



“The Feather”, our AbEd memo, keeps you up-to-date on events and news related to our department. Submissions are accepted (kerins_1@surreyschools.ca) up to noon on the previous Friday.

Hobiyeen 2020 - Ts'amiks Edition – Friday Feb 28 & Sat Feb 29 – PNE Forum (10:30 am – 9pm)

Hobiyeen {Ho-be-yeh} is a celebration of the waxing crescent moon, during the latter part of winter, each year. The Nisga'a of Ts'amiks (Vancouver), hosts this celebration each year and invites dance groups from other Nations to celebrate with them, the strength, beauty and diversity of indigenous cultures. The 1400 Nisga'a of Ts'amiks invite the general public to Hobiyeen to share the rich Nisga'a culture. (This is a free educational, cultural, artistic and family-friendly event.)

For more information: <http://www.tsamiks.com/hoobiyee-tsamiks-edition.html>

NTVS office (604) 646-4944, administration@tsamiks.com.

ISPARC Spring Equipment Grant now open!

I-SPARC is now accepting applications for its Winter edition of the Equipment Grant Program until February 26, 2020.

All First Nations, Métis Chartered Communities and Friendship Centres are eligible to apply for the Equipment Grant for up to \$1500. In addition, some community not-for-profit organizations that deliver Indigenous sport, recreation and/or physical activity programs will be eligible to apply. The equipment must be used to promote healthy active lifestyles for Indigenous communities by reducing barriers and increasing access

to sport, recreation and physical activity programs.

DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 26 at 4:00 PM (PST)

APPLY ONLINE: <https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/z8svjg30x9ldh4/>

Full Story: <http://isparc.ca/grants-recognition/equipment-grant-program/>

ACCESS Services for Indigenous Youth - Free Information Session

This [information session](#) is for counsellors and staff who work with Indigenous Youth. Please return the [registration form](#) directly to Helen Boyce (HBoyce@accessfutures.com). This event includes breakfast, lunch, and parking so there is no cost to you.

Interim Aboriginal University Preparation Program (IAUPP) at Simon Fraser University

A bridge program for Indigenous students. 16 Credits for a 2 term course load offered. The program is a cohort style program designed to help students on their educational journey.

Here is the link to the website for more information:

<https://www.sfu.ca/fass/students/prospective-students/iaupp.html>

Here is the [brochure](#) in PDF format as well.

SFU Centre for Dialogue Youth Day info and invite

[SFU's Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue](#) would like to invite you to the forthcoming **Blaney Youth Day Workshop with Siila Watt-Cloutier on Monday, February 24, 2020**. This Youth Day is part of the biennial [Jack P. Blaney Award Programming](#). The Jack P. Blaney Award for Dialogue is presented every second year to an individual who has demonstrated international excellence in the use of dialogue to increase mutual understanding in responding to complex public issues.

The recipient of the 2020 Jack P. Blaney Award for Dialogue is [Silla Watt-Cloutier](#). Silla is a respected Inuit leader and one of the world's most recognized environmental, climate change, and human rights advocates. In 2007, Silla was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for her advocacy in

demonstrating the impact of global climate change on human rights, and she has continued her profound work in environmental and social justice.

This Youth Day is an invitational event, and will aim to break down silos in climate action. This event will convene around 30-40 Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth leaders working toward climate and social justice. The goal is to build a safe space for dialogue and interactive activities for youth climate advocates, who centre climate action as an intersectional, holistic, and justice issue, and are interested in connecting with other youth in this space. In order to facilitate your attendance at this event, they would be happy to provide you with a letter of support should you wish to school to attend.

Please find the details below:

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020

Approximate Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

Location: Creekside Community Centre, Vancouver

They would be honoured to have you join them for this Youth Day. **Could you please reply by Friday, February 7, 2020** with the answers to the following questions:

1. Are you able to attend?
2. Do you have any referrals for other Indigenous or non-Indigenous youth climate leaders 25 and under that we should invite?
3. Will you require travel support to Creekside Community Centre in Vancouver (e.g. bus tickets)?
4. Do you have any dietary needs/ preferences or other accessibility needs?
5. Will you need a letter of support if you plan on missing classes to attend?

*Criteria for youth participant referrals:

(If you know of youth that may not meet all criteria, but you feel would be a strong delegate - please still do reach out and they'd love to discuss if this event is a strong fit.)

- Recognized as a youth leader (25 and under) in their community for climate/ environmental action

- Has experience in and/or has a keen interest in strengthening relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities toward climate action
- Approaches climate action with an intersectional, holistic, and justice lens, rather than a purely environmental lens in their advocacy"

List of FREE Upcoming Indigenous Sports Camps/Coaching Clinics for the Month of February

Here is a list of all the upcoming **Youth Sports Camps, Coaching Clinics, and Provincial Camps** that are happening in the Fraser Region during the month of February, as well as their registration links.

Youth Sports Camps: All camps are free for self-identified Indigenous youth! Please check to see what attire is required, and whether the camp is intended for youth ages 6-12, 13-17, or all-inclusive. Finally, please Pre-Register your youth before the event:

Rifle Shooting with Fraser Valley Metis Association (Feb 3, 10, 24) in Abbotsford

<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/xn6ar9a1rbus71/>

Basketball with Surrey Aboriginal Education (Feb. 3rd) in Surrey

<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/zz1omor104hwim/>

Archery with Fraser Valley Metis Association (Feb. 4, 11, 18) in Abbotsford

<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/x19sqj8h1pmpb38/>

Ringette with Skwah First Nation (Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 3, 10, 17) in Chilliwack

<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/z52j9i919vjd9z/>

Wrestling with Delta Aboriginal Education (Feb. 5th and 12th) in Delta

<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/z187p8zu0lpgd4i/>

Basketball with Opus Prep Academy (Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26) in Abbotsford

<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/z18wkla70ggbo75/>

Powwow Dancing with FRAFCA (Feb 6, 13, 20, 27) in Surrey
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/zw85awu1hj8ta2/>

Indigenous Athlete Performance Program (Strength&Conditioning)
with PacificSport Fraser Valley (Feb. 15th and Mar. 14th) in Surrey
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/z46nwis1qtjvtp/>

Archery with Spirit of the Children Society (Feb. 19) in Langley
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/zp9qq1404undlw/>

Wrestling with Surrey Aboriginal Education (Feb. 24) in Surrey
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/z1qttxgp15i7yxn/>

Lacrosse with Chawathil First Nation (Feb. 28) in Hope
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/z18t0ulo03f0v4u/>

Coaching Workshops: All coaching workshops are free for anyone of Indigenous ancestry, or anyone who works with the Indigenous community/in a sports position/recreation. This event requires you to pre-register:

"Indigenous Communities: Active for Life" with Tzeachten First Nation (March 8th) in Chilliwack
https://sportforlife-sportpourlavie.ca/catalog_classroom_detail.php?courseid=20&country=CA&province=BC

Team BC Player Selection Camp for 2020 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships: <https://isparc.ca/team-bc-player-selection-camp-for-2020-national-aboriginal-hockey-championships/>

Upcoming provincial camps include Badminton, Rifle Shooting, and Archery. Please check out the website for more details: <https://isparc.ca/indigenous-athletes-invited-to-apply-for-team-bc/>

**Apply today for your opportunity to become a
FitNation Leader! – March 31 to April 2**

See [link](#) for more information.



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