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INDUSTRY TLU CAMP 2025

From August 12-15, AWN hosted our industry partners at our TLU Camp, where they got to learn about plants, make their own beaded craft, and attend a ceremony!

On community nights we also got to share our culture with them! It started off with a grand entry of President David MacPhee, AWN Board of Directors Shirley Haggart, Wayne Karakuntie and ADC/AEC Board Member Charlie McDonald, AWN/ADC/AEC Staff and Management, along with our Community dancers with the beat of the drum from Red Rose Thunder Group echoing in the mountains!

We had Traditional, Jingle Dress and Fancy Shawl Dancers showcase their categories, during intertribal, guests and community were able to join and dance their style. Our local craft artists also got to showcase and sell their crafts, with the sounds of the drum, you couldn't help but feel that powwow vibe!

The evening ended with the James Gang Drummers drumming Round Dance songs while everyone held hands in unity to dance!

It was a great evening and week of friendship, mingling, laughter, joy, good food, good vibes and good company!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the camps a success!



WOMENS WELLNESS HEALING CAMP

On Aug 6-8, 13 beautiful women came together for 2 days of land based wellness activities. A scavenger hunt for edible and medicinal plants was followed by a group of wellness wheel activity, then a wonderful lunch prepared by our amazing bush cooks. After lunch we made glycerine and goat milk soap with flowers and plants we picked at the TLU grounds with the help of Lauren Moberly from Fallen Mountain Soap. The second day we made medicinal tinctures with Kimberly from Holistic Habits, a lively talking circle and finished the day with a women's sweat ceremony with Colleen and Toni Cardinal. The reviews of this camp were exceptionally positive- a big thank you to Randy Karakuntie, Dom Karakuntie, Claude Delorme, Penny Anderson, Joyce Plante, Eileen Hall, Stuart McDonald and the outside crew from down the hill who brought it all together, kept us safe, and managed camp beautifully.

MORE PICTURES FROM INDUSTRY TLU CAMP



MORE PICTURES FROM WOMENS WELLNESS HEALING CAMP



COMMUNITY PARTNERS CAMP

On Aug 8, 27 participants joined the Tawow Staff and our Community Partners Camp- a wide range of medical, social and mental health supports who serve our Aseniwuche Winewak Nation. Lots of cultural learning, brainstorming and fun we had by all. We are looking forward to more opportunities to showcase our beautiful culture and knowledge to the many services that work with our people.



PATHKINDER KIDS CAMP

On Aug 18-20, 18 children 6yrs-12yrs joined us for a 2 day culture camp at the TLU grounds. They spent the day learning land based and cultural activities from some incredible local knowledge keepers- thank you to Robert Wanyandie, Beau Hallock, Leola Moberly for sharing your gifts with our future leaders. Meagan Abu Zaneet brought her extensive knowledge of children's programming and planning to the camp and did an amazing job organizing everything and everyone. Thanks to Kyleigh Wanyandie, Dom Karakuntie, Claude Delorme, Eileen Hall, Marianne McDonald, Joyce Plante and Penny Anderson for all your help making this camp one to remember!



ROOTS AND ROUTES TEEN CAMP

On Aug 21-23, 11 youth attended our 2 day culture camp and experienced a variety of land based and cultural activities as well as the opportunity to hang out with their AWN peers. We had a really cold night in the tipis with the temperature plummeting to 2 degrees- but the youth enjoyed the whole experience and some were a little sad to see it end.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honors the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ON SEPTEMBER 30

An orange shirt, when worn on or around September 30th, is a powerful symbol of remembrance and reconciliation, specifically in relation to Canada's residential school system and its impact on Indigenous peoples. It represents the forced assimilation and cultural loss experienced by Indigenous children, particularly the story of Phyllis Webstad who had her orange shirt taken away on her first day at a residential school.

The day is known as Orange Shirt Day and is an opportunity for all Canadians to learn about the history of residential schools and commit to reconciliation. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

Wearing an orange shirt is a visible sign of support for reconciliation, a process of healing and repairing the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

On September 30, all Canadians are encouraged to wear orange to honour the thousands of survivors of residential schools.

To learn more, visit the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation website](https://www.nctr.ca/) for information and resources




LEARNING AND AWARENESS

Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for all Canadians to learn about the history and legacy of residential schools and to commit to a future where such injustices are never repeated

To learn more, On September 30th you can:


- Wear an orange shirt: a core symbol of Orange Shirt Day, honoring the experience of residential school survivors and acknowledging "Every Child Matters"
- Educate yourself: Read about history and ongoing legacy of residential schools, familiarize yourself with the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions 94 calls to action, and watch films about the experience of Indigenous people.
- Support Indigenous Communities: Read Indigenous authors, buy Indigenous made products and listen to Indigenous podcasts
- Acknowledge Indigenous Territory: Learn whose First Nations Territory you reside on and make a point of acknowledging it
- Check out local events: Look for Indigenous ceremonies, film viewings, or art showcases happening in your community September 30th



STAY IN SCHOOL AWARDS

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2025
FIREMANS PIT
4PM-6PM**

Aseniwuche students, families & teachers are invited to join us in celebrating the new school year and recognizing our incredible students!





NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NEWS

NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY

Notice is given that Nomination Day is September 22, 2025 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the local jurisdiction office listed below. The nomination period began on January 1, 2025 and will remain open until 12:00 noon on Nomination Day. Nominations will take place at SUSA CREEK SCHOOL

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- Questions? Call 780-624-2060 or 1-800-362-1360 and ask for Returning Officer Douglas Aird.

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AWN COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Cultural & Hunting Camp



**COPTON AIRSTRIP
SEPTEMBER 8-15, 2025**

**FAMILY FRIENDLY CULTURAL/HUNTING CAMP
HUNTING, FISHING, HARVESTING
LAND BASED TEACHINGS
GAMES**

TO REGISTER CALL NADINE @ 780-827-5510 OR BY EMAIL ADMIN@ASENIWUCHE.COM

CARIBOU PATROL PROGRAM *Contributed by Stephanie Leonard*

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Caribou Patrol presented at the youth camps held by AWN on August 20 and 21. Sharing our knowledge on caribou and the importance they have on their ecosystem is one of our favorite things to do.

If you have a group that might be interested in having Caribou Patrol present to them, reach out and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Caribou Patrol is continuing our planning for the Lichen collection and Calgary Zoo trips, now both occurring in October. Spots are nearly full, though we still need of at least one male chaperone to join us. If you have any questions or are interested in joining us, please see our web page for more details or reach out to Stephanie at stephanie@aseniwuche.com.

THE CARIBOU

While caribou are still occasionally being seen near Highway 40 and will continue to be all summer and into the fall, the Caribou Patrol crew will not be. Unfortunately, the program fell short on our grant funding this year, and as a result, the road patrol aspect of the program will be paused until the start of the fall migration. However, planning has started to look at ways to expand AWN's work on caribou conservation, including the Caribou Patrol Program.

We still hope that you will continue to report any caribou you see on your travels, as we will still be able to get someone out if any emergency arises. Hopefully, the program will be back, bigger and better next spring.

CARIBOU TIDBIT: AWN CULTURAL CONNECTION TO THE CARIBOU

Our concern for the woodland caribou is founded in the belief that the Creator made all things and that all living things have a right to be here. We live by the Cree principles of Manâcihtâwin and Wakhôtowin. . Living according to the principle of Manâcihtâwin entails responsibilities and obligations related to the respect, care and attention toward all of creation. Respect and reciprocity guide the relationship that Cree people hold with all the land; natural laws dictate that there are consequences to the treatment of the land which may have an impact on future generations. Within the concept of Wakhôtowin is the recognition that all beings are related and connected in the world, and it encourages all peoples (Indigenous and Non- Indigenous) to show respect for one another and for all other relations, including plants, animals, the land and the spiritual beings.

In Alberta, only Indigenous peoples are still allowed to hunt caribou, but many choose not to. We were the first to decline in the caribou herds we hunted in the 1970's and we put a voluntary moratorium on the hunting of the caribou until the herds have recovered. We still do not hunt caribou in our traditional territory.

