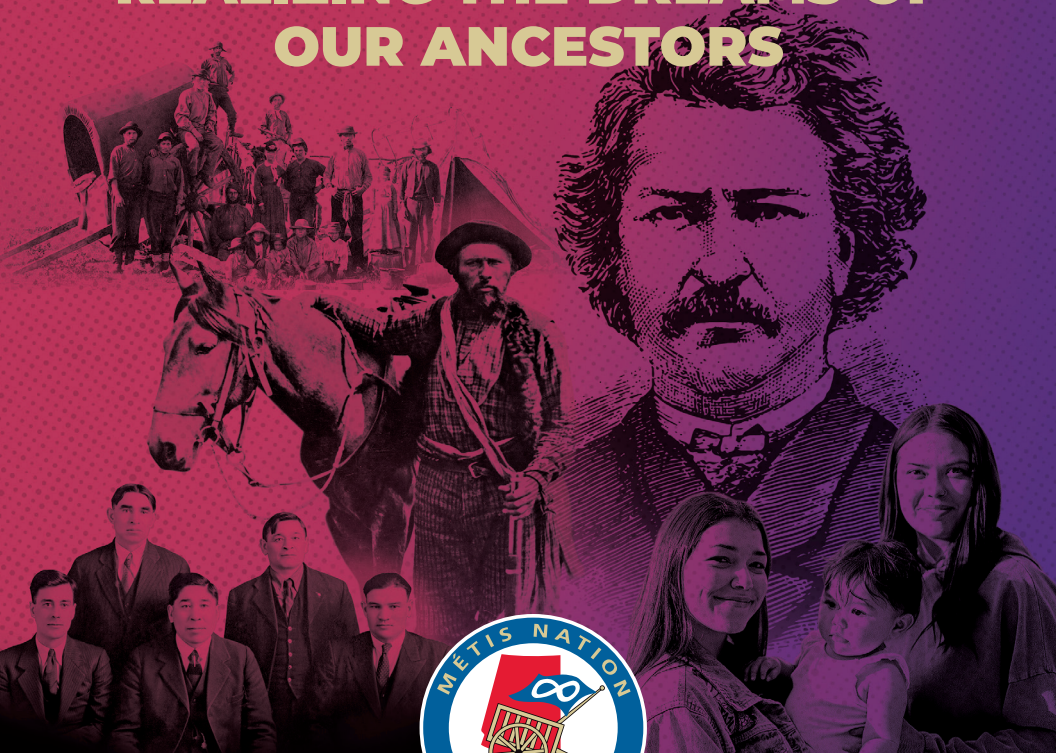


WE MADE HISTORY: REALIZING THE DREAMS OF OUR ANCESTORS



EVENT PROGRAM



95TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MÉTIS CROSSING, SMOKY LAKE
AUGUST 10-13, 2023

Agenda of Events

8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Open Mic » Homer Poitras Stage
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Voting Registration » Tent by Information Booth
8:00 a.m.	Regional Registration » Regional Tents
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast » Gathering Centre
9:00 a.m.	<p>Opening Ceremonies and » Flag Raising » Homer Poitras Stage</p> <p>Business Meeting » Gathering Centre</p> <p>Trade/Craft Show » Campground</p> <p>Elders Room » Gathering Centre Classroom 1</p> <p>Youth Activities » Outdoors</p> <p>Children and Family Activities » Outdoors</p> <p>TELUS World of Science</p> <p>Métis Crossing Cultural Experiences » Outdoors</p>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p>Lunch » Gathering Centre</p>
	Business Meeting Continued » Gathering Centre
4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Riverside Lounge
5:30 p.m.	<p>Doors Open</p> <p>Cocktails</p> <p>50/50</p> <p>Blessing of the Meal</p>
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Banquet
8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Awards Presentation

Agenda of Events

9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Dance and Live Music from Métis Stew, » Homer Poitras Stage
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Regional Registration » Regional Tents
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast » Gathering Centre
7:30 a.m.	Voters Registration » Tent by Information Booth
9:00 a.m.	Business Meeting Continued



Children and Family Activities

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Tradeshow
DROP-IN ACTIVITIES	
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Facepainting · The River Lot · The Trading Post Bubble Station · Arts and Crafts
FACILITATED CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES	
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Voyageur Games · Fish Fillet Demo
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Story Time
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Spoon Jam
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Break/No Activities
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Story Time
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Voyageur Games
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Fish Fillet Demo

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Tradeshow Busy Bag Pickup 1 Busy Bag per child, supplies are limited. Please pick up at CFS tradeshow booth.
DROP-IN ACTIVITIES	
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Facepainting · The River Lot · The Trading Post Bubble Station · Arts and Crafts
FACILITATED CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES	
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Fish Casting Activity · Voyageur Games
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Story Time
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Fish Felt Activity
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Spoon Jam Lesson
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Break/No Activities
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Story Time
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Voyageur Games · Fish Felt Activity
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Fish Casting Activity

Childcare is not available. All children must be accompanied by a guardian or family member to participate in activities.

Youth Activities

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Finger Weaving · Axe Throwing
Check out the Youth Activities and enter the draw for awesome door prizes!	



