DEBENDAAGZIWAAD DAYS

July 20 - 24, 2026

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 20, 2026

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

BELL PARK

SPLASH N' GO OUTING

Join us for an afternoon out on the water at the Splash N' Go at Bell Park!
Registration is required to attend. Please see event flyer for more details.

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

COMMUNITY CENTRE

DEBENDAAGZIWAAD RECOGNITION GALA

Join us for an evening of community recognition and great food! This year's awards will acknowledge Debendaagziwaad exhibiting the seven grandfather teachings all nominated by Debendaagziwaad!

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

DEBENDAAGZIWAAD DAYS 2026

Splash N' Go Outing



Monday, July 20, 2026
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Bell Park

Join us for an afternoon out on the water at the Splash N' Go at Bell Park! Snacks will be provided by accompanying Atikameksheng Staff.
Please bring sunscreen.

SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

Participants must be 5 years or older.

For more information, please visit https://www.splashngo.ca/index.php.

Registration is required. When registering, please indicate if you require transportation.

Call or email Brandy to register:

705-692-3651 ext. 1147

brandy.saikkonen@atikameksheng.com

Upon registration, you will be provided with a link to sign the mandatory Splash N' Go waiver.

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Recognition Gala



Monday, July 20, 2026
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Community Centre

Join us for an evening of community recognition and great food! This year's awards will acknowledge Debendaagziwaad exhibiting the seven grandfather teachings all nominated by Debendaagziwaad!

Doors open at 5:00pm!

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

ATIKAMEKSHENG ANISHNAWBEK

This is a formal event, please dress accordingly.

TUESDAY

July 21, 2026

9:30 AM

COMMUNITY CENTRE

ELDERS ACTIVITIES



Painting Activity

Join Dineen Worth from the Art Gallery of Sudbury for a relaxing painting session of Niibaa-maangoog - "The loons at night". Stencils will be provided, no need to have prior experience! Spots are limited and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Euchre Tournament

Join our Lands and Environtment team in a Euchre Tournament!

LUNCH

12:00 PM

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Stop in at the Community Centre for a fish and wild rice lunch and a strawberry shortcake dessert!

2:0PM-4:00PM

COMMUNITY CENTRE

INDOOR GAMES!

Enjoy a variety of fun games set up in the complex from **2:00 pm** - **4:00 pm**! Activities include inflatables, an obstacle course and more!

FAMILY DANCE

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Get ready to show off your dance moves! Sound Freqz Entertainment is bringing their signature loud speaker dance party experience.

PIZZA DINNER PROVIDED!

WEDNESDAY

July 22, 2026

Community Trivia

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Join the Political Department for Atikameksheng Trivia hosted by Shawn McLaren with topics ranging from general trivia to Atikameksheng Anishnawbek History!

Science North Exhibit

2:00PM- 4:30PM

YOUTH CENTRE

Join the Bluecoats from Science North for their Nature Unleashed program! Be prepared to unleash your inner wonder for the wilderness. Discover how tornadoes form, become nature's detectives, learn how animals fly and much more! Ages 6-12 are welcome, spots are limited and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

FILM SCREENING - AKI

6:00 PM

DYNAMIC EARTH

Join us to watch a screening created by Atikameksheng's own Darlene Naponse!

Free transportation from the community centre at 6:00pm. The film will play from 7:00pm, followed by a Q&A with Darlene! Free popcorn, snacks and drinks will be offered at Dynamic Earth. Note: The theatre has a capacity of 125.

4th Annual Golf Tournament
Lively Golf Course

THURSDAY

July 23, 2026

CRAFTS FOR ALL!

Inuit Yo-Yos and Medicine Bears

Join us to make Inuit Yo-yos and Medicine Bears! All supplies provided.

10:00 AM
COMMUNITY CENTRE

LUNCH

12:00 PM
COMMUNITY CENTRE

A beef stew and blueberry pie lunch will be provided at the Community Centre from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.

BALLFIELD CARNIVAL

Head out to the Ball Park from 1:00pm - 3:30pm for some fun activities such as a duck and fish pond, dunk tank and a foam party! A food truck will also be on site with popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy! Prizes to be won!

1:00 PM
COMMUNITY CENTRE

BBQ

5:00 PM
COMMUNITY CENTRE PARKING LOT

Visit the Community Centre Parking Lot to enjoy a BBQ dinner before cheering on the ball teams!

INDIGENOUS ROOKIE LEAGUE HOME GAMES

Head on over to the baseball field to watch the Atikameksheng Jays JR and SR teams play!! Bring your signs, banners and flags to support the teams!

6:00 PM - 8:45 PM
BASEBALL FIELD

FRIDAY

July 24, 2026

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
COMMUNITY CENTRE

LUNCH

Stop in at the Community Centre for bison meatballs and gravy, potatoes and squash casserole topped off with a cranberry shortbread cookie!

COMMUNITY BINGO

Bring the whole family out or a friendly game of BINGO! Many prizes to be won!

1:00 PM
COMMUNITY CENTRE

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
COMMUNITY CENTRE

LOONIE AUCTION + DINNER

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

If you have any questions about the events, please contact brandy.saikkonen@atikameksheng.com.

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Loonie Auction

Friday, July 24, 2026
Community Centre

Dinner and Prize Viewing
4:30pm-5:00pm

Auction
5:00pm-7:00pm



All proceeds will go to the Indigenous Jays Care Rookie League.

Prizes available:

- BBQ
- Paddleboard
- Kayak and Paddles
- 6 person tent
- Lotto Board
- Gift Cards

and more!

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