

March 2022 Newsletter



Taanishi kiiyawow? (How are you?),

Present and Future Events

Registration is open for NIMA's **Elders Conference** on Saturday, March 19th, 2022. The event will be **in person**, so the conference will be limited seats at Robron Centre.

The day will include cultural activities, health info and a workshop with Elder Bruce Dumont and Kathi Camilleri. This free event is open to all NIMA members. We request that participants plan to be in attendance the entire day.

Please register asap to ensure you get a seat. If you are interested in participating in the conference, please complete the registration form (www.nimetus.com/events.html) or ask for a paper copy from the NIMA office.

NIMA now has an **Instagram for Métis youth**. This account will have posts and information that are directed for the youth within our community. Please give the account a follow and stay informed on the upcoming programs and events. The Instagram name is @youthnima.

The first **NIMA Youth Meeting** planned for March 8th has been postponed. We will post details for the rescheduled event asap.

NIMA is offering **free tutoring services** for K-12 Métis students. Students can come for help with homework, assignments, studying, resume building, applications, interview preparation and scholarship writing. The sessions will take place on Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:00-5:00pm at the Robron Centre. Tutoring sessions are cancelled for Spring Break (March 15th, 17th, 22nd & 24th).

Starting March 8th, NIMA will be running the "**New Week, New Sport**" program. Each Tuesday, a new sport or activity will be taught. All ages are welcome, and no experience is necessary. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Come discover and expand your physical literacy and passion for physical activity.

Schedule

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9:00am - Doors Open
9:30am - Openings

- Icebreaker games
- Health and Physical activity presentation
- Cultural activity
- Lunch
- Workshop with Elder Bruce Dumont and Kathi Camilleri
- Brainstorming session for Elders group

3:15pm - Closings

March 8 th 5-6pm Basketball @ Sportsplex	March 15 th 4-5pm Skating @ Strathcona Gardens	March 22 nd 12-1pm Swimming @ Strathcona Gardens	March 29 th 5-6pm Survival/Nature Skills @ Robron Centre
April 5 th 5-6pm Soccer @ Sportsplex	April 12 th 5-6pm Disc Golf @ Sportsplex	April 19 th 5-6pm Teepee Set-up @ Robron Centre	April 26 th 5-7pm Mini Games and BBQ @ Robron Centre

To stay up-to-date on resources and future events by visiting our website and following our social media.

Website: www.nimetus.com
Facebook: @Northislandmetisassociation
Instagram: @Northislandmetis @youthnima

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What We Were Up To Recently...

On Saturday February 26th, NIMA hosted a Women's Conference at Robron Centre. The day was full of cultural activities, presentations and laughter. We'd like to thank everyone for attending and for inspiring the direction of our future Women's Group. If you are interested in joining the group, watch our Facebook and Instagram account for more information.



COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests

NIMA has free COVID-19 rapid antigen test devices available for members. If you think you may have COVID-19 and would like a test to confirm if you do, please call or email us. We can arrange to get you a test kit in a manner that is safe for everyone. PLEASE DO NOT DROP BY THE OFFICE TO GET A KIT. NIMA is not responsible for any issues, problems or health concerns connected with using one of these tests.

MNBC Funding

If you are looking for funding for K-12 students, home renovations (Elders only), rent supplement and more, make sure you are a Métis Nation BC member so that you are eligible for the many grants available. Go to <https://www.mnbc.ca/portal/dashboard/> for a list of programs.

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