

# Enkamgak

**Miinan Giizis (Blueberry Moon) | July 2023**

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## Gnwaa Giizhcad / Summer Solstice

Every June 21 we celebrate Gnwaa Giizhcad (Summer Solstice). This day is also celebrated as National Indigenous Peoples Day. On this day, we recognize and honour the diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Nation cultures, teachings, and history.

In Nipissing First Nation, staff came together, lead by the Culture and Heritage department, to host the festivities for the community in Garden Village. The day began with a sunrise ceremony, followed by various activities including a Medicine Walk, canoeing, face painting, birch bark quilling, pony bead key chain making, pop socket beading, and tote bag painting.

A drum social was held in the evening that featured some of NFN's talented drummers and pow wow dancers.

Gchi-miigwech to all who came out on this sunny day to honour Gnwaa Giizhcad!



See photos from the celebration on page 4

## Community Notice from Chief Scott McLeod: Robinson Huron Treaty Past Annuities Settlement

Since 2012, the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund,



**Robinson Huron Treaty  
LITIGATION FUND**

representing the 21 Robinson Huron First Nations, has been in litigation with the governments of Ontario and Canada for failing to increase annuities payments as the resource revenue in the Treaty territory grew.

Today, Council and I are extremely honoured to share that we have reached a proposed settlement to resolve claims related to past annuities – compensation that should have been paid for the past 170 years. The proposed settlement includes \$5 billion from Canada and \$5 billion from Ontario for a total global \$10 billion for past compensation paid to the 21 First Nations.

Our Treaty is based on a nation-to-nation relationship and conferred rights on the settlers that came to our territories, not to us.

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Contact us to receive Enkamgak by mail:



hillarysm@nfn.ca



705-753-2050 ext. 1270

portal.nfn.ca



## **Community Notice from Chief Scott McLeod: Robinson Huron Treaty Past Annuities Settlement (con't)**

I am proud to be a part of the Nishinaabe Nation and I am so incredibly proud of what our ancestors did for us when they negotiated the treaty and I sincerely hope they would be proud of us all now.

This proposed settlement is a major milestone in the process and a chance to renew our treaty relationship – while also finally providing the compensation that makes it possible for the Robinson Huron First Nations to invest in a brighter future for their communities and grow the local economies in the Treaty territory.

With this proposed settlement, it is important to note that it is for past compensation. The Crown will continue to distribute \$4.00 to beneficiaries until an agreement is reached on the future implementation of the Augmentation Promise. The go-forward approach to resource revenue sharing and annuities will be negotiated after the finalization of the past compensation agreement.

As the next step, we will begin a community engagement process with support of the Robinson Huron First Nations and Mizhinawe, an organization constructed by the RHT Litigation Management Committee to support us through this engagement process. This will begin over the course of the summer and will provide an opportunity to engage with beneficiaries to share more information and answer questions about the proposed settlement. Following these consultations, a report of findings and recommendations will be presented to the Robinson Huron Chiefs and Trustees within the next 8 months.

We are a Nation, and its important hear from you. Now is the time to tell us about your visions for the future of NFN. Now is the time to consult with you and determine a path forward together in line with the principles of the Treaty and our Gchi-Naaknigewin.

For more information on upcoming consultations, stay connected to NFN:

[NFN.ca](http://NFN.ca)

[NFN Membership Portal](#)

Facebook: [@NipissingFN](#)

Twitter: [@Nipissing\\_FN](#)

Instagram: [@Nipissingfn](#)

The Governments of Ontario and Canada will also need to complete their own internal approval processes to seek approval to sign the proposed settlement.

As with any negotiation process, there remains a risk that there may not be a final agreement. We ask for your patience once again as we venture into these next steps.

When the case is finally resolved, each of the 21 First Nations will get a share of the proceeds from the past compensation amount. The collective nature of the annuity requires funding and investment for community development and to ensure a bright future for generations to come. There is also an individual component to the annuity and the First Nations will distribute this money to individuals. This amount has not yet been determined.

The compensation will be distributed to the leadership of the 21 First Nations based on a distribution agreement adopted by First Nation Chiefs and Councils. The First Nations will be responsible for determining distribution amounts to individual beneficiaries through a community process.

In acknowledging the spirit and intent of the treaty, 100 per cent per capita distribution is problematic for many reasons and goes against the intentions of our ancestors. Our approach needs to not only honour our ancestors but support current and future generations. It will be important that we carry out these discussions in a healthy and respectful way, as a Nation. We cannot forget that the treaty responsibility has been passed onto us.

At this point, the final agreement has not been signed. Until such a time, we will proceed cautiously and use this time to consult with our members and plan together. We need your help and I look forward to hearing from you.

### **A history of the Robinson Huron Treaty Annuities**

Prior to the Robinson Huron Treaty signing in 1850, our ancestors, the Chiefs at the time, knew that the Crown was negotiating treaty by calculating at \$10 per person. Even though the Chiefs demanded a larger collective amount based on \$10 per person, it wasn't successful because the Crown was broke at the time.

