



NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to deliver information to our community members about events taking place throughout the community and to provide this in a way that is easy to find and digest the information important to you.

NEWS

DIGITAL MI'KMAQ BRINGS ENGINEERING CLUB TO AFN



Acadia First Nation was happy to host the first night of the Ulnooweg Digital Mi'kmaq Engineering Club at the Rose Purdy Recreation and Community Centre. The Engineering Club is a program being run by Ulnooweg to help define and refine the valuable skills that our aboriginal youth will need moving forward in the workplace. This program, as well as more to follow, will focus on strengthen our youth in fields (like engineering, graphic design and

other technical field) which are generally not developed in our community and afford them with options which they may have missed without exposure.

The engineering club was crafted for aboriginal youth grades 4 – 8, although some in attendance were younger. The group of youth included about nine eager individuals. All of them came with great spirits and an excitement to learn. Each one participated in the various task as the Ulnooweg Digital Mi'kmaq team aided any youth in need as they worked away at the puzzles and tasks that were presented to them. The Ulnooweg team provided a lot of knowledge to the participants throughout the session.

The Digital Mi'kmaw Engineering Club will be continuing throughout the summer on Mondays. We will be meeting again on Monday June 24, 2019 at 6:00 pm. If you have any children who are interested in attending, please come out and join us.



A LETTER FROM LEAH CREASER

My name is Leah Creaser, I am 24 and I currently a student at Acadia University. My plan is to finish my Bachelor of Science in Biology and then continue on to Veterinary School at the Atlantic Veterinary College. If my curiosity was to steer me into another direction, I can see it taking me to Memorial University of Newfoundland to obtain a Master's in marine biology. I have recently been offered a position as a Rep Officer on the student council of Indigenous Students of Acadia, in which I accepted. As an individual of Acadia First Nation I plan to represent our band with pride at school. I will be able to work within a knowledgeable council of other Indigenous students that attend Acadia University. A personal goal of mine is to learn and extend traditional knowledge to Indigenous youth and educate non-indigenous youth. I would like to reach as many people as possible and also make it easier for Indigenous youth to feel comfortable in a university setting. Personally, it was a struggle to even picture myself at a university. When I started at Acadia I lived off campus and didn't know anyone. I found myself wondering if there were any other Indigenous students on campus or if I was alone. That feeling of being alone I wouldn't want anyone to experience when they are trying to further themselves. It gave me a sense of depreciation within myself. I eventually got emails from the Indigenous Society that welcomed any Indigenous students to come to a meet and greet. I didn't go because I didn't know if I would be welcomed because as I had no traditional knowledge myself, all I knew was from research that I did on my own. I felt almost embarrassed. Finally, an email came out saying that the President was looking for two Indigenous students to be a part of the ISSA council. I worked up the courage to reach out to both the Coordinator and President to see what this was all about. They both encouraged me to attend a meeting the society was having so, I went. I felt relief from the minute I walked through the door. I was welcomed in as if I was already a part of the society. To be able to sit within other Indigenous students and listen to the ideas, events, goals, and plans for the future, I knew I needed to be a part of it. I realized that I am who I am, and I don't want anyone to feel the way I did going into a university. Being a part of ISSA will give me the opportunity to assist in creating events on campus that students can attend to stay in touch with their culture and learn more traditions while attending school. Which leads to my goal for encouragement of education in Indigenous communities and to learn and teach as many traditions as I can! In the future it would be great to be able to see more Indigenous youth proving stereotypes wrong while being the best they individually can without fear or discouragement. ISSA has made me feel like that is possible at Acadia University. It comes down to our traditional knowledge is what we as Indigenous people are, and I refuse to not learn and pass it through generations because my family was stripped of it. Educating while getting an education. -Leah Creaser



MI'KMAW MOONS LANGUAGE VIDEOS

The Mi'kmaw Moons Project has created a series of very short videos teaching viewers how to spell and sound out the names of the Moon Times in the Mi'kmaw language, along with their meaning in English, and when to look for the corresponding Full Moon.

