



August

Apiyaskîpisimow

The Month When the Leaves Turn Yellow / Yellowing Leaves Moon

NIPISIIHKOPAHK ACIMOWIN

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



WE ARE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM

OPEN POSITIONS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

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POW-WOW CELEBRATIONS











MASKWACIS YOUTH EXPO 2026!



Maskwacis Youth Expo Connects Youth with Career Opportunities and Resources



The event offered more than just career information, with snacks, door prizes, and a photo booth adding some fun to the day and creating an inviting environment for youth to connect and participate.

Events like the Maskwacis Youth Expo play an important role in helping young people see the possibilities available within Maskwacis and beyond. By connecting youth directly with employers, programs, and community organizations, the Expo encouraged participants to explore their interests, build connections, and take the next step toward their education and career goals.

-Maskwacis Employment Centre.







Celebrating 150 Years of Treaty No. 6: Enoch Cree Nation Pow Wow







Bringing the Four Nations Together: A Traditional Birthing Ceremony at Bear Park



A beautiful gathering took place at Bear Park in Ermineskin, bringing together the Four Nations of Maskwacis—Ermineskin Cree Nation, Montana First Nation, Samson Cree Nation and Louis Bull Tribe—to honour the sacred journey of pregnancy, birth and motherhood through traditional teachings and ceremony.



The gathering also reflected the principle of Wâhkôhtowin—kinship and being related to one another. Community supports throughout Maskwacis continue to create opportunities for mothers, fathers, parents-to-be and families to learn from Elders, participate in cultural practices and build stronger connections.

The Birthing Ceremony was a celebration of culture, family and community, with each Nation contributing to the gathering. Tipis were raised throughout Bear Park, creating spaces where families could gather, learn and connect with traditional teachings surrounding pregnancy, birth and welcoming a new life into the community.



Bringing the Four Nations Together: A Traditional Birthing Ceremony at Bear Park



Bringing the Four Nations together for an event centred around birth carries a special meaning. In Maskwacis, the Nations share strong cultural and kinship connections, and community-led approaches to maternal and child well-being have long emphasized the importance of combining cultural knowledge with health and family supports. Research and community programs in Maskwacis have highlighted the importance of culturally informed prenatal and perinatal care, with Elders, families and community members playing an important role in sharing knowledge and supporting one





Red Deer Minor Hockey: Honours Chiefs with Official Jerseys

RDMH recently welcomed the current Chiefs for a special presentation of the Association's official jerseys featuring the organization's updated Chief logo. The jerseys were presented as a token of appreciation for the Chiefs' time, leadership and efforts toward education and understanding that allow RDMH to proudly wear and represent the Chief name.

'The organization recognizes the importance of honouring the Indigenous Peoples and communities who came before us while continuing to learn, educate and contribute to reconciliation.'



The jersey presentation represents more than a logo change—it reflects a commitment to education, respect, reconciliation and proudly representing the Indigenous community.



MIMIW SAKAHIKAN BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ



THANK YOU TO: MESC - SCN - SYSD - MCTC FOR SPONSORING





A MOTHER'S LEGACY, A FAMILY'S STRENGTH: THE MONTOUR SPARTAN JOURNEY



Honouring Our Mother Through Strength & Resilience

• *By Krista Montour & Christopher Montour*

On August 8–9, 2026, siblings Krista and Christopher Montour took on the Spartan Races in Red Deer, Alberta, in honour and remembrance of their late mother, Roma Blanche Montour – Kamamak Iskwew (Butterfly Woman).

Their mother was a strong advocate for health and fitness throughout her life. Krista remembers watching her exercise as a child, whether through cardio, weights, or long walks with ankle weights. Even after battling cancer and entering remission, Roma continued to prioritize her health and inspire those around her. Her dedication to fitness became something her children carried forward.

The Spartan weekend became especially meaningful for the siblings. Christopher completed his first Spartan Trifecta, covering a total of 43 kilometres over 19 hours across the weekend. During his 28.2-kilometre Beast Race, he found himself ready to give up and said a prayer to his late mother. Shortly afterward, a yellow butterfly appeared in front of him, remaining nearby during his race—a moment he felt was a powerful sign that his mother was with him.



