lake Community Hall	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Mental Health Awareness Day 11AM-2PM Pigeon Lake Library	27	28

For More Information Contact Nicole Boysis 780-360-6712

February 2026



Like us on Facebook
Integrated Family Services



Office Hours

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

CLOSED THRU LUNCH

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Integrated Family Services



Contact Info

780-585-2254

Fax

780-585-2234

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4 ASL 9:00 - 7:00	5 COHI - Coupon day - Prenatal, breastfeeding, MPP clients	6
← Staff Training - ALL WEEK →				
9	10 Sewing 1:00 - 3:00	11 ASL 5:00 - 7:00	12	13 Valentine's Day Crafts
16 Family Day - Office Closure	17 Sewing 1:00 - 3:00	18 ASL 5:00 - 7:00	19 Autism Support Group 1:00 - 3:00	20
23	24 Belt Making - MUST PRE-REGISTER with IFS. SCN Priority	25 ASL 5:00 - 7:00	26	27



Mikisowi Pisim 2026

(The bald eagle moon) February



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	CRAFT CLASS WOOD ART 9:30AM - 4:00PM	Art Therapy 9:30am - 3:30pm Pre-Postnatal Grooming and delivered on Tuesdays	Adult Elder Health Day (Heart Health) 11:00am - 2:00pm	Morning Moments (Dine Budget Buffet) 9:30am - 4:00pm *NURS - TN* *Middie for Dennis/Gerard	Traditional Teachings 9:30am - 4:00pm (Mokom Scarf Beaded Earrings)	
	Craft Class 10:00am - 4:00pm (Ribbon Flowers)	Art Therapy 9:30am - 3:30pm	Couples Cooking 11:00am - 3:00pm	Morning Moments (Baby Ribbon Buffet) 9:30am - 4:00pm	Traditional Teachings 9:30am - 4:00pm (Pineal Parfleche Earrings & Kuff)	
	CLOSED Happy Family Day	Art Therapy 9:30am - 3:30pm	Elders Teachings (Wakohowin) 10:00am - 4:00pm Massage Therapy 9:30am - 3:30pm	Morning Moments (Baby Buffet) 9:30am - 4:00pm		
	Sewing Class 10:00am - 4:00pm (Scrunchies & Headbands) Nurse Practitioner Tina Wilson & Lab Tech here 10:00am - 4:00pm	Art Therapy 9:30am - 3:30pm	*Pink Shirt Day* BASIC GREEK & SYLLABICS COURSE 9:30AM - 3:00PM		Traditional Teachings 9:30am - 4:00pm (Fringe Earrings)	

February 2026

Pathways to Healthy Lifestyles Program

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Ermineskin Elders Center Baby Star Blanket Making 10 am - 3 pm Day 1	5 Ermineskin Elders Center Baby Star Blanket Making 10 am - 3 pm Day 2	6 Ermineskin Elders Center Baby Star Blanket Making 10 am - 3 pm Day 3	7
8	9 Louis Bull Education Center Healthy Relationships & Valentines Boxes 10am - 2pm	10 Samsun Mokom Health Centre Love Teachings & Valentines Boxes 10am - 2pm	11 Ermineskin Elders Center Love Teachings & Valentines Boxes 10am - 2pm	12 Ministuk Band Office	13	14
15	16 FAMILY DAY STAT	17 Maskwacis & Pigeon Lake Snow Tubing @ Rabbit Hill 10am - 3pm	18 Maskwacis & Pigeon Lake Telus World of Science Trip 10am - 3pm	19	20 Ermineskin Elders Center Beaded Keychain Lanyard Making 10 am - 2pm	21
22	23 Louis Bull Education Center Beaded Keychain Lanyard Making 10 am - 2pm	24 Samsun Mokom Health Centre Cooking Class: Fresh Pasta 10am - 2pm	25 Maskwacis & Pigeon Lake Ice Fishing, Birch Tapping & Snowshoeing 10am - 3pm	26 Ministuk Band Office	27	28

Baby Star Blanket Making:

Make a crib sized star blanket

Registration required through
Elders Center 7805853496

Love Teachings & Healthy Relationships:
Explore healthy relationships through
love teachings, participants will also
make a heart box filled with fresh
flowers & chocolates.

**Ice Fishing, Snowshoeing & Birch
Tapping:** Join us to reconnect with
the land through winter activities!

Cooking Classes: Learn how to make
fresh pasta & homemade pizza.

VISION

Nipisihkopahk is sovereign and prosperous;
empowered by healthy and knowledgeable
lyiniwahk.

MISSION

Samson Cree Nation is a sovereign nation
that is dedicated to improving a quality of
life for all our people by maximizing our
human resources and by respecting our
Cree language and traditions of our people.

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