Instead, a unique approach of a sharing model was created. The Chiefs agreed that they would accept that our two Nations (the Anishinaabe and the settlers) share the land and resources within our treaty territory (except for those lands we reserved for ourselves).

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In doing so, they agreed to a collective amount based on this sharing model. The original agreement was an annual annuity of 600 pounds with a commitment to increase it when the Crown made enough revenues to do so. The Crown accepted the sharing model because they couldn't have imagined the value and wealth in our territory at the time. Our ancestors accepted the sharing model because it was based on Anishinaabe principles of sharing, and it protected our future generations. We are where we are because of the love and forethought of our Ancestors.

The collective annual annuity of 600 pounds was handed over to the Chief, and the Chief purchased supplies for his community and then distributed the remainder to his members. This system didn't last long when the Crown started to hand out \$1.60 directly to each individual and eventually to the \$4.00 amount we receive today, with no collective, shared amount.

This proposed settlement today makes up for the collective amount based on the sharing model that is owed to our Nations; and our Nations will decide how that collective amount is disbursed to community members.

**For up-to-date information on the negotiations or a settlement amount:**

[RobinsonhuronTreaty1850.com](http://RobinsonhuronTreaty1850.com)

Facebook: [@RobinsonHuronTreatyAnnuities1850](https://www.facebook.com/RobinsonHuronTreatyAnnuities1850)

Twitter: [@1850RHTreaty](https://twitter.com/1850RHTreaty)



Watch Chief Scott McLeod's  
Video Message to the  
community on the  
Settlement Announcement

## St. Joseph-Scollard Hall students win at the 2023 Special Olympics Ontario School Championships

The 2023 Special Olympics Ontario School Championships took place in Kingston, ON June 6 to 8, 2023 and welcomed over 1,000 Special Olympics athletes to Kingston for the Games.

Brayden Solomon and Tessa Tuulos represented St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School at the Special Olympics. Braydon won gold in soccer and Tessa won bronze in basketball.



*The St. Joseph-Scollard Hall boys' soccer team wins gold at the 2023 Special Olympics Ontario School Championships. Braydon Solomon of Nipissing First Nation photographed bottom row, third from the left.*



*The St. Joseph-Scollard Hall girls' basketball team win bronze at the 2023 Special Olympics Ontario School Championships. Tessa Tuulos of Nipissing First Nation photographed sixth from the left.*

## Food Bank Donations

# Miigwech!

## Chi-miigwech to Tobacco Road for their Fish donation this month!



## Gnwaa Giizhgad / Summer Solstice



### Attend Chief and Council Meetings and Submit Requests

Council meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. NFN members can attend and keep informed through in-person or virtual attendance.

If you have a request for Council, complete the request form at [nfn.ca/chief-council](https://nfn.ca/chief-council) and submit by 4 p.m. the Thursday prior to the meeting. These can be dropped off to the front reception at 36 Semo Rd, Garden Village or emailed to [fredam@nfn.ca](mailto:fredam@nfn.ca).

Requests could also be made at the meeting. Due to the number of items for Council to deal with on the agenda, *Requests from the Floor* are limited to 10 minutes per request and only three will be dealt with at the meeting. It is important to note that depending on the request, the items may need to be deferred to the next meeting if additional information is needed.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact Freda Martel at 705-753-2050 ext. 1223 or [fredam@nfn.ca](mailto:fredam@nfn.ca).

### E-GIIGDOWAAD CHIEF & COUNCIL

July 4 @ 7:30 p.m. in Garden Village  
August 1 @ 7:30 p.m. in Duchesnay

#### JOIN IN-PERSON:

Confirm your attendance with Tonya Armstrong at [tonyaa@nfn.ca](mailto:tonyaa@nfn.ca) or 705-753-2050 ext. 1229

WATCH THE LIVESTREAM:  
NFN Membership Portal at  
[Portal.NFN.ca](https://Portal.NFN.ca)

Submit agenda items by 4 p.m. on the  
Thursday prior to:  
Freda Martel, Director of  
Administration  
[fredam@nfn.ca](mailto:fredam@nfn.ca)



## Call for Tender

### Construction Tender Section 95 Phase 12

Nipissing First Nation plans to construct a total of two housing units - a one-bedroom handicap accessible duplex in Garden Village.

Contractors interested in submitting bids can pick up a tender package at the Housing Department Office located at 36 Semo Road, Garden Village, Ontario. Please call 705-753-2050 ext. 1259 to arrange pick-up.

Contractors submitting Tenders shall be required to complete the Tender Proposal Form. The successful contractor must also provide a Statement of Qualifications and Experience, General Liability Insurance, and a Clearance Certificate from W.S.I.B. prior to the commencement of the project.

All the materials used will be of adequate quality and all construction shall be performed in a good workmanlike manner. Materials and labour shall at all times comply with the Ontario Building Code.