Krista completed her first Spartan Race, joining her brother for the final 5 kilometres. Together, they pushed through the challenges while honouring their mother's memory. Their journey was more than a race—it was a **celebration of family, strength, resilience and remembrance**, carrying Roma's spirit with them every step of the way.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH CONFERENCE

YOUTH EMPOWERING YOUTH

TIME TO LOCK IN

SEPTEMBER 29TH - OCTOBER 2ND, 2026
DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON WEST EDMONTON

REGISTRATION FEE: \$250.00

Saddle Lake Cree Nation Welcomes you

MC's

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Youth ages 12 - 24
- Chaperones
- Parents
- Grandparents
- Youth workers
- Social Workers
- Prevention Programs
- PMSS Programs
- Leadership
- Elders

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

- Healing through song
- Healing through dance
- Youth Entrepreneurs
- Youth Sports
- Arts sessions
- West Edmonton Mall Field Trip
- Fashion Show
- Entertainment
- AND MORE...

Please scan QR code to register

To book your accommodations please use the CODE 91H. By calling 1-780-484-0821

A Draw will be made for one lucky YOUTH

CULTURAL SUPPORTS ON SITE

For further information email slnyc2026@gmail.com

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY WALK

SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2026 AT 10 AM TO 2 PM AT THE SAMSON WILLOWVIEW BUILDING

- HONOUR WALK
- OPENING CEREMONY & WELCOMING
- COMMUNITY LUNCH & CONNECTION
- GUEST SPEAKERS & PERFORMANCES
- REFLECTION & CLOSING CEREMONY

Register online at scwprograms.com or call scw (780)-585-3634

PIGEON LAKE

SCN Community Engagement

September 21, 2026
10:00AM-2:00PM
Ma-Me-O Beach Community Hall

Join Samson Cree Nation Leadership for updates, questions, and lunch!

Open to all SCN Members

Topics of discussion

1. Alberta Separatist Update
2. Treaty Update
3. Chief & Council Transitional
4. Strategic Plan Input from Community
5. Chief Update
6. PeSakatew MOU Update
7. MESC MOU Update
8. Departmental Reports

For more info, contact Governance: 780-585-3793

SCN ELDERS Community Engagement

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

Agenda:

1. Alberta Separatist Update
2. Treaty Update
3. Chief & Council Transitional
4. Strategic Plan Input from Community
5. Chief Update
6. PeSakatew MOU Update
7. MESC MOU Update
8. Departmental Reports

Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre
10:00am - 2:00pm

- Lunch provided
- Transportation: contact the Elders Department

CONTACT SAMSON ELDERS DEPARTMENT

780-585-3012

scnelthersdept@samsoncree.com

Girls Self Esteem

Weekend

September 12 & 13, 2026

10am - 3 pm

the Whitehouse Classroom

Girls ages 12-16 yrs

Register before Sept. 10

Limited Spots Available

CONTACT:
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Kaija Saddleback
kaija.sb@samsonnwsd.com
780-585-0799

KRAAY FAMILY FARM CORN MAZE

SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2026 AT 1PM



4 TICKETS PER FAMILY
MEALS ARE PROVIDED
TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED

NATIONAL TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION DAY
2026

Samson
Community Wellness

REGISTER ONLINE AT SCWPROGRAMS.COM
OR CALL SCW (780)-585-3634



Maskwacis Minor Hockey
Association

BINGO
42 26
15 83
+ Volunteer Night!

SUNDAY | 13 SEPT, AFTERNOON
SUNDAY | 20, SEPT, EVENING

Maskwacis Minor Hockey
Bingo Night
Parent Volunteer.
Sponsorship Fundraiser for
Player's Hockey Fees

Be there no later than 5 pm.

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2BBOYS

After school
program

Who Can Apply:
• young males ages 12-21

**weekly classes every
tuesday!**

- Snacks provided!
- Transportation provided!



**What will the program
offer?**

- Skill building
- Teamwork
- Physical activity
- Mentorship



**Contact samson community
wellness**

Phone number: 780-585-3634

Samson
Community Wellness

scan here to register





FASD PREVENTION & AWARENESS DAY

Strong Families • Healthy Pregnancies • Healthy Futures

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 | **10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.** | **MHS GREENSPACE (UNDER THE CANOPY)**

≡ EVERYONE WELCOME! ≡

Pregnant women, partners, families, and interested community members are invited to join us!

COME LEARN ABOUT:

- FASD Prevention & Awareness
- Healthy Pregnancy Choices
- Alternatives to Alcohol During Pregnancy
- Prenatal Program Supports & Services
- Community Resources for Families
- Healthy Futures for Mothers and Babies

MEET YOUR FRIENDLY HEALTHCARE TEAM!
Connect with staff from Maskwaics Health Services (MHS) and Catholic Social Services (CSS) to learn about programs, supports, and services available to you and your family.