These names are unique to the land of the Mi'kma'ki, comprising the eastern Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia, (much of) New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland. They correspond to the more familiar names popularized by the Old Farmer's Almanac, which are based on the Algonquin tradition. One of the goals of the Project is to revitalize the use of the Mi'kmaw names in Mi'kma'ki.



We are grateful for the collaboration of respected Mi'kmaw language teacher Curtis Michael, who has taught us much about his language. We also shot the video in the "man cave" at his home in Sipekne'katik First Nation (sib-beg-gun-ay-gah-dee).

Halley Davies looked after preparing the set, lighting, video (2 cameras), audio, and editing. She is a real pro! As she is an in-demand worker in the local cinema and TV industry, we had to wait until she had free time for the editing. She has also worked on previous video projects for RASC.

The seasonal graphics are by Autumn McDonald, an emerging teenage artist from Acadia First Nation.

Many thanks to the Special Projects Fund of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada for supporting this initiative.

Here's the playlist:

<http://tinyurl.com/yxsnjtrb>

- Dave

Mi'kmaw Moons Project

Looking for Pow Wow Volunteers

The AFN Pow Wow Committee is sending out a call out for volunteers. If you would like to help contribute to this years Pow Wow being held in Gold River please contact Karen at the Gold River Health Centre.

email: grfrontdesk@acadiaband.ca

phone: 902 627-1245



Welcome

We would like to welcome all children and parents to the Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve Program for the 2019-2020 year, starting Monday, September 9th. The program is half day and will run from Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 12 pm, following the regular school calendar, closing for Christmas Break, March break, storm days, in service days, and statutory holidays. Children can be dropped off as early as 8:45 am and picked up at 12:00 pm. Our morning will follow a schedule where the children will participate in education, play, social and hygiene activities, Head Start teachers will follow curriculum based on the six fundamental components of the Head Start Program (education, health promotion, nutrition, social support, parental involvement, culture and language.) A light snack will be served daily, attached you will find a menu, please notify staff of any food allergies your child may have.

Please provide adequate clothing ensuring your child will be able to participate in outdoor activities. We have a beautiful outdoor natural play ground and with this comes a lot of mess, there will be lots of mud, sand, and saw dust! Clothing should be labeled and can be left at the center and staff will launder as needed.

Any time that your child is absent due to illness we ask that you please notify the center as soon as possible. In the event that a child has a fever or diarrhea that child must be fever/symptom free for 24 hours before returning back to Head Start. If a child comes down with a fever or diarrhea while at the center parents and or emergency contacts will be notified to pick the child up as soon as possible, so please ensure contact information is up to date at all times.

Twice a year (once in December and in June) parents will be provided with a progress report, as well as a developmental assessment for their child.

We look forward to our upcoming year with all of you. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

Phone: 902-742-6928

Fax: 902-742-4143

Email: afnyouthcenter@acadiaband.ca

JUNIOR UNIVERSITY

HEALTH SCIENCES SUMMER CAMP FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH



DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
JULY 7 - 11, 2019

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
UNIVERSITY**
JULY 16 - 19, 2019

CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY
JULY 22 - 25, 2019

We're looking for Indigenous youth interested in having fun & learning about health careers (Grades 8-11)



APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

Online: medicine.dal.ca/global-health

E-mail: joe.maceachern@dal.ca



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**CAPE BRETON
UNIVERSITY**





ATCO Indigenous Education

AWARDS PROGRAM

\$500

Merit awards for students completing Grades 10-12 (including upgrading)

\$1,000

Bursaries for students in diploma or certificate programs

\$1,500

Scholarships for students in degree or graduate programs

Supporting Tomorrow's Leaders

ATCO provides financial awards to Canadian First Nation, Inuit and Métis students who demonstrate leadership and commitment in their quest for higher education. ATCO is committed to supporting the development of Indigenous leaders in communities across Canada.