The work completed to be guaranteed for a period of one year from date of completion.

If you have any questions regarding the tender package please contact the Housing Department:

**Chris Bellissimo, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Housing**

chrisb@nfn.ca

**Angela McLeod, Housing and Maintenance Office Administrator**

angelam@nfn.ca

705-753-2050 ext 1259

Submit sealed tenders clearly marked "**Nipissing First Nation Section 95 Phase 12**" to the office of the undersigned no later than:

**Tuesday, July 24, 2023 by 4:30 p.m.**

*"Lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted"*

Open to all registered Nipissing First Nation Members.

**Brendan Huston, Chief Executive Officer**

**Nipissing First Nation**

36 Semo Road

Garden Village, ON P2B 3K2

**IF YOU SEE IT, REPORT IT**

**1-888-310-1122**

**1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**



## Hiring Now



**Anishinabek Police Service**



**Anishinabek Police Service - #apscops**



**@apscops**

## ATTENTION NFN RESIDENTS

Contact  
**Ontario One Call** for a  
locate on buried cables,  
pipes, and wires before  
doing any excavation of  
any kind to ensure that  
sites are safe!

**1-800-400-2255**  
[ontarioonecall.ca/](http://ontarioonecall.ca/)

**NFN Public Works:**  
**705-753-4167**

## MEMBERSHIP PORTAL

Visit [portal.nfn.ca](http://portal.nfn.ca)  
to get started!

### EXCLUSIVE FOR REGISTERED NFN MEMBERS

Access a variety of protected content such  
as Council minutes and Trust Updates.  
Update and manage your address and  
mailing preferences.

Visit [portal.nfn.ca](http://portal.nfn.ca)  
or scan the QR code



Monthly Draw of  
**\$50 Gift Card**  
for all registered  
Portal members!

**MONTHLY  
DRAW WINNER**  
May 2023: Debbie Vance

## Leisure Farms Gift Certificate

Get produce or products from **Leisure  
Farms** or from their stand at the **North Bay  
Farmers Market**.

We are giving away a limited amount of  
gift certificates valued at **\$20 to NFN  
Members**.

*One gift certificate per household  
for the season.*



**Call Stella at:**  
**705-753-3312 ext. 2229**

## NFN WASTE AND RECYCLING APP

### for Apple and Android Devices

**Receive notifications** for  
garbage and recycling pick  
up, delays, change of  
schedule, and emergencies.

**Find information** on how to  
sort waste, proper waste  
deposal locations, and NFN  
Landfill schedule.



Visit [nfn.ca/public-  
works/waste/](http://nfn.ca/public-works/waste/) to download the  
app, or scan the QR code



# BEAUCAGE PARK

*Open!*

**Open for daytime use:**

**Wednesday to Sunday**

**8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**



Please review Beaucage Park Hours of Operation and Rules of Use at [NFN.ca/beaucage-park](https://nfn.ca/beaucage-park) or scan the QR code:



## NFN Small Business Loan

*Eligible members can now receive up to **\$20,000!***

The Small Business Loan program is designed to assist NFN members start their small businesses.

This program provides greater flexibility for repayment schedules and security compared to other lending institutions.

For more information, visit [nfn.ca/loans](https://nfn.ca/loans)





## SEEKING HOMES FOR NFN CHILDREN IN CARE

*Help keep Nipissing children in Nipissing First Nation*

We need the support of our community members to help our children stay within Nipissing First Nation.

We are in urgent need of all types of homes to provide care on a temporary or permanent basis for NFN children and siblings of all ages. It could be for a weekend, months, or to provide a forever home. We need your help!



**For more information, contact:**

Kim Innes, Administrative Assistant/Family Finder  
705-753-2691 ext.1353  
[kimi@nfn.ca](mailto:kimi@nfn.ca)

## SEEKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Nishnaabemwin Translation Committee**  
2 seats (must be a language speaker)

**Pow Wow Committee**  
1 seat

**Culture & Language Committee**  
2 seats

**Economic Development Committee**  
1 seat

Meetings are held once a month and members are paid an honourarium of \$100 for the meetings they attend.

Visit [nfn.ca/committees](https://nfn.ca/committees) for more information!

If you are interested in becoming a committee member, contact:

**Freda Martel, Director of Administration**  
705-753-2050  
[fredam@nfn.ca](mailto:fredam@nfn.ca)

# Aanin! Our name is...



Help us rename the **Child Welfare Prevention Program**!

This program is growing to meet the needs of NFN children, youth, and families and we need a name that fits.

Visit [nfn.ca](https://nfn.ca) or scan the QR code to complete the survey and enter our draw for a chance to win 1 of 3 grocery gift cards!



**DRAW CLOSES ON JULY 13, 2023**



## Employment Opportunities

### Outreach Database Support – Full Time / Permanent

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

2nd Round Closes Friday, July 7, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, July 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The Outreach Database Support will input and support other users with the entry of required confidential data, implementing any changes in database operations as required.

