

July 2022 Newsletter



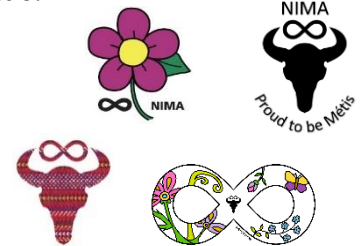
Taanishi kiiyawow? (How are you?),

What We Have Been Up To...



On Sunday, June 12th, NIMA hosted a Sashing Ceremony for our 2022 Métis graduates. Each grad received a sash, a photo of the sashing, information about the ceremony and a NIMA picnic blanket. There was door prize of a \$100 gift card which was won by Ariana McIntosh. Congratulations to all the 2022 grads.

NIMA was at Spirit Square in Campbell River for the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration on June 21st. We handed out free temporary tattoos and had NIMA merchandise for sale. Check out our tattoo images to the right.



On July 1st, NIMA attended the Canada Day celebrations downtown Campbell River. Thanks to Michael and Nathan Dumont for the tipi transportation and set up lead. We had NIMA merchandise for sale and gave out our temporary tattoos.

NIMA hosted a tipi set up session at the Robron Centre on Saturday, July 9th. Thank you to Bruce Dumont for sharing his knowledge. We are looking for community members who are interested in assisting in setting up the tipi for future events. If you would like to volunteer as part of the tipi team, please contact the office.

On Sunday, July 10th we had our second Mamawi gathering. We welcome any Métis women and 2SLGBTQIAA+ community to attend. Children who wish to participate are welcome. If you require childcare, please let us know. This month we worked on our beading, and it was great to connect and plan future events. Our August meeting is cancelled due to summer vacation. Our next session will be September 11th, Mara Kersey will teach us the art of hair tufting. Everyone is welcome. The event starts at 1:00 pm and will take place at the Robron Centre in Campbell River.

We hosted a river fishing event as part of NIMA's Try-A-Sport program on Saturday, July 16th. Tulsa Masee taught some fishing basics. No fish were caught but we are ready and excited for the next event!

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Notices

NIMA's office will be closed for Summer Break from August 1-12. We will return on August 17th.

Dried medicinal plants are now available for NIMA members. We have sage, mint, Labrador tea, spruce tips and stinging nettle. All items were harvested, dried, and donated by NIMA member Dean Wilson. Information about the medicines will be provided. To schedule a pick up, please call 250-287-7417 or email office@nimetis.com.

Coming Events – For information and registration, email events@nimetis.com

NIMA is hosting “Family Fitness Fun Nights”. These fitness nights will take place at Robron in Campbell River from 5:00-6:00 pm. Event dates are:

Tuesday, July 19th

Friday, August 5th

Monday, August 8th

Wednesday, July 27th

Saturday, August 6th

NIMA is offering events in Port McNeill/Port Hardy on July 23rd & 24th.

Saturday, July 23rd starts with free archery lessons for members at the Broughton Sports Club near Port McNeill from 10:00 am–1:00 pm. Then at 4:00 pm, a Movement Exercise Session will be held at Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre. The session is for all ages and abilities. Following the session, a dinner will be provided to members and their families at 5:00 pm. Thanks to Sacred Wolf for allowing us to use the space for these two events.

On Sunday, July 24th, the day starts with a Movement Session at 9:00 am at Sacred Wolf, and then at 10:30 am, Dean Wilson will show how to set up a tipi.

On Saturday, July 30th, NIMA is hosting a 2-hour kayaking session in Campbell River as a part of the Try-A-Sport program. This is free for NIMA members. Spots are limited so register early.



The “Métis Healing Journey” event will take place August 20-23. This is a three-night trip to Cortes Island where participants will get to go fishing, hiking, hear storytelling and connect with community members. There are limited spots available. Please note NIMA members will be given priority for seats.

Orcafest 2022 is happening in Port McNeill on Saturday, August 20th. NIMA will be there with Gina Coutts, MNBC's Family Connections Navigator for Vancouver Island. Come by, say hi, get some NIMA merchandise and one of our free temporary tattoos as seen in this newsletter.

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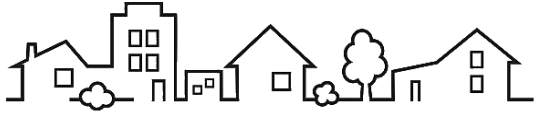
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Housing and Child Care



begin building. Although you can not see any physical changes happening on the land, we have begun the process. This is great news and couldn't be done without our fabulous partners mentioned above.

We have been working closely with M'akola Development Services and MNBC to get agreements and funding clarified. This allows contractors to start surveying and completing various reports required to

NIMA will conduct some community engagement around housing needs in the Fall. We are putting together a questionnaire for our members that will assist us in determining the specific and current housing needs of the community so we can make sure our building plans meet the needs of our members. Make sure your contact information is up to date so that we can contact you for input.

Other Events

THE MÉTIS NATION ON VANCOUVER ISLAND AND IN POWELL RIVER INVITE YOU TO THE

Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY:

COMPAIGNI V'NI DANSI | SUMMER SAGE ED PEEKEEKOOT | CALVIN CAIRNS

COWICHAN EXHIBITION PARK

GATES OPEN 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

FOR MORE INFORMATION: TC10W34@PMAIL.COM FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: [@VIMRendezvous](https://www.facebook.com/VIMRendezvous)

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NORTH ISLAND MÉTIS ASSOCIATION | POWELL RIVER MÉTIS NATION
THE MÉTIS NATION OF GREATER VICTORIA

Métis Society of Cowichan Valley

Admission will be by donation and camping will be available for \$20/night on Friday and Saturday only

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Family Fitness
Fun Nights

Archery;
Exercise session;
Community
Dinner

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Exercise session;
Tipi Set-up

Family Fitness
Fun Nights

Kayaking

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AUGUST 2022

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 |
| | | | Nature Walk | | Family Fitness Fun Nights | Family Fitness Fun Nights |
| 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | Family Fitness Fun Nights | | Canyon View Hike | | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| MAMAWI CANCELLED FOR THIS MONTH | | | | | | Healing Journey OrcaFest 2022 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Healing Journey | Healing Journey | Healing Journey | | | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
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