

Back To Batoche Days 2010 Youth Program and Workshop Descriptions

Monday July 19th

Guiding Circle Workshop Description: This workshop developed by the Aboriginal Human Resource Council encourages youth to participate in the process and reflect upon their career/educational journeys while discovering an active engagement approach that better connects them to their communities. They will explore the circle as a metaphor for careers and life, learning to identify and resolve conflicting values and connect the career process to families, friends and other influencers. Along the way, youth will develop questioning strategies that drill down to a deeper level of understanding to enable individuals to discover their skills, talents and passions through story-telling.

Tuesday July 20th

Michif for Youth with Norman Fleury: Norman Fleury, originally from St. Lazare, Manitoba, is a gifted Michif storyteller. He has worked extremely hard in the promotion and preservation of Michif-Cree, including the production of language resources and an introductory Michif-Cree dictionary. Norman will be onsite with his family to provide language workshops for the Youth visiting Batoche. This is an excellent opportunity to do something about keeping our language and heritage alive for our young people in the Métis Nation. The sessions will be come and go and no registration is necessary.

Leadership through the Arts with Ryan McMahon: Ryan McMahon is an Ojibway/Métis, Actor, Improviser, Comedian, Writer, Director, and Producer from Winnipeg MB. This workshop will focus on theatre training and drama that empowers and advances youth self worth and self-esteem, and engages participants in the topics of community engagement, anti-racism, and nation building.

Arts and Activism Workshop Description: Eekwol is an award winning hip hop artist from Cree Territory in Saskatchewan. In this workshop, she will share stories of the challenges and successes of being a part of both the hip hop and Indigenous worlds. Eekwol believes that music is the voice for this generation and is a great weapon in the struggles that young people face today. She hopes to capture the creative energies in all of us through understanding our history and using it as a tool for music. Most importantly, the participants will discuss identity and come to conclusions that relate to their own experiences.

Model Search and Workshop with Chelsa Reil Description: Youth who are interested in the Fashion and Modeling industry will get a chance to learn the ropes and participate in the Back to Batoche Fashion Show. Under the leadership and guidance of Chelsa Reil of Glacsy Model Management Canada, participants will begin to create a foundation in the areas of fashion, entertainment and professional artistic development. They will develop confidence, self presentation and role model skills and get to work with local Aboriginal designers.

Wednesday July 21st

8:00PM – 9:00 PM – The Local Onlyz/Dance Party - Regina's newest 3-piece Hip-hop group will perform 60 minutes of live hip-hop including the sprinklings of acoustic guitar, mandolin and Fender Rhodes piano with next-level turntablism and an array of nice-to-hard hitting grooves. These fellas are not bound by any genre.

Thursday July 22nd

7:00PM-8:00PM –JUST THE BOYZ a Métis group from Beauval SK. will perform a mix of country songs delivered in their energetic, up-tempo style. They will be sure to attract fans from all over Saskatchewan with their live show.

Friday July 23rd

Youth Panel Discussion: To end the Youth Program at Back to Batoche, we will be holding a Youth Panel Discussion. This will be an open, safe, and positive space where Youth can dialog with each other, sharing their achievements, revealing their challenges and speaking to their dream that they have for the future.

If you have any question regarding the Youth Program or would like a registration form please contact Jenn Altenberg @ 306-251-0402 or email Jna508@mail.usask.ca