### Supervisor, Outreach Services – Full Time / Permanent

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

2nd Round Closes Friday, July 7, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, July 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The Outreach Services Supervisor will support the True Self Debwewendizwin Program and community development initiatives.

### Support Services Counsellor – Full Time / Permanent

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

2nd Round Closes Friday, July 7, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, July 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The Support Services Counsellor will support individuals who are struggling to meet their basic needs and facing employment barriers, including persons with disabilities and individuals who have experienced or at risk of experiencing domestic violence or trauma.

### Outreach Peer Worker – Full Time / Contract

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

2nd Round Closes Friday, July 7, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, July 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The Outreach Peer Worker will promote empowerment and self-determination of others through non-judgmental listening, help with person-centered goal setting, problem-solving, assessing crisis-risk, and offering referrals to other community supports.

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

- 1st Round: Open to all NFN members.
- 2nd Round: Open to registered members of other First Nations and spouses and children of registered NFN members.
- 3rd Round: 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.

### Prevention Event Planner – Full Time / Permanent

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

2nd Round Closes Friday, July 7, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, July 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The Prevention Events Planner will collaborate with Prevention Workers to facilitate advanced planning of programming and prevention community events and coordinate event logistics.

### Graduation Coach – Full Time / Contract

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

2nd Round Closes Friday, July 7, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, July 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The Graduation Coach provides guidance and assistance through the application process for admission into post-secondary institutions.

### Manager, Home & Community Care – Full Time / Permanent

1st Round Closes Friday, June 23, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

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

3rd Round Closes Friday, July 7, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The Manager of Home & Community Care Program (HCCP) oversees the planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and quality control of the Nipissing First Nation Home and Community Care Program as per federal and provincial service accountability agreements.



Submit application to:

[resumes@nfn.ca](mailto:resumes@nfn.ca)

or

Fax: 705-753-0207

Human Resources Department

Nipissing First Nation

36 Semo Road

Garden Village, ON P2B 3K2

## Employment Opportunities (con't)

### **Outreach Worker – Full Time / Permanent**

- 1st Round Closes Friday, June 23, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
- 2nd Round Closes Friday, June 30, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
- 3rd Round Closes Friday, July 7, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The Outreach Worker will help individuals and deliver outreach services to NFN community members by providing practical support and establishing safe connections with other community services and supports.

### **Teacher (Science) – Full Time / Contract**

- 1st Round Closes Friday, June 9, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
- 2nd Round Closes Friday, June 16, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
- 3rd Round Closes Friday, June 23, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The Science Teacher provides a critical leadership role to support and advocate for the success of all students and motivates and inspires students to achieve their full potential.

### **Manager, Public Works – Full Time / Permanent**

- 1st Round Closes Friday, June 9, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
- 2nd Round Closes Friday, June 16, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
- 3rd Round Closes Friday, June 23, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The Public Works Manager oversees the daily operations of the department and has a strong understanding of all aspects of public works development, management, and administration of departmental budgets and work plans.

### **Teacher (English) – Full Time / Contract**

- 1st Round Closes Friday, June 9, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
- 2nd Round Closes Friday, June 16, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
- 3rd Round Closes Friday, June 23, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The English Teacher will facilitate the learning of the English language by creating a stimulating and engaging classroom environment that fosters curiosity and inspires learning.

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

*Open to all qualified applicants until filled.*

The Child Care Supervisor will oversee the day-to-day operation of the child care centre; in supervision of the staff and to provide quality child care services to the community families and children enrolled within the licensed program.

### **Animal Control Officer – Part Time / Permanent**

*Open to Round 1 and 2 qualified applicants until filled.*

The Animal Control Officer will be responsible for responding to calls regarding animals at large and will track and impound animals as necessary.

### **Little Spirit Auntie – Full Time / Permanent**

*Open to Round 1 and 2 qualified applicants until filled.*

The newly created role of Little Spirit Auntie will work directly with NFN families in the Child Welfare Prevention. The Little Spirit Auntie will be responsible for supporting NFN families through a voluntary program, which aims to cater to the unique needs of families within the Social Services teams.

### **Human Resources Coordinator – Full Time / Contract**

*Open to all qualified applications until filled.*

One year contract for the position of Human Resources Coordinator, expecting to start early July 2023.

### **Director, Health Services – Full Time / Permanent**

*Open to all qualified applications until filled.*

The successful candidate will be responsible for the overall operation of the Health Services programs and services, leading a team of Health Care, Clinical, Administrative and Managerial professionals.

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## **NFN Affiliated Opportunities**

### **Sales Development Representative - Nbisiiing Power**

Application deadline: Monday, July 3, 2023

See full job posting on [nfn.ca/jobs](https://nfn.ca/jobs)

The Sales Development Representative will cultivate, manage and close on sales opportunities with a focus on supporting Nbisiiing Power in meeting its performance targets related to maximizing Indigenous procurement opportunities.



