

LIARD ABORIGINAL WOMENS SOCIETY 2018

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REVIVING THE ANCIENT ART OF BIRCH BARK BASKET MAKING

Liard Aboriginal Women's Society is interested in reviving the art of Birch Bark basket making and are pleased to announce that with funding from the Yukon Government's Art fund we will be offering a five day workshop.

When: July 30th to August 4th, 2018

Where: 2 mile hall

Time: 10am to 4 pm

If you are interested in taking this workshop to learn this ancient art, please call our office at 867-536-2097.



TRADITIONAL HEALING

We are pleased to welcome to our homeland Joseph Camille who is a traditional healer from Kamloops, BC. Joseph comes highly recommended from our neighbors in Ft. Liard and Ft. Nelson. Joseph has worked extensively in BC and many parts of Canada and the US.

When: August 27th to August 29th

Location: To be determined

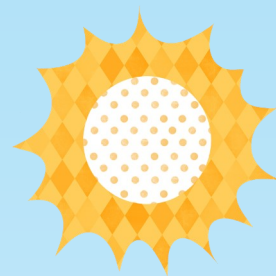
"SIK'ADC DENE K'CH GUDZEDEDCH: WE ARE STILL SPEAKING KASKA"

We are pleased to be offering a Kaska Language Immersion Camp at Frances Lake. Our plans are to have elders only use Kaska at the camp and patiently encourage participants to use the language. If you have an interest in being a part of this great program, please call our office as space is limited.

When: September 13th to September 20th

Where: Frances Lake (Tu Cho)

Travel day will be September 12th and September 21st

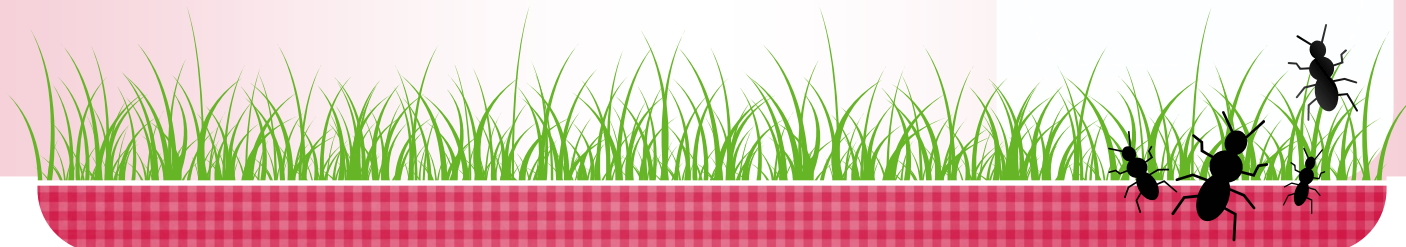


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Important Dates

07/30	Birch Bark Baskets
08/27	Traditional Healer
08/14	LFN AGM Starts
09/13	Kaska Immersion Camp





Liard First Nations General Assembly

The time has come again for Liard First Nation's General Assembly.

When: August 14th to 16th

Location: To be determined



Liard First Nation to host \$50,000 Hand-Games Tournament—The largest in Yukon History

Liard First Nation is planning on holding the largest hand games tournament in Yukon history to be held at 2 mile lake. Please keep your eyes out for more information to be held about this exciting event at a later date.

When: August 17th to 19th

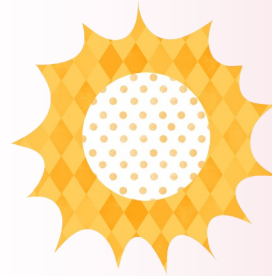


Leslie Knight– Mental Health Counsellor Returning to Watson Lake

Leslie Knight will be returning to Watson Lake on July 23rd to July 26th to provide counselling services to former students of Residential School.

Please contact Leslie for support, connection, healing conversation and/or counselling by phone or text:

867-334-6246



SUMMER IS UPON US !!



Congratulations to all the 2018 Watson Lake Grads

Liard Aboriginal Women's Society would like to congratulate all 2018 graduates. We wish you every success in your future endeavors and we hope you enjoy your summer.



The National Inquiry's Aftercare Support

What kind of support is the National Inquiry able to provide?

The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls is committed to working in a trauma-informed way and to making culturally appropriate support available to families and survivors of violence who shared their truths during the Truth Gathering process.

Short term Aftercare services are available to families and survivors who participated. National Inquiry outreach and support workers work directly with families and survivors to create a plan of care that outlines their support needs.

Best efforts will be made to use existing external resources to support identified needs. Where there are no services or financial supports available, the National Inquiry will provide financial support of up to \$3500 to implement services outlined in the plan of care. Support can be provided for up to three consecutive months or upon the completion of the National Inquiry, whichever occurs first.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible for aftercare support if you are registered with the National Inquiry and have shared your truth in the Truth Gathering process.

What support services qualify?

Short-Term Aftercare services may include;

- ☐ referrals to existing support services and programs that may have financial implications such as treatment centers, counselling, on the land healing programs;
- ☐ costs to attend ceremonial events;
- ☐ traditional healing and counselling from an established Healer/ Elder/ Cultural Liaison;
- ☐ western counselling from a qualified professional in his or her field;
- ☐ memorial and commemoration events/ceremonies;
- ☐ workshops related to healing and wellness, may include suicide intervention, grief and loss, working through trauma;
- ☐ activities that support and enrich physical wellness; and
- ☐ other reasonable items may be considered upon special request and approval.

What are the next steps?

Eligible family members and survivors of violence will be contacted by a case support worker. If your contact information has changed or you have questions, please email the National Inquiry at profile@mniwg-ffada.ca or through the toll-free line at: 1-844-348-4119 and a member of the outreach and support services team will contact you.

Where can I go for immediate support?

Your well-being is important to us. If you require immediate support, please contact our **toll free 24/7 support line at 1.844.413.6646** to speak to a counsellor. The service is available in English, French, Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut.