

# Enkamgak



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## The Nipissing Warriors: Identity and belonging on and off the ice

*Glenna Beaucage, Joan McLeod Shabogesic, Katrina Srigley, and Erin Dokis\**

The first oral history-focused research that Glenna Beaucage and Katrina Srigley completed together on Nbisiing territory was a history of the Nipissing Warriors hockey team [1]. This project started in 2010 when Chief Marianna Couchie asked us to focus on sharing the history of this team. We were at this stage because over five years Katrina had spent time on territory, sitting with Elders and knowledge holders and learning about how to do research in a good way. When we started working together, we had no major research questions, no ten-point plan (though Katrina admits that she still really wanted one), or money from a large granting agency. We took direction from Chief and Council about what research needed to be done to foster the needs and interests of

Nbisiing Nishnaabeg. What we did not realize in 2010 was that the dibaajimowinan (everyday stories) that were shared with us about the Nipissing Warriors would teach us about far more than hockey.

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[1] We say gchi-miigwech to the following people for sharing stories with us through interviews: Ron Avery, Garnett Avery, Blair Beaucage, Blake Beaucage, Glenna Beaucage, Elaine Commanda, June Commanda, Les Couchie, Frank Couchie, Jack Couchie, Charley Hebert, Jason Laronde, Darrell McLeod, Larry McLeod, Kathleen McLeod, Melvin McLeod, Chief Scott McLeod, Henry Penasse, Mike Penasse, Ashely Porter, Helen Restoule, Tina Restoule ban, Earl Restoule, Randy Sawyer, John Sawyer, Muriel Sawyer ban, Tom Sawyer, Dave Shawana, Russell Shabogesic, Ray Trepanier.

We say gchi-miigwech to Les Couchie for sharing his extensive record of newspaper clippings, memorabilia, and photographs, to Steve Commanda for gathering the names of people in the community photograph, and to Ed Regan for restoring the quality of this important image. Our work with these stories continues in Gaa Bi Kidwaad Maa Nbisiing where we will share more aspects of the history of the Nipissing Warriors.

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## The Nipissing Warriors: Identity and belonging on and off the ice (con't)



*Nipissing Warriors Championship Team, 1965, photograph courtesy of Culture and Heritage, Nipissing First Nation.*

The Nipissing Warriors were an all-Nishnaabeg ice hockey team that grew from nation members who skated on the ponds, lakes, and rivers of the territory long before they entered hockey rinks. In the earliest years, skates did not have boots, but were tied to footwear. They were used for fun and for travel to check traplines or visit one another. Can you imagine the strength and fitness required to skate out to Iron Island and back for fun?

By the 1950s, organized local hockey leagues were established on Nbisising territory and by 1965 a Nishnaabeg team of status and non-status Nipissing First Nation, Dokis First Nation players, as well as a one or two non-Nishnaabeg players were playing in the area Industrial Hockey League. The Nishnaabeg members of the team also travelled across the province to play in all-Indigenous inter-reserve hockey, which was also expanding in these years.

These early teams were established because of the leadership of Chief Ted Commanda, who worked with a number of community members to develop a team. Over the course of a year, they strategized, hammered out the details of the team,

and recruited young men. While they were also supported by the Nipissing Homemakers Club, the men secured their first formal sponsor in 1965. The Holiday Inn, a popular local hotel and bar, was happy for the advertising and business that came with the before and after game patronage. And, as it turned out, Cecil Cosgrove's hotel benefited greatly from this relationship. The Warriors were darn good and popular among fans for their swift and hard-hitting play. They won the league championship that first year. This photograph taken shortly after their big win reveals much you might expect of a championship team: trophies in the hands of the captain and most valuable player, wide smiles and sweaty brows, the Chief standing solemnly and proudly to the right. Yet, the people surrounding the team also tell an important story. They are laughing and cheering, posing thoughtfully, and, by their very presence in the image, registering their support of their team. Do you see the laughing ladies second and third row down, centre right? Everybody seems to remember them. They were die-hard fans. They attended every game and had no problem letting the referees know with their voices, and incidentally their handbags, how they felt about on-ice calls.

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## E-GIIGDOWAAD CHIEF & COUNCIL

March 7 @ 7:30 p.m. in Duchesnay  
March 21 @ 7:30 p.m. in Garden Village

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## The Nipissing Warriors: Identity and belonging on and off the ice (con't)

In the group of children crowded directly behind the team are future players and community leaders. Together these people, the players and community members, are the heart of the Warriors' story, and important to our understanding of the lessons that these stories hold for us all as we think about the present and look to the future.