Eligibility:

- Be a Canadian Indigenous person
- Be enrolled in high school or accredited post-secondary institution or training program
- Preference will be given to students from Indigenous communities where ATCO has business interests

How to Apply:

- Complete online application form [available at ATCO.com/IndigenousAwards]
- Submit the required documentation:
 - One reference letter from a teacher, community leader or employer
 - Short essay [500-1,000 words] describing why you are a suitable candidate
 - Proof of enrollment for the upcoming school semester
 - Transcript from the most recent school attended

For more information: Visit your school or band office, ATCO.com/IndigenousAwards, or contact us 780 420 3497.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
JULY 15, 2019**



Nipnusultiek wjit Ktli'sutminu **We're Camping For Our Language**

Mi'kmaw Language Camp

Orangedale, Nova Scotia

July 9 - 12, 2019

Open to ages 8-12

- Camp is open to 3 participants per community
- Workshops will be run by Lottie Johnson, Georgina Doucette, Lawrence Wells, Terry and Luke Denny, Joe and Judy Googoo, Flo and Tuma Young, Ernest Johnson, Jasmine Johnson and Katlin Sorbey
- Applications must be submitted by June 28, 2019

giselle@kinu.ca



JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

ENSURING FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN HAVE
ACCESS TO THE SERVICES THEY NEED

Is a First Nations child you know getting the services they need?

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE supports substantive equality for First Nations children when accessing government services, such as:

- Education
- Medical equipment
- Mental health
- Speech therapy

...and more

First Nations children living on and off reserve are eligible.

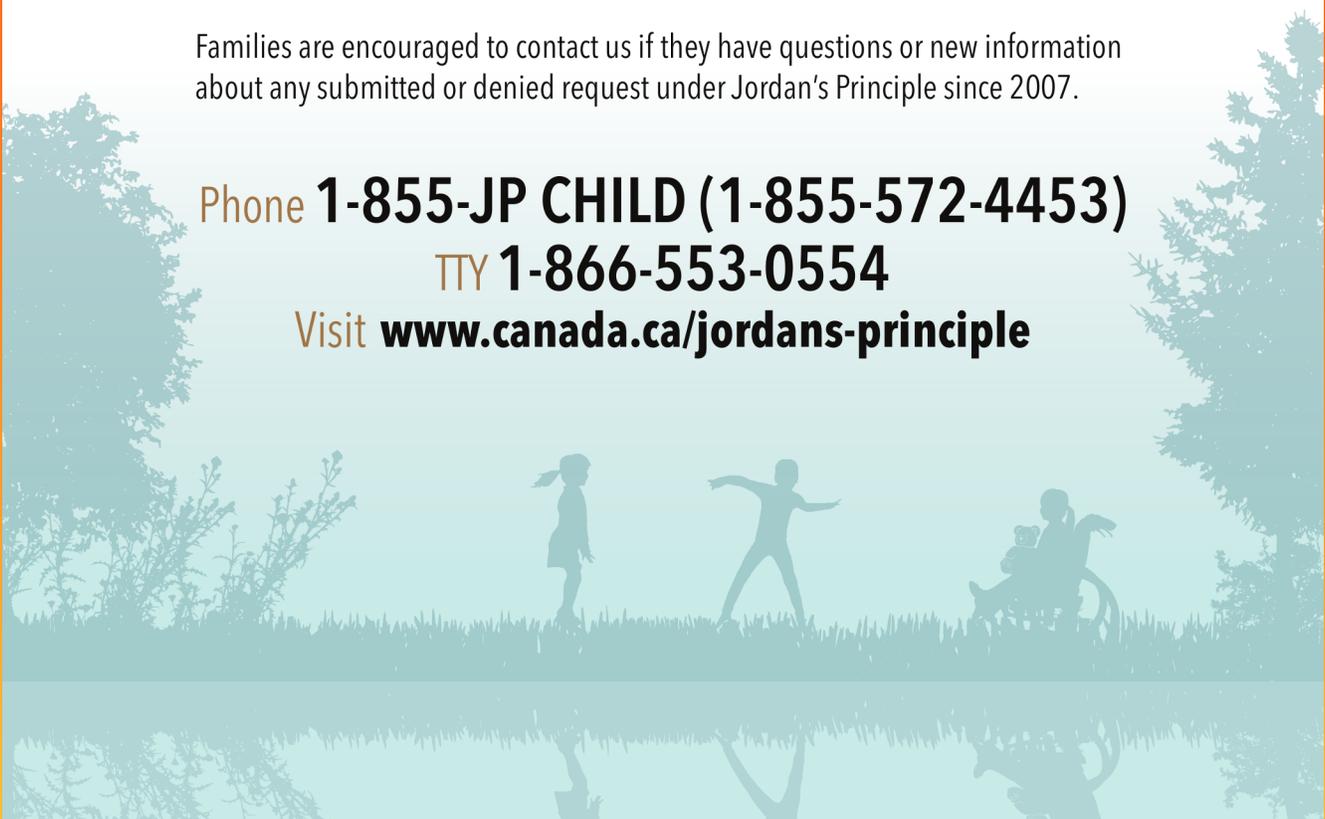
Service coordinators are available to ensure children have access to the services they need without delay.