**To apply:** email your cover letter and resume to [cgoulais@nbisiingpower.ca](mailto:cgoulais@nbisiingpower.ca) noting "Nbisiiing Power - Sales Development Representative" in the subject line.

*Nipissing First Nation members are encouraged to apply, preference to First Nation applicants.*





Please visit our website [nbsiing.com](http://nbsiing.com) or [Nbsiing Secondary School Facebook Page](#) for our calendar of events and other school-related information, or call (705) 497-9938.

## Akiing Kinoomaagewin – Outdoor Education

Students in Monique's Outdoor Education Program have been hard at work learning from Elders and knowledge keepers and getting out on the land.



*Soapstone carving  
with Dave Liberty*



*Paddle carving with  
Norm Dokis*



*Natural Law and  
Calendar Teachings  
with Larry McLeod*

## Mini Pow Wow

Nbsiing was lucky enough to host a mini powwow in May. Nbsiing would like to thank our elders, Peter Beaucage and Glenna Beaucage along with our drummers, dancers, and our guests from local schools. Miigwech Anishnabek Police Service for providing lunch! It was a beautiful day!

## Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and Co-Op

Tyler Beaucage was officially signed as a 310T Truck and Coach Technician apprentice this month. Here, he is pictured with his Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development Ontario Training Consultants, Blair and Sheila in front of the North Bay office. Tyler is an apprentice at Groulx Equipment in Cache Bay.



*Congratulations!*  
Class of 2023 Graduates!

### Elementary (Grade 8)

Adelle Goulais  
Addison Fryer  
Amber Chevrier  
Tristan Patel  
Lea St. Pierre  
Quinn Banks  
Ciara Joseph

### Secondary (Grade 12)

Amber Commanda  
Nova McLeod  
Zoe McLeod  
Benjamin Dalglish  
Alexus Goulais-Auger  
Rylan Frederick  
Breydon Penasse-John-George

Chase Bois-Groissant  
Kayne Gagne  
Keisha McLeod-Penasse  
Leeland Gilligan-McLeod  
Markus Armstrong  
Ryder Tompkins





## K-12 Students: Report Cards and Incentives

The Education Department will distribute **Start-up Allowance in August**.

NFN students living on-reserve and registered with the Education Department are eligible to receive start-up allowance at the beginning of the school year:

- Elementary students: \$40
- Secondary students: \$50 gift card to local office supply store

If you have a JK student, please complete the registration form to receive their start-up allowance.

Visit [NFN.ca/education](https://nfn.ca/education) to see full details on attendance and academic awards.

## Post-Secondary Students

Please submit official transcripts as soon as possible.

If you are a graduate this year, please submit proof of graduation to be eligible for your graduation award!

## 2023-2024 Education Department and Bussing Registration



Register your child with the NFN Education Department to take Nbisiing Bus Lines (required) to be eligible for start-up allowance, incentives, and awards! *Registration must be completed every year and updated as information (new school, address, contact numbers) changes.*

**There are many ways to register - Complete your child's registration now:**

**Submit online:** [NFN Membership Portal](#) (\*New tab for "Students")

\*Registration is made easy through the Portal. You will receive notifications to update the following year and will only be required to review if information from the previous year has changed.

**Download the form and submit to the Education Department:** [NFN.ca/education](https://nfn.ca/education)

**Contact the Education Department for a form:**

📞 705-753-6995

✉ [jeffh@nfn.ca](mailto:jeffh@nfn.ca)

📍 70 Semo Road, Garden Village ON P2B 3K2

## Coming soon!

A new GPS and notification system, TripSpark, will allow parents to track their child's bus and receive notifications of cancellations and delays (Coming September 2023).

SCHOOL BUS



## Miinan Giizis (Blueberry Moon)

Miini Giizis, nsemaa nga-bgidnaa dbasendizyaan.

Gzhe-Mnidoo gii wiinmaag, i-mno-nawenjgewin Mina mno-zaagidwin wewena gaa mno-zhichgaadeg.

Gookmis i-naaknigewin gaa miingaasod.

Miinan wii-naagdawendang ge chi-piitendaagwak Waawyeyaag ntam gaa-zhichgaadeg.

Mii i- ni-kinoomaagooyaan wii ntaawgigwaa niijaansag.

Mii maa pii, emkwedmaan Miinan giw- miineskaawnzhiig Pii maa wiishpangin Miinan yaamwaad.

Maa mnoseg , pii kina gegoo gaa zhichkaadeg, mshikiing shi-nenjigaadenoon.

Nda dbasendis mina nga-kwedwe debwewendaagziwin pii gii waamdaswaan, Noonziwaan ge noonjgeyaan mnaadenmoyaan nakeyiing .

Baa maa pii minwa .

Pane go Miigwechwendmin!

Berry Moon , I offer my tobacco with respect and humbleness for what you taught me.

The Creator has instructed you to be a guardian with gentleness and kindness, keeping the balance of Creation.