Business Meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

» MÉTIS CROSSING GATHERING CENTRE

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<p>Opening Prayer</p> <p>Meeting Called To Order Establish Quorum</p> <p>Election Of Chair & Vice-Chair Appointment of Sergeant at Arms Adoption of Agenda Resolution Committee Appointment of Cree Translator</p> <p>Report Of Officers President Audrey Poitras Vice President Dan Cardinal Secretary Carol Ridsdale 2022 Summary of Motions Treasurer Andrea Sandmaier Auditors Report & Financial Statements: March 2022/March 2023</p> <p>Resolutions Special Ordinary</p> <p>Adjournment</p> <p>Closing Ceremony Closing Remarks by President Audrey Poitras Closing Prayer</p>
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Banquet and Dance Tickets required to attend

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

» MÉTIS CROSSING

5:30 p.m.	Doors Open Cocktails 50/50 Blessing of the Meal
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner
TBD	Dance with Live Music from Métis Stew



Cultural Experiences at Métis Crossing

***Sign up required for:** Wildlife Tour, Voyageur Canoe Trips, Through The Eye of the Hunter.
Please sign up at the Cultural Gathering Centre Gift Shop.

Voyageur Canoe Rides from Métis Crossing to Victoria Settlement*

FRIDAY 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.

Attendance is based on a first come, first-serve basis. Please meet at the Red Barn and arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time.

Paddle a canoe along the picturesque North Saskatchewan River to Fort Victoria. Explore Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site to learn about Canada's fur trade. Catch the shuttle back to Metis Crossing.

Victoria Settlement

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Catch the complementary shuttle to Victoria Settlement provincial historic site, departing from the front of the Cultural Gathering Centre all day long.

Fort Victoria, located 5 km east of Métis Crossing, was established by the Hudson's Bay Company in 1864 on the North Saskatchewan River as a trading post with the local Cree First Nations. It had previously been settled in 1862 as a Methodist missionary site, on the location of an Indigenous meeting place. Today, it is a historical museum known as Victoria Settlement.

Vision, Hopes, and Dreams Wildlife Park Tours*

FRIDAY 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.

Meet at the front of the Cultural Gathering Centre.

Visions, Hopes and Dreams at Métis Crossing Wildlife Park offers guests a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the beauty of Métis heritage species.

The wildlife park is home to rare white bison, wood bison, plains bison, elk, and Percheron horses.

Traditional Plant Use & Moose Meat Smoking

FRIDAY 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Buffalo Lake Traditional Knowledge Holder Ron Quintal shares teachings of plant use, passed down from his grandmother. Meanwhile, moose meat will be dried in the traditional fashion to exemplify living with the land.

Fire Lighting/Traditional Skills

SATURDAY 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

With Tracey Klettle in the Historic River Lot Farm behind the Skills Sheds.

Fire lighting is a potentially life-saving skill and one of the most important survival skills to learn. This program will explore fire lighting options, how to build a fire, and the fire lighting tools we always bring into the backcountry.

Salve Making & Plant Uses

SATURDAY 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Under the big maple tree beside the Riverview deck.

Learn the traditional method of using plants to create topical remedies for common ailments.

Bannock Making

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

At the firepit in the Historic River Lot Farm, behind the Brown House.

Follow the smell that reminds you of Kookum's kitchen and come and enjoy a

taste of tradition.

Gold Panning

SATURDAY 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

With Keith Diakiw at the Historic Riverlot Farm.

Do you have gold fever? Do you want to learn how to pan for flour gold from the mighty North Saskatchewan River? Experience hands-on learning of how to pan for gold from river sediments. For safety reasons, there will be individual gold panning stations set up near the river's edge. At the end of your 30-minute session, you are free to take home all the gold specs you find.

Hide Tanning Demonstration

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

In the Skills Sheds.

Traditional Tanning is a broad process covering different techniques for small animals, large animals, rawhide, and leathers. Each requires different tools and skills to produce a line up of valuable materials that can be used in a wide variety of finished goods. Live fleshing, dry scraping, braining, dehairing, and smoking stations will allow anyone wanting to participate and try out some tanning techniques to learn more about these traditional skills.

TELUS World of Science Observatory

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

On the Riverview Deck.

Did you know this year's AGA will fall during the peak of the Perseid meteor shower? Join TELUS World of Science – Edmonton to learn about this and more astronomy from a land-based perspective. On Friday and Saturday, we will look at how to orient ourselves to the land using the sky (the sun, moon, planets, and stars), and learn about traditional constellation stories and their importance from a cultural and survival perspective. Use our sun-viewing glasses to look at the sun or check it out on

Saturday with one of our telescopes!

On Saturday, we'll blow up our mobile planetarium for you to come in, lay back, and enjoy the sky and its stories. And we welcome you to hang out with us on Friday and Saturday evening when we will show you where to spot the beautiful Perseid meteors in the sky. You won't want to miss it – it's the best meteor shower of the year!

Through the Eye of the Hunter: Archery Experience*

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

11 a.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.

Hear stories of Métis life on the land and try your skills with a bow and arrow on our natural 3D archery course.

Traditional Crafts

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

In the Historic River Lot Farm

- Fish scale art
- Porcupine quill earrings
- Display table with traditional craft items (i.e. furs, hide tanning tools, leathers, crafts)
- Various beading kits available for purchase

Voyageur/Traditional Games

SATURDAY 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Next to the Brown/Glass House, across from the Bison Camp.

Test your strength, resolve, and determination with sought after skills during the fur trade. Compete with your fellow Métis to see who has the ability to be the champion Voyageur.



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