
COUCHICHING

Newsletter



National Addictions Awareness Week 2014

HIV/AIDS Speaker/ Harm Reduction Presentation

Where: Couchiching First Nation Multi Use Facility

When: November 20, 2014

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00pm

Lunch will be provided

All are welcome to attend

Rene Boucher is a longtime survivor of HIV and AIDS. Being diagnosed in the early 90's at a time when treatments were still in the experiment stage proved challenging for Rene. it was through this and other challenges that encouraged Rene to become an activist in the HIV/AIDS movement. His latest endeavour was to help create a resolution for the Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GIPA) for the Chiefs of Ontario which was unanimously passed in June of 2013. He also is the Chair of a group that was formed in 2011 that looks at bringing together Aboriginal People Living with HIV/AIDS from First Nation across Ontario. They have successfully held 3 Summits that look at care, treatment, support in First Nation for people living with HIV/AIDS and their family members. They are currently looking at holding a 4th Summit in 2015 with the location and date yet to be determined. Rene has travelled to several First Nations throughout Ontario, most of them that are only accessible by air. He's focused his attention on advocating for the Rights of People Living with HIV/AIDS and is working with his peers on helping the Chief's of Ontario look at developing a Harm Reduction Strategy for First Nations in Ontario. He believes that if we work together on addressing Stigma and Discrimination of People Living with HIV/AIDS, and begin to recognize how Stigma acts as a barrier to understanding the importance of doing education and awareness sessions in our First Nations. Only then will we begin to see a decrease in the numbers of Aboriginal People getting diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and Hep C. We need to recognize that HIV/AIDS affects us all in some manner. He hopes that one day we will see HIV/AIDS diagnosis become a thing of the past and that support for People Living with HIV/AIDS in First Nations will greatly improve.

National Addictions Awareness Week

November 17-22, 2014

Thursday November 20, 2014 —> Harm Reduction Presentation

Safety Measures

Friday, November 21, 2014 —> Dance & Call Up Meeting

7:00pm - 11:00pm

Saturday, November 22, 2014 —> Youth Gathering Pow Wow

Multi-Use Facility 1:00pm - 11:00pm

Attention Couchiching

The Recreation Department would like to take you to the Fort Frances Lakers game on Tuesday, November 25th at the IFK arena. Please call to sign up as there is limited seats. The first 5 callers will be accepted. We will be meeting at the gym for 6:45 am or we can make arrange for you to be picked up.

Please call 274-1223 and sign up with Dennis or Faroon!

Attention Seniors

There will be a Seniors Social
at Our Lady of Lourdes
November 26 @ 7:00 p.m
For more Information contact
Dick Bird

To All CFN Band Members

There will be General Band
Meeting November 26 @ 6:00
at the Multi-Use Facility

Attention Community Members

Christmas Hamper Applications are ready to be filled out at the Band Office. Criteria for a hamper are that you be a resident, you are the homeowner or head of the household, and that you are low income.

The Deadline for applications is Monday, December 8th.

Please ensure that you bring your verification of monthly income so that application can be completed. It's important that you do not leave anything blank on the form.

Any senior or disabled person who requires assistance in filling out the application can contact the band office.

Hampers can be picked up on Thursday, December 18th between 12:00pm - 2:00 pm at the Multi-Use Facility.

Gifts will be included for children 17 and under who normally reside in the home.

A MESSAGE FROM P.A.W.S.

It's that time of year again when the temperatures begin to drop and our furry friends need your help.

P.A.W.S. now has straw available. Please call 274-9679 or 274-1335 (leave a message). If you pre-ordered straw please call A.S.A.P to arrange for pick up.

The straw is free of charge but donations (big or small) are greatly appreciated. We also accept Canadian Tire Money. Through your donations we are able to continue to purchase straw and provide community members with food for their pets when needed.

Thank you

Santa Claus
#1 Candy Cane Drive
North Pole
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November 19th, 2014

Dear Children of Couchiching,

The Couchiching Volunteer Firemen have asked me to ride the truck again this year, on Sunday December 7th. I am really looking forward to this annual event, but I do need some help.

I would like you to ask your parents to phone the Education Office to let them know who will be in the community and where they will be. I don't want to miss anyone so be sure



to have them call before Tuesday, December 2nd so the elves will have plenty of time to prepare a surprise for all the children up to 10 years old.

We will be leaving the Five Mile area at 6:00 p.m. and working our way through the whole community. I am looking forward to seeing all your friendly faces out near the roadside!

Remember to BE GOOD, because I have all my little elves watching! I look forward to seeing you on the 7th!

Love,

Santa Claus



Attention: All High School students in need of community hours

The education office is recruiting “elves” for the Santa Claus run. We will need runners to deliver gifts from the trucks to the families at the roadside on December 7th during the Annual Santa Claus Run.

If you are able to help out and could use the community hours then call the Education Office A.S.A.P. at 274-4551.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Current Job Postings

Position	Organization	Contact Information	Closing Date
HR Safety/Environment Manager (Thunder Bay)	Dallan Forestry LP	Dale Levesque d.levesque@namys.ca	November 28, 2014 at 3:00 pm
Heavy Equipment Operators	Dallan Forestry LP	Quentin Snider quentinlaptop@tbaytel.net	November 28, 2014 at 3:00 pm
Labourers	Dallen Forestry LP	Quentin Snider quentinlaptop@tbaytel.net	November 28, 2014 at 3:00 pm
Aboriginal Geoscience Liaison	Ministry of Northern Development & Mines	cathy.Lefebvre@ontario.ca	November 26, 2014