

Mir Centre for Peace AT SELKIRK COLLEGE

Summer Institute

Culture and Reconciliation

July 12 - 14, 2010



Engaging reconciliation and healing through cross cultural interaction, activities and storytelling.



The framework for the Summer Institute, led by Appointed Spokesperson for the Sinixt Nation, Marilyn James, is based upon the philosophical tenets of the Sinixt Winterdance ceremonial morphology. Aspects of Sinixt ceremonial concepts presented each morning will be the focus for the daily activities.

Each day begins with a meet-and-greet continental breakfast from 7:30-8:30 am.

Daily orientations will be held from 8:30-9:30 am.

Bag lunches will be provided as activities for the day may include travel to local sites.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE SUMMER INSTITUTE MAY INCLUDE SOME OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A visit to the Lemon Creek Archeological site and a review of the archeological evidence discovered in field schools held in 2000 and 2009.
- A visit to the Slocan Lake Pictographs and a discussion of the Parks Canada studies detailing the unique features of these pictographs.
- A tour of the Sinixt occupation site at Vallican and presentations by local Sinixt members.
- A Mir Centre for Peace tour and a presentation on the philosophy and history of the Centre.
- Investigation of appropriate approaches to cultural integration and on the appropriation of contextual resources.
- Medicine wheel teachings incorporating both cultural aspects and theories.
- Cultural stories and activities suitable for sharing in personal or professional settings.
- A panel discussion on group and individual approaches to reconciliation work.

- Examples of local cultural reconciliation with groups of Doukhobors and Japanese-Canadians.
- Field trips to: Nikkei Memorial Center (New Denver), Alex Christian memorial stone (Brilliant), and the millennium signage (Castlegar City Hall).
- Explanation of Sinixt creation and landscape stories.
- Beyond the Geography of Memory: a presentation by author Eileen Delehanty-Pearkes.
- A presentation on the Conversation Bench by sculptor Pat Fields.
- The human history of the Slocan Pool: a presentation by archeologist Doug Hudson.
- A conversation with local author Cliff Woffenden
- The Max Frobe profile of his docu-drama film on the Sinixt.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The fee for the Summer Institute is \$550. It includes activities, travel and bag lunches.

- Dinner and accommodations are not included. A list of dining options is available for Castlegar and area.
- Accommodation is available at Kukeli Residence. Please phone 250.365.1227 to reserve.
- Limited camping is available at the Mir Centre for \$25/night. Please indicate on registration form to reserve camping space in a teepee.

Fax or email the attached Registration Form with payment to:

Continuing Education, Selkirk College.

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Please make cheques payable to Selkirk College.

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