Gookmis, the teachings you have given to the Berry to protect the scared circle of Creation, has become my teacher in raising my family.

Many times I have rasp of the berry bushes against my body.

Each time I have learned from this, the true meaning of becoming in tune to the gentleness and kindness that I must give to all Creation.

Now I humble myself and ask forgiveness for times I did not see, hear or speak to you in a respectful way.

Until the next time you come again, Berry Moon , I am forever grateful.

Miigwech!



## Kidwinan (Words)

<b>Niibin</b>	Summer
<b>Niibing</b>	In the summer
<b>Zaagigan</b>	Lake
<b>Dkobii</b>	Go swim
<b>Maadge</b>	Swimming
<b>Jiikbiik</b>	Beach
<b>Gizhaate</b>	Hot sunny day
<b>Memengwaa</b>	Butterfly
<b>Miinke</b>	Blueberry picking
<b>Miinan</b>	Berries/blueberry
<b>Mnis</b>	Island
<b>Wiigwaas jiimaan</b>	Birchbark canoe

**Nga- wi- dkobii shkwaanaakweg zaagigning.**

I'm going to go swim this afternoon at the lake.

**Niibing minwendaan zhaayaang jiikbiik.**

In the summer I like going to the beach.

**Niibing wii paa-nda-miinke mnising.**

In the summer, I will go blueberry picking on the island.

**Jiimaaning wii paamis niibing nbiing.**

In the summer I go riding my boat.

**Niibing wiigwaas jiiman wii paam kwazhwe.**

I go paddling in a birchbark canoe in the summer.

**Ngiizhooz.**

I am warm.

**Giizhooyaa**

It feels warm,

**Mino-gizhide.**

It is warm.



NFN FAMILY TRIP TO  
**Canada's**  
**Wonderland**  
 Thursday, July 20, 2023

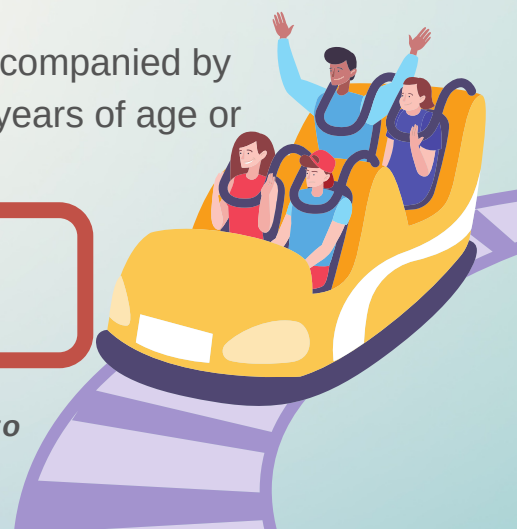
**\$20/person**

**Priority to NFN Members and affiliates**

- Includes admission and transportation
- Limited spots available
- Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian who is 18 years of age or older.

**REGISTRATION  
FULL**

*Registration opened on  
Monday, June 26 at 8:30 a.m. to  
Randy Penasse at  
randyp@nfn.ca*



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The First Annual  
**INDIAN RUBBER GAME**  
**ANISHINABEK KWAATOKE**

**Calling all Adults & Youth!**

**Friday, July 28**  
**Garden Village Ballfield**  
**9 to 11 a.m.**

We want to enhance how the community thinks of the game baseball, the old traditions of our ancestors will come alive again with fun, laughter and exercise.

Good luck to every team member and let the old traditions begin!

Following the game we will have a corn roast, wraps and dessert. Lots of prizes to be won!  
 Register: call Stella at 705-753-3312 ext. 2229 or email [stellas@nfn.ca](mailto:stellas@nfn.ca)

**NFN**

**Community BBQs**

**July 26 | 5-7 p.m. | Duchesnay (Hall)**

Come on out for some great food and meet with fellow community members and NFN leadership and staff.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**August 2**  
 Yellek

**August 23**  
 Garden Village



**JULY**  
**12**



**DINER'S CLUB**

**FOR NFN SENIORS 55+**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
 STELLA AT 705-753-3312

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# TAI CHI

with Darrell Couchie

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NFN Adults

**Garden Village Gym**  
**Every Tuesday**  
**July 11 to August 15**  
**10 to 11 a.m.**

Register with Jon:  
705 753-3312 ext. 6971  
jonw@nfn.ca

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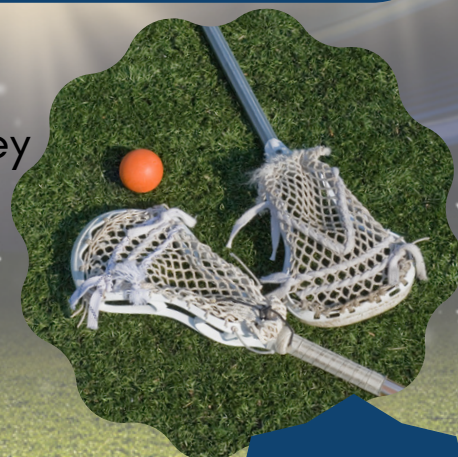
## YOUTH SPORTS NIGHTS