FREE HOT DOGS!
Generously donated by Jordan's No Frills

DOOR PRIZES | **REFRESHMENTS & SNACKS** | **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES** | **OPPORTUNITIES TO ASK QUESTIONS & CONNECT WITH SUPPORTS**

HOSTED BY: MASKWAICS HEALTH SERVICES (MHS) & CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (CSS)

Together we can promote healthy pregnancies, healthy families, and healthy futures.



UNDERSTANDING FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME (FASD)

What FASD is and how it affects the brain and body
Common strengths and challenges of people living with FASD
Strategies to support children, youth, and adults with FASD
Pregnancy and alcohol: understanding prevention
Community resources and available supports
Questions and open discussion

Pigeon Lake Health Center
Sept 9, 2026
10AM-2PM

FASD is a lifelong disability that affects the brain and body following prenatal alcohol exposure. Every person with FASD is unique and has their own strengths, gifts, and support needs. There is no known safe amount, safe time, or safe type of alcohol during pregnancy. Early understanding, appropriate supports, and a caring community can improve outcomes for people living with FASD.



ATTENTION! EVERY THURSDAY IS..

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

MASKWAICS MENTAL HEALTH & PHYSICAL WELLNESS HOUR

EVERY THURSDAY 4PM-6PM AGES: 14-19

FACILITATORS: CHRIS MONTOUR

Samson Community Wellness

MARVEL



Healing Through the Arts

8-WEEK PROGRAM | **AGES 13-17**

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Drawing, painting, & illustration.
- College & Zine-Making
- Photography & Basic Media
- Creative Writing and more!

Registrations are open!

Every **MONDAY** from 4-6pm located at the White Building across Willowview

For more information please visit our site or contact:

KAIJA.SB@SAMSONNWSD.COM
(780) 585-3634

Samson Community Wellness

CULTURAL BASKET

SEPTEMBER 21 - 23, 2026

10:00 - 2:00 each day

lunch provided

transportation provided

**** must fill out registration form for lunch ****

We kindly ask that you reschedule any appointments on these dates, to ensure you get the most out of the program.



INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES



TRADITIONAL PARENTING

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 15TH & 16TH, 2026

WHERE: HBMC

TIME: 10:00 - 2:00

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

REGISTRATION NEEDED FOR LUNCH

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL

JORDON @ 780-585-2254

INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES



INFORMATION SESSION & CLAIMS PROCESSING

for the

Federal Indian Hospital Claims Settlement

and

Indian Boarding Homes Class Action Settlement

September 14–15, 2026

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM daily

Samson Bingo Hall, Samson Cree Nation

*Please bring two pieces of identification
and a direct deposit form.*



For more information, contact
Deanne Kasokeo (780) 819-7083



FEDERAL INDIAN Hospital
Claims Settlement



INDIAN BOARDING HOMES
Class Action

HAWK RADIO PRESENTS



TANS' OMA ETEWYAN

"WHAT AM I SAYING?"

CALL TO TRANSLATE THE CREE WORD EVERY DAY OF
THE WEEK FOR A CHANCE TO WIN OUR WEEKLY DRAW
FOR A \$50 WALMART GIFT CARD AND HAWK RADIO
MERCHANDISE.

EVERY ENTRY IS RE-ENTERED INTO OUR END OF MONTH
DRAW FOR A \$200 CASH PRIZE!

How to play

Call Hawk Radio at **780-585-4295**
or text our cell at **780-335-9529**
with your guess to be entered in
our draw!

SEPTEMBER 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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2 MEN'S GROUP EVERY WEDNESDAY 10:00 - 2:00 ASL 5:00 - 7:00	3 MEN'S GROUP EVERY THURSDAY 10:00 - 2:00	4
7	8	FASD DAY EVENT WALK 10:00 - 12:00 9 COUPON DAY - PRENATAL, BREASTFEEDING & MPP CLIENTS	10 MEN'S GROUP EVERY THURSDAY 10:00 - 2:00	11
14	15 TRADITIONAL PARENTING 10:00 3:00 LIFE SKILL FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS TENTATIVE	16 MEN'S GROUP EVERY WEDNESDAY 10:00 - 2:00 TRADITIONAL PARENTING 10:00 - 3:00 ASL 5:00 - 7:00	17 MEN'S GROUP EVERY THURSDAY 10:00 - 2:00	18
21 CULTURAL BASKETS 10:00 2:00	22 CULTURAL BASKETS 10:00 2:00	MEN'S GROUP EVERY WEDNESDAY 10:00 - 2:00 ASL 5:00 - 7:00 23 CULTURAL BASKETS 10:00 - 2:00	24 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding & MPP Clients	25
28	29	30 OFFICE CLOSURE - ORANGE SHIRT DAY TRUTH & RECONCILIATION		