As caretakers of the earth, we have a unique role in responding to the declining caribou populations. We hold stories of where caribou used to be and how they were used and are now able to provide programs that help to paint the current picture. The AWN is supportive of finding a reasonable balance between economic interests and the environment; however the Alberta government has done little to protect the caribou and its habitat until recent years. Selling natural resources without full consideration of the impact on environmental land values has put caribou, and other aspects of the land, in jeopardy. There is an immediate need for concrete solutions. Our elders teach us that we must "speak for those who have no voice". For decades, we have been speaking up for the preservation of caribou to anyone who would listen.



CARIBOU PATROL
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NEWS FROM THE TAWOW CENTRE



CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Crisis Management Coordinator Sharon Moberly and Family Violence Prevention Coordinator Eve Tidd will be coming out to the communities for in-person surveys, they will start at 119 & Wanyandie and they will work their way southbound!



MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS

Programming will start up again in full swing

- Men's Groups
- Anger Management
- Wellness through addictions



FASD

International FASD Awareness Day is observed on September 9th each year to raise awareness about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and the importance of alcohol free pregnancies, it was first celebrated in 1999, initiated by advocates to highlight the impact of prenatal alcohol exposure on fetal development. The date, September 9th was chosen to emphasize the importance of abstaining from alcohol during the nine months. This day serves as a reminder of the lifelong effects of FASD, which can include physical, behavioral, and cognitive impairments.

Activities and Themes

Each year various activities are organized globally to promote awareness and support for individuals affected by FASD. In 2025 the theme is "Everyone plays a part: Take Action" encouraging communities to engage in meaningful actions to support individuals with FASD and promote healthy pregnancies. Events may include educational workshops, community gatherings and awareness campaigns often featuring symbolic gestures such as ringing bells at 9:00am in different time zones.

Global Recognition

FASD Awareness Day is recognized worldwide, with proclamations issued in various countries, states and communities. It aims to foster understanding and support for those affected by FASD and to advocate for prevention strategies.

Conclusion

International FASD Awareness Day is a crucial initiative that not only raises awareness about the dangers of alcohol consumption during pregnancy but also promotes a supportive environment for individuals living with FASD. Engaging in community activities and spreading knowledge about FASD can contribute to a more informed and inclusive society.

Red shoes are a symbol of awareness for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). The movement known as "Red Shoes Rock" encourages individuals to wear red shoes at events to raise awareness about FASD.

This initiative was started by Canadian educator RJ Formanek, who wore red shoes to highlight the visibility of FASD on an international stage. Wearing red shoes is a simple way to support individuals affected by FASD and promote awareness throughout September, FASD Awareness Month.





SEPTEMBER 2025 SCHEDULE



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|--|--|---|--|--|-----|
| | 01 LABOUR DAY TAWOW CLOSED | 02 COMMUNITY SURVEY BEGIN | 03 DROP IN 10AM-2PM | 04 | 05 | 06 |
| 07 | 08 | 09 FASD AWARENESS WALK 10AM AT THE LODGE | 10 DROP IN 10AM-2PM ANGER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP | 11 WOMEN'S MAKE & MINGLE NIGHT 6:30PM- 8:30PM | 12 MEDICAL WALK IN CLINIC 12:30PM- 2:00PM | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 MEN'S WELLNESS 11AM-3PM | 17 DROP IN DAY 10:00AM- 2:00PM | 18 CANNING CLASSES- REGISTER AT TAWOW | 19 CANNING CLASSES- REGISTER AT TAWOW | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 DROP IN DAY 10:00AM- 2:00PM | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 ORANGE SHIRT WALK FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION 10AM | 30 TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY TAWOW CLOSED | HEADS UP: OCT 1 ST IS STI AND CHRONIC DISEASE SCREENING | | | 30 |

DON'T LET FASD GO UNNOTICED

JOIN THE MOVEMENT FOR AWARENESS

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

PLEASE
WEAR
RED SHOES!



FASD
FETAL ALCOHOL
SPECTRUM
DISORDER

HOSTING A WALK
FROM WHISPERING PINE
LODGE TO THE TAWOW
CENTRE
Meeting at 9:00am

INTERNATIONAL FASD
AWARENESS DAY