



Calendar of Events

- May 17** **Media Event: Kick Off**
Press Conference at CUMFI
12:15 p.m.
- May 18** **Read for Reconciliation**
Campaign runs over 4 weeks
Saskatoon Public Library
<http://saskatoonlibrary.ca/reconciliation>
- May 19** **Gordon Tootosis Nikaniwin Theatre Presents: Popcorn Elder by Curtis Peeteetuce**
May 19 – May 29, 2016
914 20th Street West
Studio 914
For ages 12 and up
General Admission \$25.00
Matinees: \$18.00
- A co-production with Dancing Sky Theatre. Inspired by the Arizona Sweat lodge incident of 2009, the theme of this provocative play is the practice of plastic shaman and elders in the Indigenous community. For more information please go to www.qtnt.ca
- May 24** **NatureCity Festival: Water Ceremony**
Gabriel Dumont Park. Meet near the playground
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You are invited to participate in a traditional ceremony of gratitude and respect for water, with ceremonialist Isaac Murdoch, assisted by Christi Belcourt. Participants are asked to arrive by 10 a.m. and plan on staying for the entire ceremony. Everyone is welcome. Children must be under the care and supervision of adults. This is a quiet, gentle ceremony and not an entertainment. For your comfort, please bring • lunch: Please bring a lunch for mid-day and water, ideally in a refillable container. If you have children with you, you may want to bring snacks as well. • a blanket to sit on • outdoor gear: Please come prepared for being outdoors (rainwear, sunscreen, insect repellent, whatever you may require.) It is tick season, so it is a good idea to wear long sleeves and tuck your pant legs into your socks. For the ceremony, please bring • a meter of narrow ribbon, about as wide as your little finger (blue, green, yellow, purple, white, polka dot, rose or pink) • washed berries to share: Each party of people (an individual or a family) is asked to provide a package or two of fresh, washed berries for the feast that concludes the ceremony. • a cup for each person. Women may wish to bring a long skirt or a shawl or scarf to wear as a wrap-around. For more information visit www.wildaboutsaskatoon.org

May 24 NatureCity Festival: Water Song for a River City, with Maria Campbell and Friends

Broadway Theatre
7:30 p.m.
Admission is free.

Wild about Saskatoon is proud to present "Water Song for a River City," an evening of stories, songs, inspiration and hope, featuring Maria Campbell and friends. Get your free ticket now at <https://www.picatic.com/event14609601631896964#/edit>

Water is the medium of life. It flows through our bodies, through our city -- through the whole, wild living world. It's in every plant and animal, in every human cell. It's the sap rising in the trees. The blood pulsing through our veins. The amniotic fluid in our mother's wombs. Water nourishes, sustains, connects.

This evening will transform your relationship with water and with our river, the swift-flowing kisiskâciwani-sîpiy. Expect new insights, new directions, new depths. Expect inspiration and a call to action.

Maria Campbell is an officer of the Order of Canada and a recipient of both the Saskatchewan Order of Merit and the Canada Council for the Arts Molson Prize, among many other honours. A mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she lives in Saskatoon and at Gabriel's Crossing near Batoche and currently teaches in the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan. She will be joined on stage by friends, to be confirmed.

For more information visit: www.wildaboutsaskatoon.com

May 25 NatureCity Festival: Learning from the Land With Indigenous Knowledge and Science

Saskatoon Wildlife Federation Building and Northeast Swale
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
This event is fully booked.

On this full day of activities, First Nations and Metis Knowledge Keepers and grades 4 to 8 students will learn from the land! The students will participate in four sessions, over a full day, at the Northeast Swale. The four elements, earth (plant life), water (water life), air (sky and stars), and energy (sound) will each comprise one session.

This day of activities is sponsored by the Nature City Festival, Saskatoon Nature Society, Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation and Meewasin Valley Authority. Facilitators include Bente Huntley, Joseph Naytowhow, Wilfred Buck, Kenton Lysak, and Kyle James.

For more information visit: www.wildaboutsaskatoon.com

May 25 Atchakosuk: Ininewuk Stories of the Stars

Silverspring School gymnasium
610 Konihowski Road 7:30 p.m.

Join Elder Wilfred Buck of the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre to gain a new understanding and appreciation of the energy ablaze in the night sky. Wilfred Buck writes: "All cultures on Mother Earth have their own understandings of the stars. No matter where one was located on Earth, all one has to do was look up into an evening sky and a myriad of stories can be revealed. As human beings made sense of their world and established a sense of belonging, stories were told and connections between people and the environment were established. For the Ininewuk, this process precipitated the belief that all people belong in the vastness of Creation. The knowledge that has been gained has influenced our lives and helped us find direction and understandings."