Pathways to Healthy Lifestyles Program

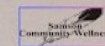
SEPTEMBER 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 6	Labour Day STAT 7	8	 1 2	3	Maskwacis & Pigeon Lake Elders Trip to the Edmonton Riverboat 8:30am - 3pm 4	 Registration Required 5
13	Louis Bull Education Center Canning 10am - 2pm 14	Samson Mobile Mental Health Canning 10am - 2pm 15	Pigeon Lake Library Canning 11am - 3pm 16	Montana Band Office Canning 10am - 2pm 17	Ermineskin Elders Center Canning 10am - 2pm 18	 19
20	21	22	Maskwacis & Pigeon Lake All Women's Sweat 11 am - 1 pm 23	Maskwacis & Pigeon Lake Mountain Day Trip to Crescent Falls 8:30am - 6:30pm 24	25	26
 27	28	29	TRC Community Walk 10am - 2pm  30			

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SEPTEMBER 2026



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www.scwprograms.com



SUNDAY AYAMIEHW KISIKAW	MONDAY PEYAK KISIKAW	TUESDAY NISO KISIKAW	WEDNESDAY NISTO KISIKAW	THURSDAY NEWO KISIKAW	FRIDAY NIYANAN KISIKAW	SATURDAY NIKOTWASIK KISIKAW
		1	2 Kohkoms Group 6-8pm @ NYI Bldg.	3 Medicine Picking @ Willowview 9:30am	4	5 SCN Rodeo @ PANEE
6 SCN Rodeo @ PANEE	7	8	9 FASD Walk from HBMC to NOK 10am	10	11	12 Girls Self Esteem
13 Girls Self Esteem	14 Jordan's Principle & Indian Hospital @ Samson Bingo Hall 9am - 3:30pm	15 MMHA Golf tournament @ Wolf Creek Jordan's Principle & Indian Hospital @ Samson Bingo Hall 9am - 3:30pm	16 Traditional Parenting 10am - 2pm @ HBMC	17	18	19
20 (SEPT. 21) SCN Community Engagement @ Mameo Comm. Hall 10am - 2pm	21 Cultural Baskets 10am - 2pm @ HBMC Belt Making @ Willowview with IRS Dept.	22 Cultural Baskets 10am - 2pm @ HBMC Entrepreneur Training @ MAA 9am - 4pm	23 Cultural Baskets 10am - 2pm @ HBMC	24	25 SCN Elders Community Engagement @ HBMC 10am - 2pm Belt Making @ Willowview with IRS Dept.	26
27	28	29 TRC Walk @ Willowview 10am - 2pm	30 Kraay Family Corn Maze Trip 1pm			

Samson Youth & Sports:

- Basketball every Monday & Wednesdays 6-8:30pm
- Volleyball every Tuesday & Thursdays 6-8:30pm
- Powwow Dance Program every Wednesday 6pm - 8pm
- Movie Nights every Wednesdays 5pm - 6pm
- Boxing Program Every Mondays & Wednesdays
- Arts & Crafts Tuesdays & Thursdays 4pm - 5:30pm

Samson Youth Initiatives:

- Roots and Wings (Every TUESDAY) 4pm to 6pm
- Walking with the Land (Every WEDNESDAY) 4pm to 6pm
- Healing through the Arts (Every THURSDAY) 4pm to 6pm

Integrated Family Services:

- ASL Sessions from 5pm to 7pm every Wednesday @ IFS Department (HBMC)
- COUPON DAY - PRENATAL, BREASTFEEDING, MPP CLIENTS (SEPT. 24 @ IFS)

Samson NNADAP:

- AA Mtgs every Thursday 12pm to 1pm @ NNADAP (TRAILER B Near Shelter)

Samson Food Bank: Soup Kitchen (Every Wednesday)

Bread Days every Tuesday & Thursdays

Samson Headstart:

Afterschool Care Tuesdays & Thursdays (3:20pm to 5pm)

Colour Legend

- *** - SYSD Dept
- *** - NYI Dept
- *** - Income/PESP Dept
- *** Samson
- *** Comm. Well
- *** IFS Dept
- *** NNADAP Dept
- *** IRS

VISION

Nipisihkopahk is sovereign and prosperous;
empowered by healthy and knowledgable
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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