

Gathering Voices

SELKIRK COLLEGE ABORIGINAL STUDENTS & SERVICES

Fall 2017

Fall schedule at a Glance

September

- Gathering Place 5 year Anniversary Celebration and Aboriginal Student Welcome - September 14, 2017 - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- TRC - Orange Shirt Day – Thursday September 28th – 9:30-1:00pm.

October

- Elder Host Training – Monday October 2nd, 4:30 – 6:30pm
- Sisters in Spirit - October 6th, 11:30 pm
- Indigenous World Café - Oct 19, 5:00 pm

November

- TRC Residential School Speakers event and Gathering - November (TBD)

December

- Holiday Celebrations - December

ABORIGINAL SERVICES CONTACTS

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Boozhoo/Welcome to all of our new and returning Indigenous students. We are so grateful to have you with us here at Selkirk College during your learning journey. We will be sending monthly emails to students to keep informed about our upcoming events. Keep your eyes on our Facebook page for our most recent updates - <https://www.facebook.com/selkirkaboriginalstudents/>

Recent Events

Indigenous Education Symposium - On June 19th and 20th, through the Teaching and Learning Institute and Aboriginal Services, Selkirk College was pleased to host an Indigenous Education Symposium at the Tenth St. Campus. Nearly 75 people from across the region and beyond gathered for this event where we were grateful to hear from presenters including Dr. Judy Thompson from UNBC, Dianne Biin from BC Campus, and Laurie Arnold from Gonzaga University.

Upcoming Events

Indigenous Student Welcome Celebration & Gathering Place 5 year anniversary

Come join us **Thursday September 14th, 2017 from 11:00-1:00pm** at the Gathering Place for our welcoming event for all Indigenous students for lunch, crafts, and an introduction to our services! Our Aboriginal Services staff, many elders from our Elder's program, as well as other staff and students!



Photo on this page From left: Jessica Morin Aboriginal Services Liasion, Ann-Marie Smith, Cultural Assistant and Leah Lychowyd Aboriginal Access & Support Assistant

Want to get Involved?

* Feel free to get in touch with Jessica or Leah to schedule a one-on-one meeting about questions about Selkirk, funding resources, or connecting to community cultural resources

* Drop by one of our events! Or come to the Gathering Place to study or meet other Indigenous students.

* Have an idea about an issue, project or event that you'd like to see on campus? Let us know, - we love supporting the visions of students!

* Come visit over tea with one of our elders in residence at the Gathering Place

Elders-in-Residence

Stay tuned for a schedule (tbd) for our weekly or biweekly Elders-in-residence visits in the Elder's lounge where Indigenous students will have an opportunity to visit and connect with one of our lovely Elders.

This intergenerational connection helps to ground us in cultural teachings while we are balancing our challenging school schedules. Visits can range from informal drop-in for tea to more structured craft based workshops or drumming. Come meet some of our elders at our Indigenous students welcome!

Orange Shirt Day – In Honour of Residential School Survivors

On Thursday September 28th we will be hosting a large blanket exercise at Gathering Place from 9:30-11:15am. Max 35 participants to give an experiential sense of the historical and ongoing legacy of colonization and residential school on Indigenous people. We will have guest speakers and refreshments from 11:30-1:00pm. Contact Leah to register – llychowyd@selkirk.ca

Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Book Club

The TRC Review Book Club is being offered as a learning and exploratory opportunity open to both students attending Selkirk College and faculty, as well as members of the community who are interested in learning, or furthering their knowledge about the impact of Residential Schools and how it has contributed to issues faced by indigenous Canadians in present day.

We will meet monthly on Thursday evenings at the Gathering Place. Facilitated by Laura McNab-Coombs, current Métis Selkirk College student and Leah Lychowyd. Book club will run from Sept-April and culminate in a closing ceremony with Elders, some of who may choose to share personal experiences in residential schools. . Contact Leah for more info or to register. Maximum 12 participants. Light dinner & all supplies provided. We will be covering sensitive material, so we ask each participant to come with an open heart and mind.

Weekly Craft Circles & Lunches with Ann-Marie Smith

After a successful first year, we invite current and prospective students, staff and faculty, to drop by the Gathering Place on **Thursdays from 10:30-4:30pm** with Ann-Marie Smith to learn traditional crafts, teachings and stories. A light lunch will be provided. **Starting September 21st!**

Elder's Host Training

Want to start building relationship with our local elders and knowledge keepers? Interested in learning to work with elders on campus in a good way? Are you willing to commit to having some availability to host elders on campus when needed to ensure they feel safe and supported?

We invite interested students, faculty, and staff to confirm your space in our two hour Elder's host training on **Monday, October 2 at 4:30 p.m** at the Gathering Place. We ask that a trained host or Aboriginal Services staff is present to support Elders for each visit. Please RSVP by Monday September 25th to Leah llychowyd@selkirk.ca to confirm your space. Maximum 12 spaces available.

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