Families are encouraged to contact us if they have questions or new information about any submitted or denied request under Jordan's Principle since 2007.

Phone **1-855-JP CHILD (1-855-572-4453)**

TTY **1-866-553-0554**

Visit **www.canada.ca/jordans-principle**



4th Annual



#JSTRONG



Jadon Robinson Memorial Golf Tournament

Location: Yarmouth Links

Date: Thursday June 6th, 2019

Registration time: 8:30 am

Shotgun start: 10 am

\$500 per team of four

Fee includes:

- Welcome bag
- 18 holes of golf
- 3 chances to win a hole in one prize
- New golf cart rental
- On course activities
- Banquet with poster supper and prizes



POSTPONED

Hole in One Prizes Include:

- NEW Honda vehicle
- NEW Ford vehicle
- Boat, Motor & Trailer Package

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902 742 0257

golf@acadiaband.ca



Job Description – Red Road Community Leader

Atlantic Canada's First Nation Help Desk and Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey are looking for Community Youth Representatives for "The Red Road Project" a program to promote healthy choices and to combat drug and alcohol abuse in First Nation communities (<http://reroadproject.ca>)

Title: Community Leader

Purpose: To encourage, inspire and promote healthy choices and to combat drug and alcohol abuse through the development and delivery of activities and programs which will empower other youth to take greater control of their lives as individuals.

Responsible to: Project Coordinators of the Red Road Project and Director of Education

Responsible for: The work of community leaders supporting the project

Key Responsibilities:

1. Initiate, develop, and maintain positive relationships with young people in order to identify key issues relevant to them.
2. To be involved in planning and facilitating project activities for young people.
3. To direct youth work in a way that encourages young people to develop their self-awareness, individuality and growth.
4. To work in ways which promote equality of opportunity, participation and responsibility.
5. To promote healthy decision making.
6. To work with the project coordinator in achieving Red Road project goals.
7. **To report weekly on individual community activities (mandatory for payroll).***
8. To report to the education director in the community (accountability).
9. To work on the goals set out in the Red Road workplan (developed during MK Symposium).
10. To partake in cultural leadership camps.

Preferred Qualifications:

Age 15 -29; out-going and energetic personality; organized and highly responsible; team player; alcohol, drug, substance free; positive attitude; strong communication skills; potential role model.

