Debendaagziwaad Days

July 22 - 26, 2024

Atikameksheng Anishnawbek have a history and connection to our land. We are proud of our rich Anishinaabe way of life.

Together, we share our language, our traditions, our ways of life and our laws. We believe in our vision as Atikameksheng Anishnawbek. We identify ourselves as Debendaagziwaad - “Those who Belong”.

MONDAY

Library Re-Grand-Opening
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Library

Meet the new library staff, check out the new layout, and sign up for a library card to be entered into a prize draw!!

Water Wars
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wasaakwa Children Centre

Friendly water fight for kids.

Northland Wrestling Show
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Community Centre

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KENDAASII GAMIK

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

GRAND REOPENING

JULY 22, 2024

KENDAASII GAMIK/LIBRARY

MAIN LEVEL
212 MAANI RD.
10 AM - 3 PM



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Northland Wrestling Show

Monday, July 22, 2024 | **7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Community Centre



Join us for Wrestling Night with Northland Wrestling where you can watch AJ Jones and other wrestlers compete live!!

Northland produces major wrestling events working from its base of operations in North Bay, Ontario. They conduct shows locally and regionally, operating primarily in Ontario traveling to partner with festivals and promoters to bring the best professional wrestling has to offer.

Register for this event by scanning the QR code or by following the link!
https://forms.office.com/r/M4nkrjMuzu

Please **pre-register** to secure your seat ahead of time.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Registration will also be accepted at the door until we have reached max capacity.

TUESDAY

Take-Away Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Community Centre

Corn Soup Boil
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Teaching Lodge

Loonie Auction
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Community Centre

Youth Craft Activities
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Youth Centre

LUNCH
12:00p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Comedy Night w/ Don Burnstick
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6pm)

Community Centre

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Loonie Auction

Tuesday, July 23, 2024
Community Centre



Viewing

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Auction

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Auction items ranging in value from $50.00 to $1000.00.

All proceeds will go to the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Dance Arbor.

Prizes available:

- Bar Fridge from The Brick
- Camping Gear from Champagne Siding
- Gun boot and helmet for quad from Northstar Recreations
- Four lasagnas from Helvi's
- And more!!

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Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Comedy Night with Don Burnstick

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Community Centre



Don Burnstick is a Cree man from Alexander First Nation, Treaty Six Territory. Don has been involved in healing and wellness for 40 years. For the past 30 years he has used humour to educate and entertain. From gatherings to casinos, Don has both entertained and inspired.

He started his journey in the early days of the Wellness Movement in the 80's, aka the Sobriety Movement, that evolved into the youth movement, women's wellness and then spiritual renewal. He is a much sought after entertainer and motivational speaker- not only for his comedy, but his dynamic presentations around wellness and healing.

Mature Content

Please be advised that this show may contain mature content or discussion of mature themes.
Recommended age of 14 and up.

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WEDNESDAY

Atikameksheng Day

Community BBQ
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Community Centre

Jays Care Baseball Game
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Ball field

Swearing in Ceremony
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Teaching Lodge

Recognition Gala
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Community Centre

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Jays Care Special Scrimmage



Wednesday, July 24, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ball field

Come watch Atikameksheng's JR and SR Rookie League Champion teams.

Come out and cheer our youth on!

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Swearing in Ceremony

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Teaching Lodge



Join us in welcoming our newly elected Gimaa and Council.

Traditional Ceremony will follow.

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Please keep in mind that the Teaching Lodge has limited spacing and traditional protocols will be in place.

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Recognition Gala



Wednesday, July 24, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Community Centre

Join us for dinner to recognize seven distinguished Debendaagziwaad who have been nominated by community members to receive an award for demonstrating the characteristics of the 7 Grandfather Teachings.

Emcee and Keynote speech by Donna Sound. Donna Sound is an Indigenous Circle reporter for CTV NATIONAL NEWS, and a regular contributor to the team's newsgathering efforts. She is the first Indigenous person in the history of CTV to anchor nationally.

https://forms.office.com/r/UB2SWi5JVT

Please pre-register for this event as limited seating is available.

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This is a formal event, please dress accordingly.

THURSDAY

Atikameksheng Golf Tournament
@ Lively Golf Course - ALL DAY

Craft Activity Stations
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Community Centre

LUNCH
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Bubble Party & Misting Station
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Community Centre Ball Field

Atikameksheng Rookie League
JR Team: 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
SR Team: 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Community Centre Ball Field

For more information on Thursdays activities happening in the community during the day, please contact Melissa Ross at childyouth.manager@wlfn.com or call 705-690-7513

FRIDAY

Family Day

Welcome Boards
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Semaa Planting
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Teaching Lodge

Outdoor Activities
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Community Centre Ball Field

Community Well-Being Report LUNCHEON
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Learn with Baabii
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Clan Teachings
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Community Centre

DINNER
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Community Centre

Family Dance
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Fireworks
9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (After sunset)

Community Centre

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Welcome Boards



Friday, July 26, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Join us to make a beautiful welcome board. Only **50 spots** available - first come first serve basis.

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Community Well-Being Report Luncheon



Friday, July 26, 2024

12:00 pm -1:00 pm

Community Centre

Join us for an informative luncheon on the results of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Well-Being Survey. Economist Mark Anielski will be on hand to deliver a comprehensive presentation on the Well-Being Survey results. This survey will continue to guide Atikameksheng Anishnawbek's Comprehensive Community Plan. This valuable information will have a positive impact on our First Nation.

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Learn with Baabii

Friday, July 26, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Community Centre



Join us and listen to original songs performed in Anishinaabemowin, along with interludes by the puppet Baabii (pronounced like bobby) sharing some Anishinaabemowin in between songs!

Baabii is a (mostly) friendly monster from an island in the Great Lakes who shares Anishinaabemowin

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CONTACT

For more information, please contact **Brandy Saikkonen** at events.coordinator@wlfn.com or call 705-692-3651 ext. 1147

Q: Who can attend?
A: All Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Debendaagziwaad and community members are welcome.

Q: Is there a cost to attend?
A: There is no cost to attend these events. They are free events to celebrate our Debendaagziwaad. However there is a Loonie Auction.

Q: Can I just show up to the Golf Tournament?
A: You have to pre-register your team to participate in the golf tournament. Please contact Brandy Saikkonen @ events.coordinator@wlfn.com for more information.

Q: Can I bring my kids?
A: Children are welcome to attend all events. We do recommend that children over the age of 14 attend the comedy night with Don due to mature content. We also ask parents/guardians to ensure their children are supervised during the events.