By the early 1970s, the Nipissing Warriors had their own logo designed by Ricky Sawyer ban. They continued to be remarkably successful team, winning often and with very high scores: 36–3 or 19–2 were not uncommon victories. As one committed fan remembered, 'The other team got on the ice basically knowing they were going to lose. That was how good that team was' [2]. The 1972 team pictured here also won everything it was possible to win in that season, including making it to the national competition for inter-reserve hockey in Thunder Bay.

Given the success of the Warriors, it was no surprise that Chief Couchie wanted us to document their history. Yet, as we conducted interviews with former players and fans, we came to realize that what was being emphasized was not hockey; rather we were listening to dibaajimowinan



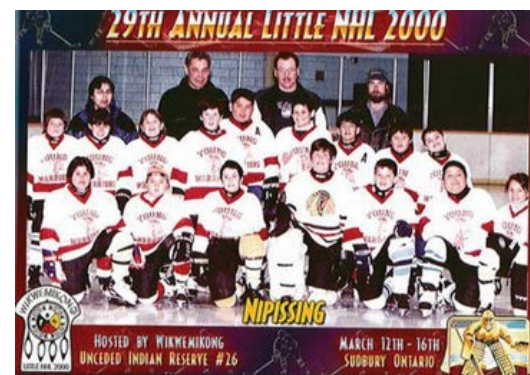
(everyday stories) that highlighted the importance of the Warriors teams to identity and belonging for former players and fans across the territory [3].

There are a variety of reasons that this became clear as we listened to dibaajimowinan. First, through their stories Nbisiing Nishnaabeg emphasized that the Nipissing Warriors brought people together. This included Nishnaabeg kin who otherwise found themselves divided on reserves by the spatial violence of colonialism. Across Turtle Island, reserve land was/is often the worst land, and when not, it was/is continuously and often illegally encroached on for settlement, infrastructure (railways and roads), and resource extraction (timber, fishing, mining). In Nbisiing Nishnaabemwin the word for reserve is shkongon or that which is left over.

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[2] Charley Hebert, *The Nipissing Warriors*, documentary, Regan Pictures, 2015, [nipissingu.ca/warriors](http://nipissingu.ca/warriors) (last accessed 15 February, 2023).

[3] For important contributions to historical conversations about sport, colonialism, identity, and belonging, see: Allan Downey, *The Creator's Game: Lacrosse, Identity, and Indigenous Nationhood* (Vancouver, B.C.: UBC Press, 2018); Evan J. Habkirk and Janice Forsyth, 'Truth, Reconciliation, and the Politics of the Body in Indian Residential School History', *Active History*, <http://activehistory.ca/papers/truth-reconciliation-and-the-politics-of-the-body-in-indian-residential-school-history/>, last accessed 12 March, 2020; Janice Forsythe and A. Giles, eds., *Aboriginal Peoples and Sport in Canada: Historical Foundations and Contemporary Issues* (Vancouver, B.C.: UBC Press, 2013); Basil Johnston, *Indian School Days* (Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 1988).



1972 Nipissing Warriors Hockey Team, photograph courtesy of Culture and Heritage, Nipissing First Nation



## The Nipissing Warriors: Identity and belonging on and off the ice (con't)

The Indian Act defined (and defines, though in amended form since these years) who has status and, therefore, permission to live on reserve and in community. This highly invasive and colonial federal law separates people who are kin, and in the process erodes identity and belonging [4].

Irrespective of the legacies and realities of these colonial frameworks, the Nipissing Warriors hockey team included everyone: players who were status and non-status, those from Dokis and Nipissing First Nations, as well as from nearby North Bay. It united youth within Nipissing First Nation who did not know one another very well. Unlike today, it was not easy to travel from Duchesnay to Garden Village. The occasional non-Indigenous player connected with the Nipissing community also played. Community members laughingly shared that EVEN the Catholic priest Father Van Hee took to the ice for the occasional local game [5]. He was welcomed, though during those games players felt more compelled to apologize for their swearing. For non-status Nishnaabeg players on the team, it was particularly important to emphasize that when Chief Fred McLeod Jr. ignored colonial status designations and enacted kinship ties to put players on the Warriors' roster he had a lasting impact on their sense of identity and belonging.