Thursday, July 13 at 6 p.m.: Soccer Baseball  
Thursday, July 20 at 6 p.m.: Lacrosse/Ball Hockey  
Thursday, July 27 at 6 p.m.: Ultimate Frisbee

**Garden Village Gym  
& Baseball Field**

*Bring running shoes and a water bottle*

Register at the events  
For more information contact:  
Jon at 705 753-3312 ext.6971 or jonw@nfn.ca



Open to  
NFN Youth

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# Child Welfare Prevention Events



## Child Welfare Prevention: May and June at a Glance

In May and June, the Child Welfare Prevention team hosted many events, including:

- Dancing with the Medicine Wheel with Que Rock (Duchess and Garden Village)
- Youth Drop-Ins, including *sew-cials*, hangouts, mobies, and games (Duchess and Garden Village)
- Youth BBQs
- Cultural/Language Hangouts
- Toronto Trip - Harry Potter and the Cursed Child and Casa Loma
- Baby and Me Groups
- Gokmis Story Time
- Kids socials: Crafts and games
- Family Baking Challenge (Over 38 families participated!)
- Tweens socials
- Asks Every Thursday
- Rabbit and Bear Paws Puppet Show for families (Duchess and Garden Village)

## Family Support Program

In May and June, the NFN Family Support Program team held a few events, including:

- Booth at the NFN Health Fair to introduce the Family Support Program
- Spring Clothing Swap - Miigwech to those who donated!
- Pat Buffalo-Manaciso: Healing with Horses, wellness and healing leadership workshop

## Upcoming Events

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### Kids Outdoor Play

6 - 8 p.m.

Garden Village Playground

Register with Katie at [katiel@nfn.ca](mailto:katiel@nfn.ca)Ages  
12 &  
under

5

### Youth Community Clean Up

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

GV, Jocko Point, Beaucage, Yellek &amp; Duchess. Lunch &amp; transportation provided.

Register with Katie at [katiel@nfn.ca](mailto:katiel@nfn.ca)Ages  
12 & up

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## EVENTS

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### Youth Drop In

5- 9 p.m.

Duchesnay Hall

Register with Ian at [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca)



Ages  
13 to 24

6

### Youth Community Clean Up

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Ages  
12 & up



7

### Game & Movie Night

5:30- 9 p.m.

Garden Village Gym

Register with Ian at [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca)



Ages  
13 to 24

7

### Tween Social

6- 9 p.m.

NFN Kendaaswin (Library)

Register with Katie at [katiel@nfn.ca](mailto:katiel@nfn.ca)



Ages  
9 to 12

11

### Kids Outdoor Play

6 - 8 p.m.

Yellek Playground

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Ages 12  
& under

12

### Youth Drop In

5 - 9 p.m.

Duchesnay Hall

Register with Ian at [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca)



Ages  
13 to 24

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### Game & Movie Night

5:30- 9 p.m.

Garden Village Gym

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Ages  
13 to 24

6

### Cultural Youth Drop In

5- 9 p.m.

NFN Kendaaswin (Library)

Register with Ian at [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca)

Ages  
13 to 24

Aanin!

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### Baby Group

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

North Bay Waterfront

Register with Katie at [katiel@nfn.ca](mailto:katiel@nfn.ca)



Ages 5  
& under

8

### Youth Programming

12- 8 p.m.

Garden Village Gym

Register with Ian at [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca)

Ages  
13 to 24



12

### Baby Group

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location TBD

Register with Katie at [katiel@nfn.ca](mailto:katiel@nfn.ca)



Ages 5  
& under

13

### Cultural Youth Drop In

5 - 9 p.m.

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Ages  
13 to 24

Aanin!

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### Youth Programming

12 - 8 p.m.

Duchesnay Community Hall

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Ages  
13 to 24



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**Storytime with Gookmis**Ages 12  
& under

6 - 8 p.m.

NFN Kendaaswin (Library)

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20

**Cultural Youth Drop In**Ages  
13 to 24

5 - 9 p.m.

Aanin!

NFN Kendaaswin (Library)

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**Game & Movie Night**Ages  
13 to 24

5:30- 9 p.m.

Garden Village Gym

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**Game & Movie Night**Ages  
13 to 24

5:30 -9 p.m.

Garden Village Gym

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19

**Baby Group**Ages 5  
& under

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location TBD

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21

**Tween Social**Ages  
9 to 12

6- 9 p.m.

NFN Kendaaswin (Library)

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22

**Youth Programming**Ages  
13 to 24

12- 8 p.m.

Garden Village Gym

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27

**Cultural Youth Drop In**Ages  
13 to 24

5 - 9 p.m.

