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Taanishi kiiyawow/hello everyone

Coming Events

Canada Day

NIMA will be downtown by the Community Centre on Canada Day. We will be offering free temporary tattoos and a rock painting activity. We will also have a table with NIMA items to purchase.

Lispaas

Stop by the office on July 7th from 1:00 - 3:00pm to work on projects that you have on the go. Come by for a cup of tea and work on your fire bag!

Mamawi

On Sunday, July 9th from 1:00pm – 3:00pm, NIMA will be hosting the next Mamawi. This month we will be learning some basic embroidery stitches that were most common for the Métis to use. The kettle will be on, feel free to just come to visit!

All Métis women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals are welcome. Children are welcome to attend and participate. If you require childminding, let us know ASAP so we can arrange for childcare.



Piihtikway

This group gives members the opportunity to finish projects you may have previously started, such as fire bags, hair tufting, beading or moccasins, or start a new project or just come and enjoy some wonderful conversation and laughs. Children are welcome to attend with an adult, but no childminding is available. We are now offering tea and snacks at Piihtikway. The next Piihtikway will take place at from 6:00 – 8:00pm at Robron on Tuesday, July 25th.

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FitNation – Geocaching

FitNation geocaching runs on Wednesdays through the summer. We will meet at the designated location each week at 10:00am. Don't forget your water bottle, hat, and sunscreen. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Geocaching 2023 Schedule

Meet up at the designated area each week at 10:00am, don't forget your water bottle!

We will head out for up to two hours. This event is for all NIMA members.

June 28th – Beaverlodge South McPhedran parking lot

July 5th – Erikson Road Willow Creek Trail entrance

July 12th – Beaverlodge Trask Road parking lot

July 19th – Baikie Island parking lot

July 26th – Beaverlodge Hilchey/Dogwood

August 16th – Erikson Willow Creek Trail entrance

August 23rd – Sims Creek Rockland Road Entrance (near Timberline)

August 30th – Beaverlodge Hilchey/Dogwood

Art by Leah Dorion

Port Hardy Cultural Evening

NIMA staff will be heading up to Port Hardy on July 14th and will be at Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre from 3:00 - 8:00pm. We will be providing dinner and bringing materials for NIMA members to start their own fire bags. This will also give members from the North Island a chance to meet our new Métis Patient Navigator, Eric de Montarnal.



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FiLoMi Days (Port Hardy)

On Saturday, July 15th, NIMA will have a table with Gina Coutts from the MNBC Early Years Program at FiLoMi Days. Stop by for a free temporary tattoo or to create beadwork inspired dot art on a rock to take home.

OrcaFest (Port McNeill)

On Saturday, August 19th, NIMA will once again share a table with Gina Coutts (MNBC Early Years Family Connections Program) at OrcaFest. Stop by for a free temporary tattoo. We look forward to seeing you there!

Let's play Ball.. PICKLEBALL & TENNIS THAT IS!

NIMA members are invited to participate in our racket ball series.
These sessions are free to all NIMA members in good standing.



Pickleball is a paddle/racket sport that combines elements of ping pong, tennis and badminton.

Pickleball dates:

Tuesdays & Thursdays,
July 11th, 13th, 18th & 20th
6:00pm -7:00pm at Robron field



Tennis dates:

Tuesdays & Thursdays,
Aug 22nd, 24th, 29th & 31st
6:00pm -7:00pm at Robron field

Email events@nimetis.com or call (250)287-7417 to register for these events.



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Did you know that when a Métis man asked for a woman's hand in marriage, their marriage was legally bound when she returned to him and gifted him a pair of moccasins?

Pucker Toe Moccasins were only one of the types of moccasins worn by the Métis. Stay tuned as we will be making Point Toe Moccasins in the future! We will be recreating many material culture pieces over the next year.

Pucker Toe Moccasin Workshop

When: August 26th & 27th
10:00-3:00

Where: At Robron Centre
Lunch will be provided.

Join us the last weekend in August to make your very own pair of Pucker Toe Moccasins.

All supplies will be included, open to all NIMA members.

Please RSVP if you can make it – 250-287-7417 or events@nimetis.com

Get Jiggy with Us

Don't forget, jigging will continue through the summer – the first Tuesday and third Thursday of every month, from 6:00 - 7:00pm at Robron and on Zoom. See the calendars at the end of the newsletter for exact dates.

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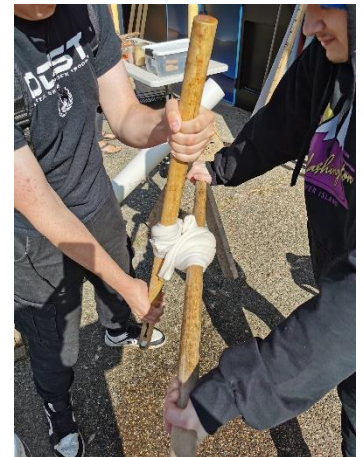
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“Riel” Talk

NIMA has been working with Métis students at the local middle and high schools this past year and has now wrapped up for summer. We look forward to working with students again in the fall. This year students have had the opportunity to gain experience tufting, loom beading, flat-stitch beading, making fish leather, creating with resin, and buckskin tanning. For more information, please reach out to the office. To see more photos, check out our website www.nimetis.com and look under the programs tab.



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Celebrating Métis Graduates

On June 3rd NIMA hosted a graduation luncheon and Sashing Ceremony. Four graduates were recognized for their dedication.



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NIMA Cultural Camping Event

Join NIMA from July 21st-23rd at Elk Falls Provincial Park Campgrounds for a weekend of connecting to culture, community, and the land. Sites open Friday, July 21st at 1:00.

Activities for the weekend will include:

Storytelling/Culture and Tipi Set-Up with Elder Bruce Dumont

Spoon Lessons with Brigette Furlonger

Plant Medicines with Corinna Stevenson

MNBC Early Years Team

Sash Weaving

Plant Identification Walk

Geocaching

Scavenger Hunt

Traditional Games

Making Barley Coffee

Lunch sandwich supplies and dinners will be provided for Friday and Saturday (hotdogs/hamburgers, salads, and camping desserts). Please bring your own breakfast foods!

A limited number of campsites have been booked (for tenting), or pop by throughout the event. We do ask that you RSVP – more information regarding sites will be provided upon registration. To register for the event please call the office – 250-287-7417 or via email – events@nimetis.com. This event is open to all NIMA members in good standing.

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						1 Canada Day Event - Downtown
2	3	4 Get Jiggy with Us - Robron/Zoom 6:00-7:00	5 FitNation Geocaching - 10:00 (Willow Creek)	6	7 Lispaas - Robron 1:00-3:00	8
9 Mamawi - Robron Embroidery 1:00-3:00	10	11 Pickleball at Robron Field Court 6:00-7:00	12 FitNation Geocaching - 10:00 (Trask Road)	13 Pickleball at Robron Field Court 6:00-7:00	14 Port Hardy Dinner and Cultural Event @SWFC 4:00-8:00	15 Flomi Days - Port Hardy
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