This experience of relationship to community continued in the arena, which was always packed to the rafters when the Warriors played. According to the fans, on game night house lights were always out across the territory. In this space, Elders, aunties, uncles, and youth cheered on the team. They felt pride and the players realized that. It made them play harder. Nbisiiing Nishnaabemwin could also be heard in the stands, particularly when the Elders discussed the events of the week or gave directions to be taken to the players on the bench or in the penalty box.

Former player, Elder John Sawyer remembers being told, 'You can't score from the penalty box!' [6] The use of Nishnaabemwin was important. As Nishnaabemwin steward and then Deputy Chief Muriel Sawyer explained, '[we were] in a public facility in a non-Native facility and using our language freely and not really looking around to see if it was okay. It was very empowering'! [7] That team brought people together and, in the process, created a sense of belonging and strengthened identity for everyone involved. Kinship connections were fostered in the arena and on and off the ice. Speaking about it in the language "enhance[d] and secure[d] that identity." [8]

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[4] This is a complicated history that requires far more time and space than we can give it here. The reserve system is one example among many of the ways in which the Indian Act and colonialism divided communities and impacted identity and belonging. Gchi-miigwech to Elder Peter Beaucage, language steward and Deputy Chief Muriel Sawyer, and Elder John Sawyer for teachings on this history. See: Karl Hele, ed., *This is Indian Land: the 1850s Robinson Treaties* (Winnipeg, MB: Aboriginal Issues Press, 2016); Bob Joseph, *21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act: Helping Canadians Make Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples a Reality* (Port Coquitlam, B.C.: Indigenous Relations Press, 2018); Bonita Lawrence, 'Real' Indians and Others: Mixed-Blood Urban Native Peoples and Indigenous Nationhood (Lincoln, NB: University of Nebraska Press, 2004); Katrina Srigley, 'I am a proud Anishinaabekwe': Issues of Identity and Status in Northern Ontario after Bill C-31', in *Finding a Way to the Heart: Feminist Writings on Aboriginal and Women's History in Canada*, eds. Robin Jarvis Brownlie and Valerie J. Korinek (Winnipeg, MB: University of Manitoba Press, 2012), 241–266; Alex Williams (director), *The Pass System*, documentary, Tamarack Productions, 2015.

[5] Katrina Srigley and Glenna Beaucage, interview with John Sawyer, North Bay, ON, 22 November, 2010.

[6] Elder John Sawyer, conversation with Katrina Srigley, 5 March, 2015.

[7] Muriel Sawyer, *The Nipissing Warriors*.

[8] Katrina Srigley in conversation with John Sawyer, 14 February, 2023.

**The Nipissing Warriors: Identity and belonging on and off the ice (con't)**

Today, this sense of kinship, of identity and belonging, as well as stories of remarkable success continue at the Little NHL. The gathering is about “feeling good about what you accomplish”. It is “about education, sportsmanship, and respect.” The logo itself holds many important teachings, “you are playing for the pride on that jersey, for your family members, your cousins, your brothers, your sisters, your aunts, your uncles, you’re playing for the pride of Nipissing.”<sup>[9]</sup> The Warriors continue to bring community together, instill pride, provide a sense of belonging, and establish connections on and off the ice. Go Warriors go!

<sup>[9]</sup> Melvin McLeod, Dave Shawana, Jason Laronde, and Darrell McLeod, The Nipissing Warriors.

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Jan 2023: Zachary Beaudette

# Miigwech, from SickKids



In 2018, Makenzy ban and Wendy Lariviere started a holiday tradition of donating gift bags to bring a smile to teens who were admitted to SickKids during the holidays. The first gift bags were purchased using his NFN Christmas Distribution money.

During the Village Market in 2022, Wendy and Debbie Beaucage sold items and used the proceeds for the gift bags.



The gift bags included \$25 Xbox gift cards (in memory of Makenzy ban), a decoration, an earbud case, and a Kleenex box. Over \$1,100 was raised allowing them to purchase 32 gift bags! The remaining funds were used to purchase Tim Horton gift cards for parents.

Chi-miigwech to everyone who helped support this initiative!



SickKids Nurses on 8B Bone Marrow Transplant Ward

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As per Nipissing First Nation hiring procedures, the following steps are used for screening and recruitment processes.

- 1st round postings are open to all NFN members.
- 2nd round postings are open to registered members of other First Nations and spouses of registered NFN members.
- 3rd round postings are open to all applicants (status and non-status).

