

March 2023 Newsletter



Did you know that NIMA staff are regularly in all the middle and high schools in Campbell River? If you have a child who is in Southgate, Phoenix, Robron, Carihi or Timberline, and you want them to be a part of our drop-in sessions, please contact us and we will let you know our schedule!

Coming Events

Mamawi

Groups run from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Conference Room at Robron Centre

Maar/March 12th Quill Plating

Avii/April 16th from 1:00 pm at Robron Centre – Sashing Our Warriors Bannock and Tea. Attendees will create Woman's Warrior Sash earrings. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE FOR THIS SESSION.**



All Métis women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals are welcome. Children are welcome to attend activities. If you and your children wish to attend and you would like for them to be minded, let us know asap and we can arrange for childcare for this time.

Pihtikway - Cultural Nights

Maar/March 28th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Robron Centre.

These gathering nights are a great opportunity to finish projects you may have previously started, such as hair tufting, beading or moccasins, start a new project or just come and enjoy some wonderful conversation and laughs. Children are welcome to attend with an adult, but childminding is not available. We are now offering tea and snacks at Pihtikway.

Try A Sport

The last session of Try A Sport will take place on March 25th. We will be meeting at the Hilchey/Dogwood corner to head into Beaverlodge Lands to try out Geocaching at 12:00 pm. Geocaching is a modern-day treasure hunt that shares many similarities to the traditional retelling of The Giving Tree by Leah Marie Dorion. If you want to learn more, you can check out www.geocaching.com. ***This is your last opportunity to be entered in the draw for the Fitbit Inspire 2***

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Port Hardy Cultural Night

NIMA will be at the Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre from 5:00 - 8:00 pm with dinner and cultural activities on Saturday, March 25th. We are hoping to be holding a harvesting session on Sunday, March 26th. More details will follow closer to the date, as this is weather dependant.

Housing and Childcare

We hope to see you at the NIMA/MNBC Housing Event on Saturday, March 18th from 12:00 – 5:00 pm at the Sportsplex in Campbell River. There will be presentations about the development and a chance to provide input. Dinner is provided, but we ask you to RSVP so we can plan for the number of people to order for. See the poster for more details.

Did You Know? - Métis Canoe (a continuation)

Voyageurs would paddle for around sixteen hours a day, stopping every hour or so for a pipe break. Their trade route could take up to 90 days and they would paddle roughly 50km a day. Songs would be sung to help keep their spirits up and to help paddle in synchrony. Canoes would have to be portaged over land and swamp to connect to the next waterway. This would require carrying all their goods and canoe across land, sometimes up mountainsides. Voyageurs had to be able to carry at least two 90lb bundles at a time, one man was known to be able to carry seven!

When the days paddling was over, the canoe would be turned on its side to offer shelter for the men while they slept. Furs or moss would be laid down to create a bedding and a tarp could be used in bad weather to offer more protection. The men would spend their evenings telling stories and singing songs by the fire, until it was time for bed. The next day would begin at 3:00 am!

To be continued next newsletter...

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Chi miigwetch (huge thanks) to Good Earth Farms Seeds for your donation of seeds, as well as putting together the order that went into our food hampers! There will be a seed table at the upcoming housing event for anyone that would like to add to their garden collection this year!

Are you a NIMA member who is looking for a career supporting your Métis community? Stop by with a resume between Tuesday-Thursday from 10:00-1:00. Please address your resume and cover letter to Jackie Lever, Executive Director.



You may have noticed the new header for the newsletter – NIMA has been busy updating our website and it is featuring our NEW North Island Métis Sash. We hope to debut our new sash, in person, at an upcoming event. Check out the updated website and let us know if you have any suggestions!



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Get Jiggy with Us!

6:00pm - 7:00pm on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of every month.

Learn how to dance along to the Red River Jig, Heel Toe Polka, Sash Dance and more.

Participants will learn a couple basic steps, as well as many fancy steps, so you will be ready to jig the next time the fiddle starts playing!

Participants who regularly attend the events below receive

A FREE PAIR OF MANITOBAH MUKLUKS MOCCASINS.



No experience necessary. All sessions will be tailored to participant ability levels.

Join us in person, at Robron Centre, or on Zoom (posted on our website).

2023 Free Moccasin Jigging Dates:

January 19 th	April 4 th & 20 th	July 4 th & 20 th	October 3 rd & 19 th
February 7 th & 16 th	May 2 nd & 18 th	August 17 th	November 7 th
March 7 th & 16 th	June 6 th & 15 th	September 5 th & 21 st	December 5 th

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Housing and Childcare Development Engagement Event

NIMA & MNBC have partnered to build a housing and childcare development at 834 South Island Highway in Campbell River. We want you to provide input on the development in order to help inform the uses, services, and housing types we should explore to meet your needs.

GAMES

PRIZES!!!

**CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES**

**CATERED
DINNER**

**SCAVENGER
HUNT**

Saturday, March 18th

12:00PM - 5:30PM

Campbell River Sportsplex (1800 South Alder)

RSVP REQUESTED

**Please RSVP to events@nimetis.com, call (250) 287-7417 or drop by during
NIMA's office hours. Number of attendees**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1	2	3	4
					Drop-in Mental Health Support Services with Kelsey from MNBC 10:30-2:30		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
		Jigging – Robron and Zoom 6:00-7:00					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Mamawi –Gull Plating Robron 1:00-3:00			Jigging – Robron and Zoom 6:00-7:00			MNBC Housing Event at the Sportsplex 12:00-5:00	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
						Geocaching – Meet at Hitehey Road/Dogwood 12:00-1:00	
						Port Hardy Dinner and Cultural night 5:00-8:00 at SWFC	
26	27	28	29	30	31		
Harvesting Event in Port Hardy? (details to follow)		Piitlikway (Pee-lik-way) – Robron 6:00-8:00					

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Spring - Praentaan

Porcupine – aen portipik

Forest – li graan bwaa

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2		3 Get Jiggy with Us Robron/Zoom 6:00-7:00	4	5	6 Vaantarjii Saen/Good Friday	7	8
							9
9 li Zhoor di Paak/Easter		10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Mamawi – Sashing Our Warriors Bannock and Tea at Robron 1:00-3:00		17	18	19 Get Jiggy with Us Robron/Zoom 6:00-7:00	20	21	22
23 AGM at Robron – more details to follow		24 Pihilikway at Robron 6:00-8:00	25	26	27	28	29
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April Fools – Pwasoon
d'Avrii

Easter – li Zhoor di Paak

Rabbit – aen Ivayv

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