Following the presentation, if the night is clear, Wilfred Buck will help us identify the Cree constellations in the dark skies of the Northeast Swale.

For more information visit: www.wildaboutsaskatoon.com

May 25 University of Saskatchewan Graduation Powwow:

10 am – Grand Entry honouring Grade 12 Grads
1 pm – Honouring U of S Grads

May 26 Saskatoon Public School Division Pow Wow

Mount Royal Collegiate

**May 26 Learning the Role of Nehiyaw through Language –
Beginner's Cree Workshop**

Facilitator: Belinda Daniels

White Buffalo Youth Lodge 10am-3pm

For more info contact Charlotte Loeppky at 306-653-7676 cloeppky@sktc.sk.ca

June 2 Heart Garden Day – Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools

In honour of Heart Garden Day on June 3, all schools within the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division will be planting Heart Gardens to honour residential school survivors and their families. For more information on Heart Gardens please go to <https://fncaringsociety.com/honouring-memories-planting-dreams>

June 1 Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall

10:00 am Flag Raising Ceremony

Celebrating the community Call to Action!

Presented by Potash Corp

hosted by: OTC, City of Saskatoon, Saskatoon Tribal Council and CUMFI

June 10 Indigenous Awareness Training – A Call to Action

Great Plains College, Warman Campus in partnership with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner

10:00 am to 3:30 pm

The training will include an introduction to First Nations worldview, protocol, treaties, residential schools and reconciliation.

Free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided

To register, please contact Emily Summach at emilys@greatplainscollege.ca

or (306)242-5377 by Friday, June 3rd.

- June 13 Wicihitowin Speaker Series: Calls to Action – Presented by Potash Corp**
Feature Presenter: Eugene Arcand
Frances Morrison Library Auditorium 10:30am-12pm
Registration Fee: \$20
Calls to Action. Eugene has been blazing a trail with his eye-opening and inspiring message on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission ninety-four Calls to Action. He eloquently describes how we can move forward on our own Calls to Action and how this is distinguishably different from a recommendation. He leaves his audiences ready to take action and motivated to be a change maker in their respective communities. A question that is posed to him quite often is “how do we know we are doing it right?” , in which he commonly replies “every way that we do it, is the right way”. Please join us as we present Eugene Arcand as our next guest in the Wicihitowin Speaker Series. Eugene’s presentation will be followed by a Question & Answer period.
To register and for more information contact Laura Marshall at the United Way of Saskatoon and area: 306-975-0901 email lmarshall@unitedwaysaskatoon.ca
- June 13 Treaty Plaque Ceremony**
The Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon is honoured and privileged to be placing a Treaty Plaque in our Cathedral [on June 13 at 7:00 pm](#). This service of installation, jointly presided over by the Cathedral clergy and Elders and leaders of the First Nations community, will include a smudging ceremony, drummers and dancers and a joint blessing of the plaque.

Harry Lafond will address the congregation on the historical significance of Treaty 6 and all treaties as well as encourage all to walk with hope and solidarity in the future years.

The Treaty Plaque will be placed on the rock fireplace in the Cathedral; a fireplace containing rocks from the 100 parishes and church communities in the Diocese - the majority of which are part of Treaty 6.

We invite all to join with us on this special and memorable day as we celebrate that "We Are All Treaty People."
- June 15 Homeless Challenge**
Central Urban Metis Federation Incorporated
- June 16 Iskwewuk Ewichiwitochik (Women Walking Together)**
- June 17 Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division Pow Wow**
Thorton Park (Across from St. Frances Cree Bilingual School)
10:00 – 3:00
Theme: Reconciliation
- June 20 Public Talk: Hunger, Human Experimentation and the Legacy of Residential Schools**
Speaker: Ian Mosby, PhD
Station 20 West – 7pm
<https://m.facebook.com/events/1703588259902998/>
- June 21 National Aboriginal Day Celebrations**
Hosted by the Saskatoon Indian and Metis Friendship Centre
Victoria Park
Event will include Treaty Payments and Entertainment. For more information visit www.simfc.ca

June 22 Rock Your Roots: A Call to Action – Day for Reconciliation

Victoria Park

10:30 am to 12 noon: Walk for Reconciliation

12 noon to 2:30 p.m.: BBQ and Entertainment