MIND OVER METAL

2019 INDIGENOUS CAMPS

FREE WELDING CAMP, FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS
Open to youth between the ages of 12 – 15.
Maximum 15 participants

Camp Location: NSCC Burrigge Campus/Camp Peniel (Yarmouth)
Camp Schedule: Tuesday, July 30 – Friday August 2

Camp is free of charge and generously funded by Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey and Apprenticeship Nova Scotia. Meals and accommodations will be provided. Participant drop off and pick up is the responsibility of parents/guardians. Daily transportation to NSCC from Camp Peniel will be provided.

Interested in registering for this free camp?
Please visit www.kinu.ca and submit completed registration forms to Claire Meuse - email: claire@kinu.ca



WELDING CAMP

New Administrative Office in Gold River

The new office in Gold River has been completed and now hosts new offices for the following staff:

Wendy Lejeune – Inventory Clerk (p)902 627 6272

Cathy Gehue – Social Development Officer (p)902 627 2924

Andrew Francis – Councillor (p)902 627 2493

Fax: 902 627 2921

The new office is located at 35 Beech Hill Rd, Chester Basin, NS B0J 1K0 (right next to the Gold Nugget and Gold Bean Café). So stop in and say "Hello" the next time you are in the area.

Community Member Showcase

AFN would like to recognize Shannon Jermy for her amazing efforts in Gold River managing the Gold Nugget and Gold Bean Café. She has dedicated many hours to the businesses and was monumental in getting the Gold Bean Café off the ground. Her passion for these businesses is one of the reasons they have been recognized in the Best of Chester competition. Her efforts, along with help from friends, family and staff helped win The Gold Nugget best gas station and The Gold Bean won best place to have coffee and took runner up in the Best Restaurant category. AFN Thanks Shannon Jermy for her hard work and dedication. Great Job!!!



MI'KMAQ EMPLOYMENT/TRAINING SECRETARIAT
Canada Summer Jobs
Summer Student Position – Administrative Assistant Helper

This is a term position running from **July 1 – August 23, 2019** for students between 15-30 years old at the start of employment. The student must have been registered as a full-time student in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year.

Organization Overview

Mi'kmaq Employment/Training Secretariat (METS) is searching for a talented individual to play an important supporting role within the organization. METS is a nonprofit organization which coordinates and administers quality training and employment support to First Nation's people across Nova Scotia.

Title: Administrative Assistant Helper
Hourly Wage: \$11.55/hour

Hours per week: 30 hours per week
Location: 87 Millbrook Ave. Cole Harbour, NS

Qualifications:

- Enrolled in a Post-Secondary education program preferably with a focus on Business Administration and/or Marketing and Communications
- Computer proficiency required – Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint) knowledge, data entry skills and web design will be considered an asset
- Must be able to communicate effectively (verbal and written)
- Must have good critical thinking, assessment and problem solving skills
- Ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary team, take direction well and work independently as required
- Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent

Responsibilities:

- Duties will include, however, not limited to:
- Scanning, organizing and shredding archived files
- Filing and reception assistance
- Update website, create PowerPoint's, brochures and other media documents as required
- Other duties as assigned by Supervisor/Manager

Work Conditions and Physical Capabilities: Fast-paced environment; Attention to Detail; Lift and carry using appropriate lifting techniques; bend, push, pull, grip, reach, kneel, crouch using good body mechanics; Walk, sit, stand; Repetitive fine hand movements.

How to Apply: Please forward resume and cover letter to keithdenny@mets.ca

Please state "Summer Application" in the subject line

Deadline: Tuesday June 25, 2019

87 Millbrook Ave | Dartmouth, NS | B2V 0A1
 Phone: (902) 405-8963 | Fax: (902) 405-8965
www.mets.ca



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Red Road Coordinator
Three (3) year term position

Mi'kmaq Kina'matnewey is currently seeking applicants for the position of Red Road Coordinator.

