

NS MI'KMAW SUMMER GAMES 2017

The mission of the NS Mi'kmaq Summer Games is to “inspire youth and young adults to believe in themselves, achieve their dreams and unite with all indigenous communities to share and learn Mi'kmaq culture and traditions”. Each year First Nation athletes and their families gather from across the Maritimes to encourage youth involvement in sport, and to ensure Mi'kmaq traditions are passed on to younger generations. The summer games are a great way to celebrate sport, culture, and lifelong friendships which strengthen the Mi'kmaq Nation.

The 2017 Games will be taking place this year in Wagmatcook First Nation from August 20 – 27! Once again Team Lower Mainland Mi'kmaq (LMM) will be entering the games to represent Acadia, Annapolis Valley, Bear River and Glooscap First Nation. The games will begin with an opening ceremony on Sunday, August 20. Each community is honored as their Chief walks into the ceremonies, followed by their athletes, leaders and volunteers. Let's show off our community spirit and support our athletes by making it our most well-attended opening ceremonies yet!

Below is a tentative list of events that will take place. Exact times and dates will be announced in the coming weeks.

Sport Events:

- Golf
- Arm Wrestling
- Archery
- Basketball
- Canoeing
- Track & field
- Softball
- Volleyball
- 5 Kilometer Race (5K)
- Traditional Triathlon
- Washer toss (Singles and Doubles)
- Darts (Singles and Doubles)
- Badminton (Singles and Doubles)
- Horseshoes (Singles and Doubles)
- Grappling (Wrestling)
- Waltes (Traditional game)
- Kojua (Traditional game)
- Schoolyard Competition (for kids)
- Tug-of-War
- Princess Pageant

There will also be a variety of non-competitive events hosted through-out the week including a family-fun day, a concert, an outdoor lacrosse event and fireworks! You do not need to compete in a sport in order to register and attend the Summer Games. The more community support we have, the more successful the event will be. There is plenty of need for volunteers, chaperones, and cheer-leaders!

If you would like to register for an event, or have any questions, concerns, or ideas please contact your community contact for more information;

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