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Child and Family Services

Alternative Care Newsletter



June 2025

WAABGONII GIIZIS

Blooming Moon

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CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Waabgonii Giizis - Blooming Moon

Full Moon: June 11, 2025

Ahniin, Boozhoo Kina Weya,

Waabgonii Giizis, known as the Blooming Moon, marks the moon cycle in May. In Anishinaabe tradition, this moon signals a time of renewal, growth, and the return of vibrant life to the land. The Earth awakens from its long rest, and the spirits of the plants rise again, bringing beauty and medicine back to our world.

This is the time when flowers begin to bloom in full, birds return, and the forests and fields come alive with color and sound. It is a reminder of our connection to all living things and the importance of caring for the land that sustains us.

Waabgonii Giizis is also a time for planting, preparing the gardens, and giving thanks for the gifts of new life. Spiritually, this moon teaches us about hope, healing, and the gentle strength found in growth and transformation.

Na'how, Miigwetch,
Culture Team




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SAVE THE DATE

Circle of Care

Alternative Caregivers & Volunteer Drivers

RECOGNITION DINNER

September 25, 2025

The Gathering Place,
Wasauksing First Nation

Office Closure

June 20 - National Indigenous Peoples Day
July 1 - Canada Day
August 4 - Civic Provincial Day
September 1 - Labour Day
September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

**Our After Hours Team will be available for
emergencies at 1-855-223-5558**

UPCOMING DATES OF OBSERVANCE



National Indigenous People Day

June 21st – National Indigenous Peoples Day is a day recognizing and celebrating the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Indigenous peoples of Canada.

REGISTER NOW!

LIMITED SPOTS

**DEADLINE
APPROACHING**

A colorful poster for a summer camp. At the top left, a thought bubble says "See you!". To the right, the text "HONOURING THE WATER: SUMMER CAMP" is written in large, bold letters. Below this, a calendar icon indicates the dates "July 14 - July 17, 2025" and a location pin icon indicates "Camp Petawachuan, Dokis First Nation". The background features a large orange and yellow tent on the left and two Polaroid photos on the right: one showing people around a campfire labeled "Traditional Foods", and another showing a person fishing labeled "Fishing". At the bottom, a wooden canoe is partially visible. A yellow banner at the bottom contains the text "Ages 8-17" and "Cultural Crafts, Swimming, Water Walk, Paddle Making and More!". Below that, another yellow banner says "Deadline to register: June 6, 2025 at 4:30 PM". The very bottom yellow banner says "For more information and to register: contact your cic worker".

See you!

**HONOURING THE WATER:
SUMMER CAMP**

July 14 - July 17, 2025
Camp Petawachuan,
Dokis First Nation

Traditional Foods

Fishing

Ages 8-17

Cultural Crafts, Swimming, Water Walk,
Paddle Making and More!

**Deadline to register:
June 6, 2025 at 4:30 PM**

**For more information and to register:
contact your cic worker**

ALTERNATIVE CARE UPCOMING TRAINING

To attend any training, please register at registration@nijcfs.com or contact: 1 (855) 223-5558

Standard First Aid + CPR C class

Offered by St. Johns Ambulance 8:30am – 4:30pm (both days)

North Bay

2025

- June 4/5
- June 10/11
- June 16/17
- June 24/25
- July 2/3
- July 10/11
- July 16/17
- July 22/23
- July 28/29

Sudbury

2025

- June 11/12
- June 25/26
- July 16/17
- July 30/31



One Day Renewal

8:30am – 5:30pm

North Bay

- June 27
- July 25

Sudbury

- June 26
- July 10

NOTE:
For a renewal you
cannot have expired

Did you know...
That all training listed
is part of the
Licensing
Requirement.

Trauma Informed Care

Delivered by The Child and Parent Resource Institute (CPRI) is a free three (3) module training webinar series about Trauma-Informed Care for caregivers who are caring for children and youth. This training takes approximately 8 hours. (2hours each + surveys)

Link and step-by-step guide
how to register will be emailed

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention

To Be Determined

Car Seat Safety

For more information please contact your
Alternative Care Worker for arrangements.