The Red Road Project uses traditional Native knowledge, practices, and teachings that are inconsistent with drug or alcohol use. Red Road youth leaders throughout Nova Scotia form a peer group that encourages youth in the communities to say no to the peer pressures of substance abuse, and raises awareness of the damaging effects of substance abuse to not only the person using, but also their family, friends, and larger community. As part of the Mi'kmaq Language and Culture Team, the Red Road Coordinator will work with Communities to develop/design and support programs that contribute to the overall objective of promoting a healthy lifestyle for youth through providing activities that support the development of language and a sense of culture. We anticipate that the job responsibilities may evolve as this is an area of growth and development.

Qualified applicants will hold a degree or diploma in a relevant field (such as social work, community support/development, education) with demonstrated success in working with youth. Alternatively, someone with exceptional traditional knowledge may be considered. Fluency in Mi'kmaq is an asset. The successful candidate must have a demonstrated commitment to, and passion for Mi'kmaq language, culture and the Sacred Teachings. As a role model, the individual must exhibit a clean and sober life-style and serve as a positive role model for youth.

Interested candidates should forward a letter of application, a current resume including three work related references to <http://kinu.bamboohr.com/jobs>. Candidates who wish to submit their application in Mi'kmaq are encouraged to do so.

Term of Employment: Full-time, three-year term position
Anticipated start date: July 2019
Deadline for application: **June 21, 2019, 4:00 p.m.**

If you have questions, contact Justine Paul at 902-567-0336, x 5610 or e-mail Justine@kinu.ca.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT
6 Student Assistant Positions
(2 of the 6 will be dedicated to the Red Road Project, and one Red Road position will be in mainland NS.)

Mi'kmaq Kina'matnewey is currently seeking applicants for the six summer positions funded through the Skills Link program. Five positions will be based in Unama'ki (Cape Breton) but may include travel to various summer camps held in locations in Cape Breton and Nova Scotia.

Applicants must be between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive) and must have a valid Native status card. An ability to speak Mi'kmaq is an asset. Positions will be for a maximum term of 12 weeks (start and end dates are somewhat flexible) averaging 30 hours per week. Pay will range between \$12.50 and \$14.00 an hour based on special skills, training or education.

Students will be assigned to a range of tasks based on their backgrounds, including office work (reception, filing, scanning/copying), supporting the work of MK Directors and Consultants, Help Desk Support, Communications. Travel to summer camps is possible. (Travel may be arranged by MK for willing Student Assistants).

One Student Assistant will work with Finance and Human Resources, and we are seeking a college or university student studying business or accounting.

Student Assistants may participate in summer camps (e.g. Welding camp) so we are seeking a student studying a trade. Red Road positions involve cultural activities that are incompatible with drug or alcohol use.

One Student Assistant will work with the Help Desk, and we are seeking a technically competent individual experienced with computers, and willing to learn new skills.

Interested candidates should forward a letter of application, with a current resume including one reference to <http://kinu.bamboohr.com/jobs>. Please indicate if you are willing/able to travel to summer camps. Candidates who wish to submit their application in Mi'kmaq are encouraged to do so.

Anticipated start date: Late June or early July.
Deadline for application: **June 17, 2019, 4:00 p.m.**

If you have questions, contact Justine Paul at 902-567-0336, x 5610 or e-mail Justine@kinu.ca.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.



The Mainland Mental Wellness team is here to support, educate, and help you and your family navigate the mental health system.

Monthly Mental Wellness information and talk

CMM Mental wellness team will provide a one-hour presentation on a mental health topic. If there are topics in which you would like to hear more information about, please email kmacleod@cmmns.com with your suggestions.

THE LAST SESSION WILL BE
Monday, July 8; 6:30PM-7:30PM
 At the Rose Purdy Rec & Community Centre



There will be light snacks and beverages
We will be drawing the grand prize of a birch bark angel at this session

We aim to empower our First Nation peoples and our families with knowledge and resources for their mental wellness needs. We provide cultural support, such as traditional or cultural services, healers, elders, or craftspeople.

