

February 2023 Newsletter



Coming Events

Mamawi

Maar/March 12th at 1:00 pm at Robron Centre – Porcupine 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 2SLGBTQIAA+ 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

Fevriyii/February 28th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Robron Centre.

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. Come join us and get help with your Métis projects. You can also start a new project, as we will have supplies and a teacher available.

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.

**This is your last opportunity to get entered to win the Fitbit Inspire 2!
The draw will take place on March 30th.**

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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.

Mental Health Drop In

March 3rd, Kelsey Todd will be back for drop-in mental health support services from 10:30-2:30 pm at Robron Center, Room A124.

March 17th, NIMA is hosting drop-in health support services with Yvonne Houssin from MNBC between 12:00 – 2:00 pm at the Robron Center, Room A124.

Did You Know? - Métis Canoe (a continuation from January newsletter)

Journeys were dangerous, as the birch bark canoe could not withstand crashing into rocks, stumps or the ground with too much force. The canoes were not very stable and required men to sit still while paddling. This meant they had to be fast at steering and maneuvering the 36-foot canoe when obstacles would appear out of the waves. The canoes could be repaired on the go, provided it wasn't any major damage. Most voyageurs did not know how to swim, which unfortunately led to many men not making it back home.

To be continued next newsletter...

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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

A124 – 740 ROBRON ROAD
CAMPBELL RIVER, BC V9W 6J7
250-287-7417
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ISLAND
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**MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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 units we should explore to meet your needs.

GAMES

**HOUSING AND
CHILDCARE INFO**

**CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES**

**SCAVENGER
HUNT**

PRIZES!!!

**CATERED
DINNER**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH
12:00PM - 5:00PM
CAMPBELL RIVER SPORTSPLEX (1800 SOUTH ALDER)**

RSVP BY MARCH 11TH

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

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Fevriyii/February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Jigging at Robron & Zoom 6:00-7:00			Drop-in Mental Health Support Services with Kelsey from MNBC 10:30-2:30	Velocity Driving Range 1:00-2:00 (Please RSVP)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mamawi – Red Dress Earnings 1:00-3:00			Jigging at Robron & Zoom 6:00-7:00			Kayhkway Chi Miichihk @Robron 11:00-3:30
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				
		Pilhitikway (Pee-tik-way) (monthly) – Robron 6:00-8:00				

EVENTS

Eat - [mitssho](#)

I love you – [ki shaakihitii](#)

Health – [la saantii](#)

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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 Hiltchey 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-tik-way) – Robron 6:00-8:00				

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Spring - Praentaan

Porcupine – aen portipik

Forest – li graan bwaa

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Avrii/April 2023

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2		3 Get Jiggy with Us Robron/Zoom 6:00-7:00	4	5	6 Vaantarjii Saen/Good Friday	8
9 Li Zhoor di Paak/Easter		10	11	12	13	14
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
23 AGM at Robron – more details to follow		24 Pihtikway at Robron 6:00-8:00	25	26	27	28
30						29

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April Fools – Pwason
d'Avrii

Easter – li Zhoor di Paak

Rabbit – aen Ivayv

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