



AUGUST 25 – 28, 2026

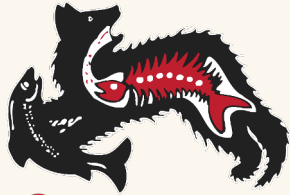
GOOD MEDICINE LODGE, FISHER RIVER CREE NATION

AGENDA



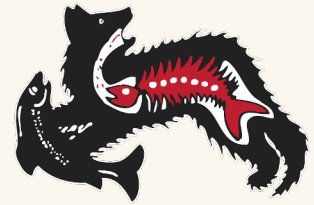
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DAY 1 AUGUST 25

- 8:30am - 9:00am** Pipe Ceremony
- 9:00am** Registration Opens
- 9:00am - 10:00am** Breakfast
- 10:00am - 11:30am** Opening Remarks with Loud Eagle Drum and Fancy Dance Presentation by Justin Sinclair-Paul
- 11:30am - 12:00pm** Serve Lunch
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm** Guest Speaker Ashley Callingbull with Intro Presentation by Mason Hoop Dancers and Justin Sinclair-Paul
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm** Round Dance and Meet & Greet with Ashley Callingbull
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm** Tipi Teachings
- 2:00pm - 6:00pm** Photobooth with Desmond Travers
- 3:00pm - 5:00pm** Youth Art Exhibit w/ Gayle Sinclair
- 4:00pm - 4:30pm** Supper
- 5:00pm** Sweat
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm** Youth Talent Show with the Mason Hoop Dancers



ASHLEY CALLINGBULL

Body First Indigenous Woman Crowned Miss Universe Canada | Actress | Model | Host | First Nations Activist

Ashley Callingbull is an actress, model, host and First Nations activist from the Enoch Cree Nation. She is an actress on Blackstone, Tribal, The Great Salish Heist and was a contestant on the Amazing Race Canada. Ashley is also an international motivational speaker and has been a keynote speaker at Harvard University, TED Talks and WE Day.

Ashley's hard work and charity work were recognized as she received the Top 20 Under 30 Award in Canada and was named as one of Canada's Top 10 Power Women. Ashley received the Youth First Nations Award from Indspire, which recognizes outstanding achievement across Turtle Island. Ashley was honoured to be inducted into the Circle of Honour at the Esquao Awards, which recognizes Indigenous female leaders and activists.

For her community work, Ashley received the Role Model Award from the United Nations on Global Dignity Day. On the 70th Anniversary of Her Late Majesty, Ashley was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal for her dedication of public service to family, community and her country.

Ashley was announced as the first Indigenous First Nations woman to become a Sports Illustrated Model. Ashley is currently an In-Game Host for the Canadian Football League, the National Lacrosse League and the National Hockey League. She made history as the first Indigenous woman to win the title of Miss Universe Canada and placed in the Top 12 at Miss Universe. Ashley is currently a host on The Price Is Right Tonight.



DAY 2 AUGUST 26

- 8:30am - 9:00am Pipe Ceremony
- 9:00am - 10:00am Breakfast
- 10:00am - 11:30am Tipi Teachings
- 10:00am - 2:00pm Haircuts and Braiding by Joe Cutz
- 10:00am - 4:00pm Photobooth with Desmond Travers
- 11:30am - 12:00pm Serve Lunch
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm **Guest Speakers: Dr. Grant Bruno & Sara Spence**
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm Tipi Teachings
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm Art Therapy: Rock Painting with Celicia Marsden
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm Registration for Indigenous Games Opens
- 3:00pm - 5:00pm Indigenous Games (w/ Norbert Mercudi)
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Supper
- 5:00pm Sweat
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm Ally Ribbons Fashion Show



DR. GRANT BRUNO

Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Alberta

Dr. Grant Bruno is nêhiyaw (Plains Cree), a member of Samson Cree Nation, and an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Alberta. As a researcher and parent of neurodivergent children, he brings together Indigenous knowledge and Western frameworks to develop culturally responsive, community-led supports for Indigenous children, youth, and families.