Cultural Competency

Offered by

Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiyag Child & Family Services

- May 24, 2025: 10:00am – 3:00pm
- June 19, 2025: 10:00am – 3:00pm
- Sept 23, 2025: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Sept 25, 2025: 4:30pm - 6:00pm
- Oct 18, 2025: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Caregivers must register individually
provide their contact information.
Should you require assistance please
contact your worker.

[Registration Link: To Register Click Here](#)

We are looking for Alternative Care, Emergency & Respite Homes!

Did you know... if you refer a family member or a friend to become a caregiver and they complete the assessment and are approved you will receive a \$50.00 Gift Card.

Contact us at 1-855-223-5558

ALTERNATIVE CARE ACTIVITIES

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

Theme: Nature Scavenger Hunt,

Send a photo of the completed sheet to your worker

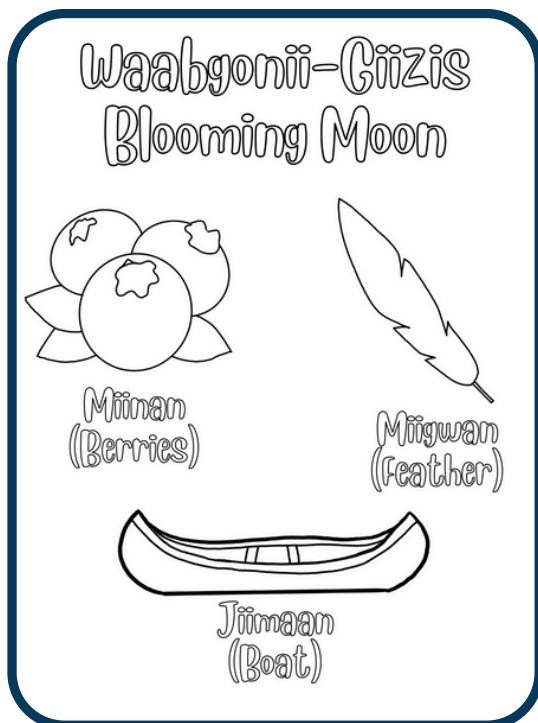
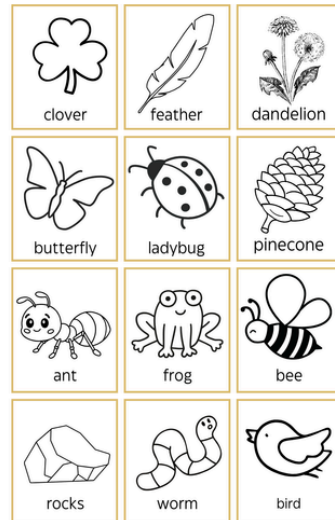
Prize: \$50 Walmart Gift Card

Submission Date: May 28, 2025

Draw Date: May 30, 2025

Nature Hunt

colour me in once found



CHILDREN'S COLOURING

Prize: \$25 Walmart Gift Card

Submission Date: May 28, 2025 to your worker

Draw Date: May 30, 2025

MAY Art Work

All ages and skill levels are encouraged to submit to get entry to the draw. Raffle winners will be notified.



MAY 2025 CULTURAL EVENTS

Rooted Traditions: Prepping Outdoor Gardens (Ages 5+)

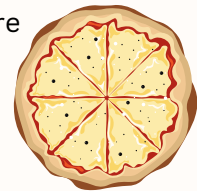
(Ages 5-12 MUST be accompanied by a caregiver or worker)

- June 5 at Land's Office Basement (Youth Center), Henvey Inlet First Nation
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm
REGISTRATION DUE: Monday June 2, 2025



Lil' Cooks Academy (Ages 7 -12) "Say Cheese & Pizza Please!"