Nipissing First Nation members are encouraged to apply to all rounds of employment postings.

As per Section 24(1)(a) of the Ontario Human Rights Code, Nipissing First Nation gives preference to First Nation applicants for any employment opportunities.



### **Child & Youth Prevention Worker** – Full Time / Permanent

1st Round Closes Friday, March 3, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round Closes Friday, March 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, March 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

### **Culture and Heritage Coordinator** – Full Time / Permanent

1st Round Closes Friday, February 24, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round Closes Friday, March 3, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, March 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

### **Director, Infrastructure and Planning** – Full Time / Permanent

Open to all qualified applications until filled

### **Registered Early Childhood Educator** – Full Time / Permanent

Permanent

Open to all qualified applications until filled

### **Child Care Supervisor** – Full Time / Permanent

1st Round Closes Friday, February 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round Closes Friday, February 24, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, March 3, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

### **Janitor / Custodian** – Full Time / Permanent

1st Round Closes Friday, February 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round Closes Friday, February 24, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, March 3, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

### **Bussing Supervisor** – Full Time / Permanent

1st Round Closes Friday, February 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round Closes Friday, February 24, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, March 3, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

### **Housing Maintenance Custodian** – Full Time / Permanent

1st Round Closes Friday, February 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round Closes Friday, February 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, February 24, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

### **First Nation Representative** – Full Time / Permanent

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### **Nishnaabemwin Coordinator** – Full Time / Permanent

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THURSDAY, MARCH  
**30**  
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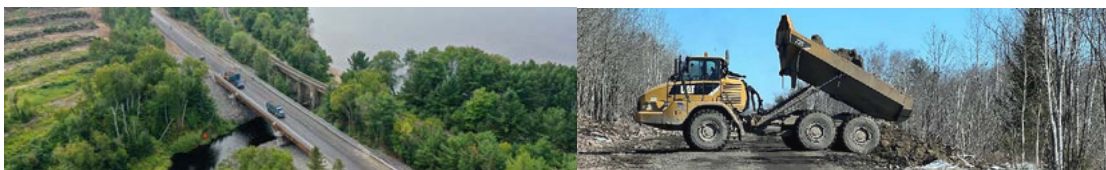
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**MARCH 9**

**1:00 - 2:30 P.M.**

**DIGITAL MARKETING & ONLINE PRESENCE**

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**MARCH 16**

**1:00 - 2:30 P.M.**

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Business Development Advisor

BDO Canada

**MARCH 23**

**1:00 - 2:30 P.M.**

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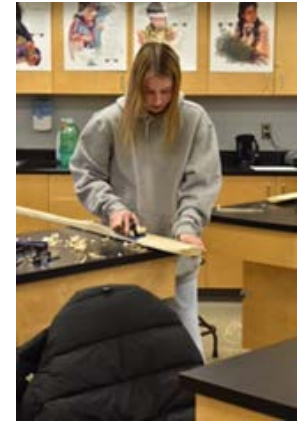
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## Gwajjin Kinoomaagewin

### Outdoor Education

#### Paddle Carving

Students spend days hand carving and designing canoe paddles in Outdoor Education.



#### So much sewing!

Our Grade 10 Indigenous Studies course sewed leather mittens and our Grade 11 Contemporary FNMI Voices class sewed moccasins in their classes. The students have been encouraged to be mindful of this traditional aspect of the Culture as they experience the skill(s) that have been passed down, for thousands of years, generation-to-generation.



#### Tikinaagan Making

Albina's Raising Healthy Children class participated in a tikinaagan making workshop to coincide with their learning. Rodney St. Denis was invited to share a teaching about the importance of the tikinaagan and supplied the class with the materials and teachings on how to create a tikinaagan.

# ZHOOSHKWAADWAG KIDWINAN (HOCKEY WORDS)

## ZHOOSHKWAADWAG KIDWINAN HOCKEY CLOTHING

- Zhooshkwaade-mshkimod - Hockey bag
- Zhooshkwaade Nagbezhaagan - Hockey Pants
- Zhooshkwaade Babgiwyaan - Hockey Shirt
- Zhooshkwaade Zhignan - Hockey Socks
- Zhooshkwaade Mtig (oon) - Hockey Stick(s)
- Zhooshkwaade Mjikaawinag - Hockey Gloves
- Zhooshkwaade Tibaabii (roll) - Hockey Tape
- Kaandoo Nabezhaagan - Goalie Pants
- Zhooshkwadaagnak - Skates
- Zhooshkwaade Naabdoowaajganan - Skate laces
- Mowebigan - Puck