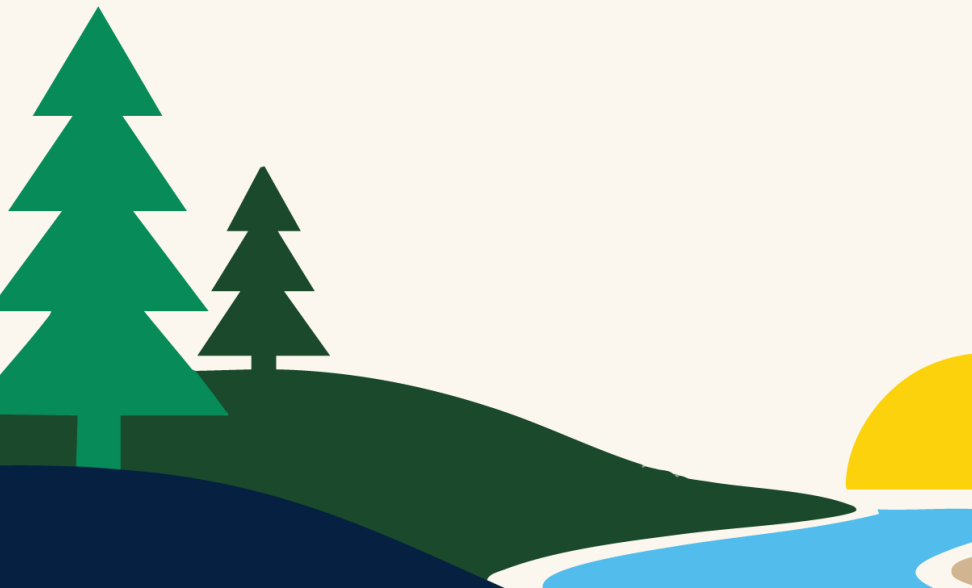
Dr. Bruno also holds leadership roles with the University of Alberta, WCHRI, and Kids Brain Health Network. He leads the Ispimihk Awâsisak (Sky Children Program) and Indigenous Caregiving Collective, centring family and caregiver voices in neurodivergence research and programming.



SARA SPENCE

PhD student in School and Applied Child Psychology at Western University

Sara Spence is Ininew (Cree) and a member of Peguis First Nation. Her maternal grandmother, Verna Spence (née Kirkness), was from Fisher River Cree Nation, and her father, Isaac Bignell, was from Opaskwayak Cree Nation. She is a PhD student in School and Applied Child Psychology at Western University and an Indigenous Policy Fellow with Kids Brain Health Network's ADVANCE Fellowship program.



DAY 3 AUGUST 27

- 8:30am - 9:00am Pipe Ceremony
- 9:00am - 10:00am Breakfast
- 10:00am - 11:30am Tipi Teachings
- 10:00am - 2:00pm Haircuts
- 10:00am - 4:00pm Photobooth with Desmond Travers
- 11:30am - 12:00pm Serve Lunch
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm Local Youth Engagement Panel
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm Tipi Teachings
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm Registration for Indigenous Games Opens
- 3:00pm - 5:00pm Indigenous Games (w/ Norbert Mercudi)
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Supper
- 5:00pm Sweat
- 7:00pm Movie Night with Concession, Bring Your Own Chairs (Open Air Hall)



DAY 4 AUGUST 28

8:30am - 9:00am	Pipe Ceremony
9:00am - 10:00am	Breakfast
10:00am - 11:30am	Tipi Teachings
11:30am - 12:00pm	Serve Lunch
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Closing Remarks with Loud Eagle Drum

INFO

Local Vendors to be set up daily

Quiet time is from 11pm-7am each night, to ensure our guests get enough rest

If attendees are registering for the Indigenous Games demonstrations, they must commit to the full two hours.

Celicia to hold rock painting, to be scheduled



MASON HOOP DANCERS

Kimberly, Charisma, and Nakiyah Mason, proud Cree sisters, have grown up embracing the rich tradition of hoop dance, using their passion to celebrate their Indigenous heritage and inspire community spirit. Since beginning their journey at ages six, seven, and two, the sisters have evolved into accomplished performers, now aged Eighteen,, Seventeen, and Nine, respectively.

Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and currently residing in southeastern Manitoba, they have been honoured with invitations to perform in numerous communities across the prairies, different parts of Canada. They also have done many school workshops, professional sporting events, high profile festivals and major gatherings. Providing interactive performances and cultural teachings.

Their impressive resume includes competing at the advanced level for the 2024 and 2025, World Championship Hoop Dance Contest in Phoenix, Arizona, as well as performances in Santa Fe, and the Taos Pueblos of New Mexico.

Embracing opportunities to address pressing issues faced by Indigenous peoples, the sisters use their storytelling dance to inspire entire communities, fostering reconciliation and shining a positive light on Indigenous youth.

Through their regalia, sewn by their mother Ginger Johnson, creating their own beadwork and hoop-making, the sisters ensure the traditional art of hoop dancing remains vibrant; passing it down to the generations. As proud band members of Fisher River Cree Nation, with close family ties to Gods Lake Narrows First Nation, the French and Norwegian communities of Manitoba.

Kimberly, Charisma, and Nakiyah embody the empowering spirit of Indigenous resilience and cultural pride





TIPI TEACHINGS INFORMATION

- **Sensory Tent - Rehabilitation**
Assistants Laurie Thomas & Cyndi Asham
- **Medicines - Jeannie Cochrane**
- **Cree Singing - Lance Guilbault**
- **Young Male Teachings - Ed Azere**
- **Young Female Teaching - Theresa Yetmen**
- **Cree Language - Stan & Dorothy Crate**
- **Cree Sweat - Micheal Hart**
- **Women's Teaching - Wanda Murdock & Lana Sutherland**