- Monday June 16 at Shawanaga First Nation Healing Centre
19 Shebeshekong Rd N, Nobel ON
Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday June 13, 2025



Men's Fire Gathering (Ages 10+)

- Dokis First Nation, Giiwejwan Traditional Grounds Fire Arbour,
June 12, 2025 6:00-7:30pm
- Shawanaga First Nation, Niijaansinaanik Arbour,
June 26, 6:00-7:30pm



Honouring the Water: Summer Camp (Ages 8-17)

- Camp Petawachuan, Dokis First Nation - July 14-17, 2025
Please register with your worker **DEADLINE to register Friday June 6, 2025**

see attached flyers for more information

**To attend any Cultural program or event, registration is required,
please ask your worker for more information and to register.**

WIISINAADAA! LET'S EAT!

WILD RICE & BERRY SALAD

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup of wild rice
- ¼ cup of blueberries
- ¼ of sliced strawberries
- ¼ of maple syrup

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Bring water to a boil, add wild rice and boil until kernels pop open & "curl" at ends
- 2 Drain rice fully and let cool
- 3 Rinse and slice berries
- 4 Mix in ¼ cup of maple syrup
- 5 Mix in your berries and enjoy!



Anishinaabemdaa Let's speak/talk Ojibway

Niibin	•••	Summer
Jiimaan	•••	Boat
Wiigwaas Jiimaan	•••	Birch bark canoe
Miinan	•••	Berries
Zaawaa	•••	Yellow
Mno-giizhgad	•••	It is a nice day
Dewegan	•••	Drum
Mkizinah	•••	Moccasins
Miigwan	•••	Feather



Contact us

We love to hear from you.

Your role as a caregiver is crucial in many aspects. Thank you for choosing to be a care provider and making a sincere difference in the lives of many. Thank you for believing in our Agency and helping keep Indigenous children in our/your communities. Together we can provide positive and healthy experiences for children and youth, who can grow up with true and strong connections.

Miigwetch!



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ROOTED TRADITIONS: COMMUNITY GARDENING

Come grow with us!

Where & When?

Lands Office Basement (Youth Centre)
Pickering River Rd
Henvey Inlet First Nation, ON, P0G 1J0

June 5, 2025 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Prepping outdoor garden
July 3, 2025 6:00 – 7:30 PM – transplanting outdoors
August 14, 2025 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Caring for plants & harvest
September 4, 2025 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Harvest & clean up

Join us in beginning your own garden!

Includes traditional medicines, vegetables, fruits, flowers and more!

Multiple sessions to check in on your plants progress.

Ages 5+

Ages 5–12 MUST be accompanied by a caregiver or worker.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
MONDAY JUNE 2, 2025

Register with:
registration@nijcfs.com



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Lil' Cooks Academy Presents:

Say Cheese & Pizza Please!

Ages 7-12



**Monday June 16, 2025
4:00pm - 6:00pm**

Location:

Shawanaga Healing Centre
19 Shebeshekong Road North,
Nobel, ON P0G 1G0

For More Information and Registration:
Registration@nijcfs.com



MEN'S FIRE GATHERING & TEACHINGS



DOKIS FIRST NATION



Knowledge Keeper: Perry McLeod-Shabogesic

Light Snacks
& Drinks
Provided

**Thursday June 12, 2025
6:00-7:30pm**
Giiwejwan Traditional Grounds
Dokis First Nation

To register & for more information please contact:
Gwen Dokis, Mental Health Worker
mentalhealth@dokis.ca and/or 705-763-2112



MEN'S FIRE GATHERING & TEACHINGS



SHAWANAGA FIRST NATION



Knowledge Keeper: Perry McLeod-Shabogesic

Light Snacks
& Drinks
Provided

**Thursday June 26, 2025
6:00-7:30pm**
Niijaansinaanik Arbour
Shawanaga First Nation

To register & for more information please contact:
Anaiyah, Cultural Coordinator
cultural.hc@shawanagafirstnation.ca and/or 705-366-2378

