

AGENDA

"CONNECTION IS OUR PROTECTION"

BRINGING OUR CHILDREN HOME EVENT



AUGUST 5-10, 2025



Locations:

Xat'sūll First Nation Heritage Village
(camping & events)
Traditional territory land tours

All meals will be provided.

Camping is available at the following locations:

Xat'sūll Heritage Village—to reserve a campsite, please call 250-989-2355

Whispering Willows Campsite—to book online, visit: <https://www.wwcamp.ca>

To help us with planning, please contact Community Services at 250-989-2355 to let us know which day(s) you will be attending. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to seeing you there!

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DAY 1

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

- 9:00-10:00am** Opening prayer & smudge:
Breakfast, CJ's
- 10:00-11:00am** Welcoming home speech
Welcoming Ceremony
Welcoming packages
- 11:00-12:00pm** 'Who we are & where we come from'
- 12:00-1:00pm** Lunch, Save-On-Foods
- 1:00-5:00pm** Cultural activities:
- Ribbon skirts/shirts/shorts/
jackets/vest: Joanne Moiese
 - Quillwork: Corey Philbrick, wood
carving: Tony Charlie
- 5:00-6:00pm** Dinner, Ming's

DAY 2

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

- 6:00-8:30am** Optional Women's sweat lodge
ceremony: Jennifer Phillips
(showers available at the XFN gym)
- 9:00-10:00am** Opening prayer & smudge:
Breakfast, CJ's
- 10:00-12:00pm** Cultural activities:
- Ribbon skirts/shirts/shorts/
jackets/vest: Joanne Moiese
 - Quillwork: Corey Philbrick, wood
carving: Tony Charlie
- 12:00-1:00pm** Lunch, Red Tomato Pie's Pizza
- 1:00-5:00pm** Language session: Alicia Gilbert
Medicine walk with Torey Lee, Master
Herbalist
- 5:00-6:00pm** Dinner, Audrey Rankin catering
- 6:00-9:00pm** Entertainment

DAY 3

Thursday, August 7, 2025

- 9:00-10:00am** Opening prayer & smudge:
Breakfast, CJ's
- 10:00-12:00pm** Cultural activities:
- Ribbon skirts/shirts/shorts/
jackets/vest: Joanne Moiese
 - Quillwork: Corey Philbrick, wood
carving: Tony Charlie, & drum
making: IRSS
- 12:00-1:00pm** Lunch, Subway
- 1:00-5:00pm** Sharing circle: Jennifer Phillips
Children's activities & games:
Education
- 5:00-6:00pm** Dinner, Barbecue burgers & salads
- 6:00-9:00pm** Lahal games:
Val West & Jaunita Duncan

DAY 4

Friday, August 8, 2025

- Optional Men's Sweat Lodge:
Bruce Baptiste (showers are available
at the XFN Gym)
- 9:00-10:00am** Opening prayer, smudge:
Jennifer Phillips & Sabrina Sullivan
Breakfast, CJ's
- 10:00am-5:00pm** Bouncy castle, mini golf & outdoor
games: Janae Beaulieu
- 12:00-1:00pm** Lunch, hot dog roast & salads
- 1:00-3:00pm** Cedar teachings & weavings:
James Edgar Cook
- 3:00-5:00pm** Children's activities & games:
Education
- 5:00-6:00pm** Dinner, Audrey Rankin catering
- 9:00pm** Outdoor movie

DAY 5

Saturday, August 9, 2025

- 9:00-10:00am** Opening prayer & smudge
Breakfast, CJ's
- 10:00-12:00pm** Cultural activities:
- Baby basket making workshop:
Minnie Phillips & Jennifer
Phillips
 - Wood carving: Tony Charlie
- 12:00-1:00pm** Lunch, hot dog roast & salads
- 1:00-5:00pm** Blue Lake canoe races, land tour &
history
- 5:00-6:00pm** Dinner, Fabiola's Mexican Food truck
Closing Ceremony & prayer
Blanketing Ceremony for the
attendees
- 6:00-9:00pm** Family dance:
Chilcotin Dream Band

DAY 6

Sunday, August 10, 2025

- 9:00-10:00am** Breakfast, Audrey Rankin catering
& pack up



Kukwstsétsemc (thank you). We thank you for joining us on our first
Bringing Our Children Home event. We hope you have safe travels home.