DEBENDAAGZIWAAD DAYS

July 21 - 25, 2025

Atikameksheng Anishnawbek has 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

July 21, 2025

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

TEACHING LODGE

SACRED FIRE TEACHING AND BUILDING YOUR BUNDLE

Learn about the Sacred Fire and build your own bundle! Each month after, an ongoing workshop on building your own bundle will occur!

5:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

RECOGNITION GALA + THEA MAY PERFORMANCE

Join us for an evening of community recognition and great food! This year's awards will acknowledge Debendaagziwaad exhibiting the seven grandfather teachings, one exceptional youth, and a dedicated staff member - all nominated by Debendaagziwaads!

Keynote speech from Debendaagziwaad Thea May followed by a beautiful acoustic performance!

Registration is required for this event due to limited seating. Please see separate flyer for registration details.

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Recognition Gala



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This is a formal event, please dress accordingly.

TUESDAY

July 22, 2025

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

HELMETS REQUIRED!

Bike & Quad Decorating Contest + Parade: 9:00 a.m.

All are welcome to bring your bikes and quads (all quads must be legally able to operate on the road) to the Community Centre Parking lot at 9:00 a.m. to decorate!! Supplies will be provided but we also encourage you to bring your own!

Prizes for the following catagories:

- Most Creative
- Best Use of Recycled Materials
- Funniest Decorated
- Most Colourful Decorated

Line up at Community Centre for parade at 11:00 a.m. Parade will begin at 11:30 a.m.

PIZZA LUNCH FROM 12P.M. - 1P.M. @ KENDAASII-GAMIK

Kindness Snake Rock Painting: 10:00 a.m.

All ages are welcome to visit the **Kendaasii-Gamik (library)** between **10:00 a.m.** - **4:00 p.m.** to paint rocks with kind messages and designs! These rocks will become part of our "Kindness Snake", a colourful display around the Kendaasii-Gamik grounds to spread positivity throughout the community!

Lawn Games

Enjoy a variety of fun lawn games set up beside the **Kendaasii-Gamik** from **10:00 a.m.** - **4:00 p.m.**! All ages welcome!

Guided Hike to Pigeon Mountain

Meet at the **Kendaasii-Gamik** for **9:00 a.m.** to enjoy a guided hike to Pigeon Mountain! All ages are welcome, but please make sure you're comfortable with the physical demands of the hike. Please bring water. Lunch is not provided, there is a pizza upon return.

7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

WRESTLING SHOW

Join us for Wrestling Night with Northland Wrestling where you can watch AJ Jones and other wrestlers compete live!! A canteen will be available to purchase snacks and drinks. Please see separate flyer for more details!!

CANTEEN PRICES

- $1.00 each for pop, water, chips, and freezies
- $3.00 for popcorn
- $5.00 for nachos with cheese or salsa

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Northland Wrestling Show

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 | **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!! A canteen will be available to purchase snacks and drinks.

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.

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

Register for this event by scanning the QR code or by following the link!
https://forms.office.com/r/KP12m4M7yS

CANTEEN PRICES

- $1.00 each for pop, water, chips, and freezies
- $3.00 for popcorn
- $5.00 for nachos with cheese or salsa.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

July 23, 2025

12:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT DAY

Special guest Scott McLeod, Lake Huron Regional Chief

Elders Engagement **12:00 p.m.**

All Elders, join the Political team for lunch at the Community Centre! After lunch, we will discuss the development of a potential Elder's Council (Knowledge Keeper's Council).

Lunch Provided

Youth Engagement **3:00 p.m.**

All Youth, join the Political team for some snacks at the Community Centre! We will discuss the development of a potential Youth Council!

Keynote by Scott McLeod, Lake Huron Regional Chief **6:00 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome to join the Political Department at the Community Centre for dinner and listen to a Keynote from Scott McLeod, Lake Huron Regional Chief!

Dinner Provided

Atikameksheng Trivia! **7:30 p.m.**

Join the Political Department for Atikameksheng Trivia hosted by Shawn McLaren with topics ranging from the CCP, Constitution, Well-Being Survey, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek History, Treaties, and more!

3rd Annual Golf Tournament
Lively Golf Course

THURSDAY

July 24, 2025

10:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

UPDATE!!!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bagged Lunch

A take away lunch is provided at the Community Centre from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Family BINGO

Visit the Community Centre from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to play some Family BINGO!

Outdoor Activities **WEATHER DEPENDENT!**

If the weather clears up outdoor activities will be available for children and youth such as:

- Soccer,
- Lawn Games,
- Water Balloons,
- and more!

BBQ

Visit the Community Centre Parking Lot to enjoy a BBQ dinner! We ask that you pay what you can for your meal, all funds raised will be donated to the Atikameksheng JR and SR Rookie League!!

5:00 P.M. COMMUNITY CENTRE PARKING LOT

If it is raining, dinner will be served inside the Community Centre!

6:00 P.M. - 8:45 P.M. BASEBALL FIELD

INDIGENOUS ROOKIE LEAGUE HOME GAMES

Head on over to the baseball field to watch the Atikameksheng Jays JR and SR teams play!! Bring signs to support the teams and enjoy some great music by DJ SoundFreqz! Stick around after the game for a mini dance party before fireworks!

WEATHER DEPENDENT!

Dance party will be in the Community Centre if it is raining

FIREWORKS

Head out to the Community Centre parking lot to enjoy a beautiful fireworks show!!

WEATHER DEPENDENT!

10:00 P.M. BASEBALL FIELD

FRIDAY

July 25, 2025

11:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTRE

LOONIE AUCTION

Head on over to the Community Centre to participate in a Loonie Auction!! Please see flyer for more details.

BAGGED LUNCH

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Stop in at the Community Centre for a take away lunch of soup and sandwiches!

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTRE

FILM SCREENING

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If you have any questions about the events, please contact events.coordinator@wlfn.com

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Loonie Auction

Friday, July 25, 2025
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 Arbour.

Prizes available:

- Gun Boot Case & Bracket
- Caruso Club Gift Cards
- Chainsaw
- 3 Frozen Lasagnas from Helvi's
- And more!!

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