### Biiskaw zhooshkwaadaagnag

*Put your skates on*

### Dkopni zhooshkwaadaagnak

*Tie your skates*

## PEOPLE

- Zhooshkwaadejik - Hockey Player
- Zhooshkwaade kowaabjige nini - Referee (watching man)
- Engaabtood - Goaltender
- E-kandood - Defense
- E-niigaangaabwid - Forward
- E-naanaawigaabwid - Center

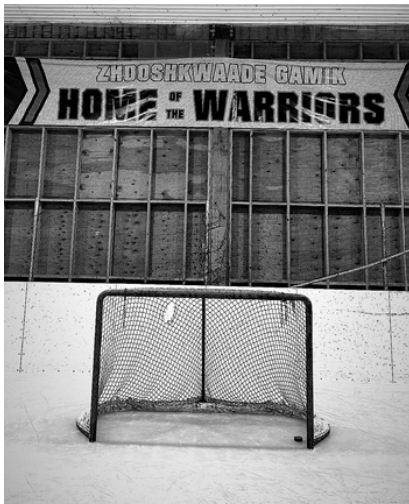


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## ZHOOSHKWAADWAG KIDWINAN ARENA

- Gbaakodii gamgoons - Penalty Box (little jail)
- Aanskonye Keskong - Change Room
- Bagsag(oog) - Board(s)
- Dabagiswaan - Clock
- Mkwam - Ice
- Zhooshkwaade sab - Hockey net
- Mbagsag Gindaagsa - Score Board

## THE GAME

- Biingewebaan - S/he scores
- Gii-biingewebaan - S/he shot it in / scored
- Ptiteyan - S/he shoots
- Bminaashkawi - Chase him/her
- Aagooshkwaa - Block him/her
- Ngaaptoon/gaaweban - Stop it
- Zhiwebnan - Pass it
- Zhiwebnamaa - Pass it to him/her
- Bi-zhiwebnan - Pass it to me
- Pkiteyan - Shoot
- Ketin Zhooshkwaaden - Skate fast
- Ngii-pkinaagemin - We won
- Ngii-pkinaagoomin - We lost

**Wenen epkinaaget?** *Who's winning?*

**Nbiising niigaaniiwak** *Nipissing is winning*

**Wenen gaa-biingewebaan?** *Who scored?*

**Ted gii-biindgeweban** *Ted scored*



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## MARCH 12-16, 2023



**Opening Ceremony @ 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 12**

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# NFN LNHL

## Pre-Tournament Night

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

6 - 8 P.M.

NFN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

### VOLUNTEERS

#### NORTH ENTRANCE

(New lobby wing)

Miigwech to those who volunteered for LNHL 2023!

All volunteers have been contacted by phone or email to confirm that they are a volunteer.

Confirmed volunteers can pick up their volunteer packages and travel advances.

### LNHL Players

#### GYM COMPLEX

Safety messages from Anishinabek Police Services

Pizza and refreshments

### Wristband Sales

*Weekly passes for 9-54 years of age only!*

#### MAIN LOBBY

Weekly Pass (9-54): Monday to Thursday

**\$20**

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9-54 years - \$8/day

(sold only at admission table at the arena)

55 and over - FREE

(given only at admission table at the arena)

### The Tournament Begins

Mon., March 13 to Thurs., March 16, 2023

### Hosting arenas

Age Category	Divison	Arena
Tyke (U7)		Tomken
Novice (U9)	Recreational	Meadowvale
Novice (U9)	Competitive	Iceland
Novice (U9)	Girls	Paramount
Atom (U11)	Recreational	Erin Mills
Atom (U11)	Competitive	Iceland
Atom (U11) Peewee (U13)	Girls	Paramount
Peewee (U13)	Recreational	Port Credit Overflow to Tomken and Paramount
Peewee (U13)	Competitive	Iceland
Bantam (U15)	Recreational	Paramount
Bantam (U15)	Competitive / Girls	Iceland
Midget (U18)	Recreational / Competitive / Girls	Iceland

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NFN Facebook Group for Parents and Players to share information on Nipissing Warriors Teams: ["Nipissing First Nation LNHL"](#)

