

ABORIGINAL YOUTH EDUCATION DAY

ELDERS

- Hilda Nadjwan
- Marie-Claire Vignola
- Winnie Pitawanakwat
- Jerry Otowadjiwan
- Stan Peltier

OTHER PRESENTERS AND PARTICIPANTS

- Cambrian College
- City of Greater Sudbury
- City of Greater Sudbury Police Services
- Collège Boréal
- Gezhtoojig Employment and Training
- Great Lakes Cultural Camps
- Irene Makedebin
- Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute
- Laurentian University
- Mayna Toulouse
- N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (RDSB)
- Ozaawmik's Catering
- Rainbow District School Board Aboriginal Youth Leadership Group
- Regional Business Centre
- Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre
- Specialist High Skill Major Program (RDSB)
- Waubetek Business Development Corporation
- Weengushk Film Institute

A SPECIAL MIIGWETCH

We would like to extend a Chi-Miigwetch (Big Thanks!) to our Education Day supporters. It is through their belief and confidence that we are successful in bringing to the community an event that is open and welcoming to all Nations.

Through this festival we continue relationship building on a Nation to Nation belief, showcasing the longevity of the many contributions of First Peoples in the North.

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AGENDA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks • Elder Teaching on Respect • Musical presentation by Jacinthe Trudeau and Isabelle Séguin
10:35 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1 in a workshop • Group 2 exploring booths in the foyer
11:20 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1 exploring booths in the foyer • Group 2 in a workshop
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks • Elder Teaching on Respect • Musical presentation by Jacinthe Trudeau and Isabelle Séguin
1:20 p.m. - 2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1 exploring booths in the foyer • Group 2 in a workshop
2:05 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1 in a workshop • Group 2 exploring booths in the foyer



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RESPECT TEACHING

Marie-Claire Vignola is a Métis Elder at Laurentian University in the Native Student Affairs Department. Her role includes providing support for Aboriginal students (cultural, emotional, spiritual and academic). She is your Grand-maman away from home! Marie-Claire will be providing the students at the Aboriginal Youth Education Day with a teaching about Respect, one of the Seven Grandfather teachings. Marie-Claire has: an Addictions Worker Diploma from Collège Boréal, a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Ottawa (French and English Literature) and a Masters of Education from the University of Toronto.

Marie-Claire has taught at the elementary school level as well as adult education and worked as the Métis Elder at Cambrian College. Marie-Claire currently volunteers in palliative and grief support work.

FEATURED MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Jacinthe Trudeau

Jacinthe Trudeau's love affair with music began the very first time a small violin was placed in her hands. She was six years old at the time. She currently resides in Sudbury where she juggles a busy schedule as a studio musician, teacher and performer.

She brings her fresh and invigorating instrumental style to the stage and genuinely connects with audiences of all ages.

Jacinthe's unique brand of music bridges world, contemporary fiddle and classical genres. From her soulful and expressive playing, to her own feisty compositions, Jacinthe's love of fiddle music is evident in her playing.

She is the owner of her own School of music in Sudbury, Ontario, a Canadian Fiddle Champion and 2010 Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Award Winner!

Isabelle Séguin, Jacinthe's 7-year-old daughter, has been performing with her mother since the age of 3. She is crowd pleaser and loves to perform for her audience. Isabelle is a wonderful singer, fiddler, and step-dancer.



JACINTHE'S UNIQUE BRAND OF MUSIC BRIDGES WORLD, CONTEMPORARY FIDDLE AND CLASSICAL GENRES.

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WORKSHOPS

As Long as the Grass Grows

In this workshop, there will be discussion with participants about the current relevance of Treaty promises made to First Nations by governments in Canada over the past 300 years, with specific reference to the 1764 Treaty of Niagara.

Participants will have opportunity to handle Wampum Belts and engage in a question and answer session. The workshop facilitator, Maurice Switzer, is a citizen of the Mississaugas of Alderville First Nation, one of seven "signatories" to the Williams Treaty in 1923.

He has Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee and Jewish heritage and currently serves as director of communications for the Union of Ontario Indians and editor of the Anishinabek News.



Grandfather Drum

Students will participate in traditional Native male drumming instruction alongside Darren McGregor and Brad Robinson.

The workshop will focus on the importance of Native culture and tradition when it comes to conducting oneself around the sacred Grandfather Drum. There will also be a focus on the significance behind upholding this honoured tradition in a responsible manner. It is of Darren and Brad's opinion that connecting to today's Native male youth in both a traditional and social way brings them closer to the importance of furthering their education while upholding their culture and above all being active contributors to today's society.



Biish is Life

The Niwapeten N'peten Youth Mentorship Circle will be sharing their video entitled "Biish is Life", which was made through the Wisdom Keepers and Story Tellers project of the Roots & Shoots for Aboriginal Youth program, Jane Goodall Institute.



Volunteer coordinator, Melanie Smits, leads this Aboriginal Women's Sharing Circle initiative. The youth will discuss the making of the video and the technical support they received for the video by braDesigns.

Mélanie, the Aboriginal Representative of the Roots & Shoots Youth Leadership Council, will then discuss the Aboriginal components of Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots program. She will also give a Métis 101 presentation with great visuals from a Métis Education Kit.

Stages of Life Teachings

Elder Stan Peltier will focus on cultural awareness through the Stages of Life Teachings. Stanley Peltier is currently a Native Language Teacher with the Rainbow District School Board.

Stan has over twenty years experience as a classroom teacher in Aboriginal communities. He is a trained facilitator and an Elder in the Aboriginal community. Stan and his family practice an Aboriginal traditional lifestyle.



Hand Drumming Group

Ghislaine Goudreau ("G") is an Algonquin of Piwakanagan First Nation. She works as a Health Promoter for the Sudbury and District Health Unit. Gail Charbonneau is Métis and is the Métis Strategy Facilitator in the Wabnode Centre for Aboriginal Services at Cambrian College.



This workshop will offer participants, regardless of their cultural background an opportunity for an interactive experience of Aboriginal hand drumming with a focus on the Anishnaabe- Kweg Water Journey.