Mainland Mental Wellness team for the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq
Contact us: phone: (902)899-5345, email: katie@cmmns.com Facebook: CMMhealth



Miss Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Summer Games



\$500.00
Entry fee

Dates: August 22-23 Ages 16-21

Queen - \$2,500.00

1st Runner up - \$1,500.00

2nd Runner up - \$1,000.00

Must be in good standing in highschool or university/college

Please contact Khayla Laing for more info:
Phone 902-307-4700 Email: klaing@acadiaband.ca



Official Dates August 18-25, 2019

For more Information please contact
Khayla Laing
Phone: 902-307-4700
Email: klaing@acadiaband.ca
Fax all Registration Forms to: 902-422-6949



Sammy Gehue Achievement Awards Application

In Fondest Memory of Sammy Gehue
February 10, 1986 - December 1, 1993

"Sammy touched the hearts of all who knew him and his spirit will always live on"

This award is open to all 5-12 year old Mi'kmaq children of Nova Scotia. The first place winner receives a trophy and \$250.00, second place receives a trophy and \$175.00, with third place receiving a trophy and \$125.00.

If you have or know of a child who has made an achievement in any of the following categories: Sports, School, Humanitarian, Environmental Efforts, etc., complete the following form:

Application Deadline: 4:00pm Friday July 5, 2019.

Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Band _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Child's Achievement: (additional information may be attached to application)

Recommended by: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to Applicant: (ie teacher, parent, etc.) _____

TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO:

Marlene Martin
Education Advisor

The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq
PO Box 1590, Truro, NS B2N 5V3
Ph: (902) 895-6385 Ext: 227 Toll Free: 1 (877) 892-2424
Fax: (902) 893-1520



APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday July 5, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY	EVENT	DETAILS/LOCATION	DATES
AFN	Mi'kmaw Summer Games	The annual Mi'kmaw Summer Games will be held this year from August 18th through 25th For more Information please contact Khayla Laing Phone: 902-307-4700 Email: klaing@acadiaband.ca	August 18th - 25th
Yarmouth	Jadon Robinson Memorial Golf Tournament	The 4th Annual Jadon Robinson Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Yarmouth Links on Thursday, August 15th, 2019. Registration starts @ 8:30 am and the tournament kicks off with a shotgun start @ 10:00 am with a lobster supper being server at 5:30 pm	August 15th 8:30 am (shotgun start at 10:00 am)
	Monthly Mental Wellness Information and Talk Session	CMM Mental wellness team will provide a one-hour presentation on a mental health topic. If there are topics in which you would like to hear more information about, please email kmacleod@cmmns.com with your suggestions. There will be light snacks and beverages We will be drawing the grand prize of a birch bark angel at this session	July 8th 6:30 pm til 7:30 pm
	Student Awards	Student Awards for the Yarmouth community will be held on Saturday, June 29th at the Rose Purdy Recreation and Community Centre starting at 11:00 am.	June 29th @ 11:00 am
	Family Trip	A family trip is planned for band members and their spouses, who have children 18 years & younger. All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian Transportation is NOT provided and there will be NO mileage compensation. Provided: One double room per family of 4, meals and Magic Mountain Pass will be provided. This is an alcohol and drug free event	July 19th - 25th
	Digital Mi'kmaw: Engineering Club	Have you children grades 4-8 partake in valuable learning with the Engineering club. Kids meeting each week with a dedicated staff to teach them engineering skills	July 11th, 6:00 pm til 8:00 pm then continuing Monday Nights
Gold River	Family Trip	A family trip is planned for band members and their spouses, who have children 18 years & younger. All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian Transportation is NOT provided and there will be NO mileage compensation. Provided: One double room per family of 4, meals and Magic Mountain Pass will be provided. This is an alcohol and drug free event Please register with Karen at 902-627-1245 by June 30th to ensure your family has a hotel room	July 19th - 25th