## 23rd Annual Celebration

# Welcoming Babies Celebration & Potluck Feast

Wii-Biindganaanaanik Shki-Biibiinsag  
Kina Ka-biidoomin Ge-miijyang

**Saturday April 1st, 2023**  
**10:00AM & Feast at Noon**

Aandi Maa (Where): Band Office Gym, Garden Village

Aandi Pii (When): Maanii Giizhgak (Saturday)  
Nmbin Giiziz (Sucker Moon-April)

**This is not a catered event. Please bring a  
potluck dish to share and celebrate.**

**A gift will be given to honour the babies born in  
2021 and 2022  
who are registered to attend.**

**Traditional Teachings-Educational Displays**

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**Everyone Welcome!**  
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**by March 17th, 2023**

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## Youth Events

1

**Bear Mask Making**

6 - 9 p.m.



NFN Kendaaswin (Library)

Register with Ian at [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca)Ages  
13 to 24

3

**Super Mario Kart Grand Prix (Video Game Night)**

6 - 10 p.m.

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13 to 24

8

**Youth Social Native Stories**

6 - 9 p.m.

NFN Kendaaswin (Library)



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13 to 24

10

**Video Game Night**

6 - 10 p.m.

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13 to 24

23

**Language and Chill Informal Nishnaabemwin hang out**

6 - 8 p.m.

Aanin!

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30

**Language and Chill Informal Nishnaabemwin hang out**

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**Language and Chill****Informal Nishnaabemwin hang out**

6 - 8 p.m.

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13 to 24

4

**Anime Movie and Pizza Princess Mononoke**

6 - 10 p.m.

Garden Village Gym Complex

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13 to 24

9

**Language and Chill****Informal Nishnaabemwin hang out**

6 - 8 p.m.

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13 to 24

22

**Bear Mask Making**

6 - 9 p.m.



Duchesnay Hall

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13 to 24

29

**Youth Social**

6 - 9 p.m.

NFN Kendaaswin (Library)



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13 to 24

31

**Video Game Night**

6 - 10 p.m.

NFN Kendaaswin (Library)

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13 to 24

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**MAR  
7**

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY TEA

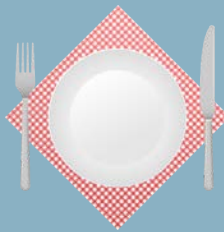
12:30 TO 2:30 P.M.

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JOIN THE OJIBWAY WOMEN'S LODGE  
FOR AN AFTERNOON OF TEA AND DESSERTS.



**MAR  
8**



# DINER'S CLUB

FOR NFN SENIORS 55+

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
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# Community Events

## Ziisbaaktoke Giizis (Maple Sugar Moon) | March 2023

Namegiizhgd Sunday	Nokiigiizhgd Monday	Niizhgiizhgd Tuesday	Aabtaawse Wednesday	Shpinganwang Thursday	Jiibiiatgogiizhgd Friday	Maaniigiizhgd Saturday
<b>Mukwa Miikan Landfill Hours:</b> <b>Saturday - Tuesday</b> <b>9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</b> <i>Closed during statutory holidays</i>			<b>1</b> Food Bank Access Day  Youth Bear Mask Making 6-9 p.m. Library	<b>2</b> Youth Language and Chill 6-8 p.m. Library	<b>3</b> Youth Mario Kart 6-10 p.m. Library	<b>4</b> Youth Anime Movie and Pizza 6-10 p.m. GV Gym
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> Women's Day Tea 12:30 p.m. in GV  Chief and Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. in GV 	<b>8</b> Diner's Club  Youth Social 6-9 p.m. Library  NFN LNHL Pre-Tournament Night 6-8 p.m. in GV 	<b>9</b> Youth Language and Chill 6-8 p.m. Library	<b>10</b> Youth Video Game Night 6-10 p.m. Library	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>49th Little LNHL Tournament in Mississauga Hosted by NFN</b>						
 <b>Opening Ceremonies</b> <b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>Nipissing Day</b> <span style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">CLOSED</span>		Food Bank Access Day 			
<b>19</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Chief and Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. in GV 	<b>22</b> Youth Bear Mask Making 6-9 p.m. Duchesnay Hall	<b>23</b> Youth Language and Chill 6-8 p.m. Library	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Youth Social 6-9 p.m. Library	<b>30</b> Youth Language and Chill 6-8 p.m. Library	<b>31</b> Youth Video Game Night 6-10 p.m. Library
						<b>1</b> Welcoming Babies Celebration & Feast 10 a.m. in GV