NFN Kendaaswin (Library)

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**Youth Programming**Ages  
13 to 24

12- 8 p.m.

Garden Village Gym

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Stay tuned for updates and Pop Up Events in July:



## Help us rename the Child Welfare Prevention Program!

Visit [nfn.ca](http://nfn.ca) or scan the QR code to complete the survey and enter our draw for a chance to win 1 of 3 grocery gift cards!



See NFN July Events calendar on last page of Enkamgak!

# DON'T WAIT— *Check the Date!*



## How old are your smoke alarms?

Smoke alarms don't last forever. *They usually last 10 years.* Check the manufacturer's date on your smoke alarms today! **Replace expired alarms.**



### CHECK THE DATE.

Look at the back of the smoke alarm for the date of manufacture. The expiry date is usually 10 years from that date. **Replace expired alarms.**



### TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARMS.

Once you've checked the date, test your smoke alarms by pressing the test button. Test alarms monthly. Change the batteries once a year.



### INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS ON EVERY STOREY OF THE HOME AND OUTSIDE ALL SLEEPING AREAS.

For added protection, install smoke alarms in every bedroom.



### HOME ESCAPE PLANNING

It is **vital** that you know what to do when the smoke alarms sound in an emergency:

- Sit down with everyone in your home and discuss how each person will get out in a fire.
- **GET OUT & STAY OUT!** When the smoke alarms sound, get out immediately and call 9-1-1 from outside. Never re-enter a burning building.

Despite their best efforts, the fire department may not arrive quickly enough to save you from a fire. **You need to be outside when the firefighters arrive.**

For more information, contact your local fire department.

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# Community Events

## Miinan Giizis (Blueberry Moon) | July 2023

Namegiizhgaad Sunday	Nokiigiizhgaad Monday	Niizhgiizhgaad Tuesday	Aabtawse Wednesday	Shpinganwang Thursday	Jiibiiatgogiihgaad Friday	Maaniigiizhgaad Saturday
<b>Mukwa Miikan Landfill Hours:</b> Saturday - Tuesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. <i>Closed during statutory holidays</i>			<b>Beaucage Park Hours:</b> Wednesday - Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. <i>To book events at the Park, visit <a href="http://nfn.ca/beaucage-park">nfn.ca/beaucage-park</a></i>			<b>1</b> <i>Canada Day</i>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Canada Day (observed)</i> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Kid's Outdoor Play</b> 6-8 p.m. GV playground <b>Chief and Council</b> 7:30 p.m. Garden Village 	<b>5</b>  <b>Food Bank Access Day</b> <b>Youth Clean Up</b> 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. <b>Youth Drop-In</b> 5-9 p.m. Duchesnay Hall	<b>6</b> <b>Youth Clean Up</b> 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	<b>Baby Group 7</b> 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. North Bay <b>Youth Game &amp; Movie Night</b> 5:30-9 p.m. GV gym <b>Tween Social</b> 6-9 p.m. Library	<b>8</b> <b>Youth Programming</b> 12-8 p.m. GV gym
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> <b>Tai Chi</b> 10-11 a.m. GV gym <b>Kid's Outdoor Play</b> 6-8 p.m. Yellek playground 	<b>12</b> <b>Baby Group</b> 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. <b>Diner's Club</b> <b>Youth Drop-In</b> 5-9 p.m. Duchesnay Hall	<b>13</b> <b>Youth Drop-In</b> 5-9 p.m. Library <b>Youth Sports Night</b> 6 p.m. in GV	<b>14</b> <b>Youth Game &amp; Movie Night</b> 5:30-9 p.m. GV gym	<b>15</b> <b>Youth Programming</b> 12-8 p.m. GV gym
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> <b>Tai Chi</b> 10-11 a.m. GV gym <b>Storytime with Gookmis</b> 6-8 p.m. Library	<b>19</b>  <b>Food Bank Access Day</b> <b>Baby Group</b> 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	<b>20</b> <b>Family Trip to Canada's Wonderland</b> <b>Cultural Youth Drop-In</b> 5-9 p.m. Library <b>Youth Sports Night</b> 6 p.m. in GV	<b>21</b> <b>Youth Game &amp; Movie Night</b> 5:30-9 p.m. GV gym <b>Tween Social</b> 6-9 p.m. Library	<b>22</b> <b>Youth Programming</b> 12-8 p.m. GV gym
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> <b>Tai Chi</b> 10-11 a.m. GV gym 	<b>26</b> <b>Community BBQ</b> 5-7 p.m. Duchesnay Hall	<b>27</b> <b>Cultural Youth Drop-In</b> 5-9 p.m. Library <b>Youth Sports Night</b> 6 p.m. in GV	<b>28</b> <b>Indian Rubber Ball</b> 9-11 a.m. GV Ballfield <b>Youth Game &amp; Movie Night</b> 5:30-9 p.m. GV gym	<b>29</b> <b>Youth Programming</b> 12-8 p.m. GV gym
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 					