



# ANNUAL INDIGENOUS EDUCATION EVENT 2023

April 30 & May 1  
Jasper, Alberta  
**EVENT AT A GLANCE**

## Optional Event - Sunday, April 30

- Palisades Stewardship Education Centre
- 7:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.
  - Learning Stations Tour
  - Drumming, Dancing, Story & Song
- See page 3 for details

## Main Event - Monday, May 1

- Registration ~ Lower Level, Forest Park Hotel
  - 7:45 a.m. ~ 8:30 a.m.
- Continental Breakfast
  - 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
- The Main Event
  - 8:45 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.
  - Lunch ~ 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- Featured Presenters:
  - Dr. Dwayne Donald
  - Johanne Johnston
  - Carol Wanyandie
  - Elder Vicky Wanyandie
  - Matricia Bauer
  - Deanna Lang
  - Elder Valerie Findlay
  - Renay Woelfing
- See pages 4-8 for details



# FOREST PARK HOTEL JASPER



## RESERVATIONS

April 30th, 2023

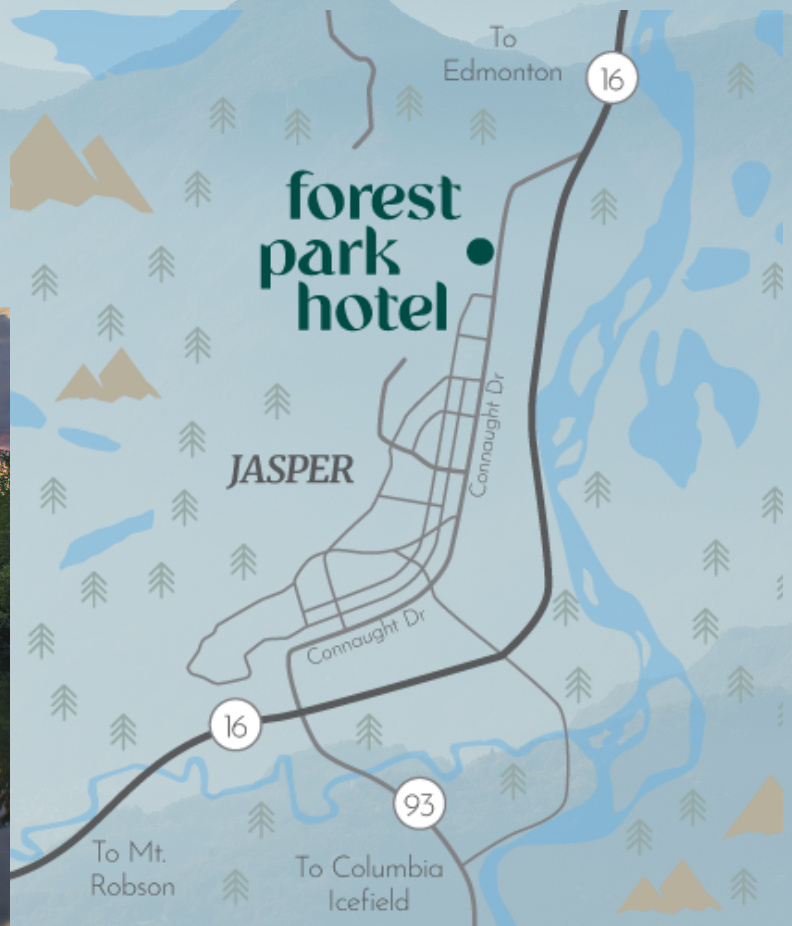
Online reservations are not accepted for this group rate

- Group Name: GYPSD Indigenous Education Event
- Group Code: 2504783
- Group Rate: \$148.00+taxes (until March 30)
- Limited rooms available
- Call 1.866.606.6700

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# OPTIONAL EVENT PALISADES STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION CENTRE

April 30

## LEARNING STATIONS WALKING TOUR

7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

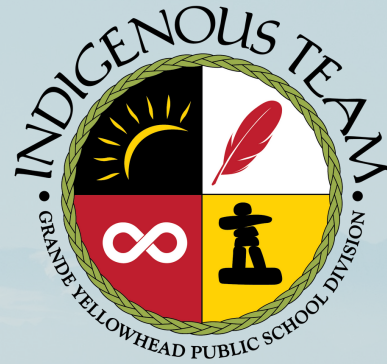
Hosted by Paul Langevin, Parks Canada Education Team

Join Paul for an outdoor walking experience to learn about this historical site. Paul will lead participants to the *Swift Graves* and share information on the *West Corral* and *Snaring Field Learning Stations*.

## DRUMMING, DANCE, STORY & SONG

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

- Fireside Fellowship
- Drumming, Story & Song ~ Robert Wanyandie
- Dancing ~ Jessica Smeall & Nicole Kelley with invited guests



### Important:

- Light refreshments will be served
- Bring a chair, blanket & mug
- Washrooms available
- Alcohol-free event
- Link: [Directions to Palisades](#)

*All of Earth's creatures hold mysterious powers, including animals, birds, fish, plants, trees, rocks and soil*

Dr. Douglas Durst  
University of Regina  
2004



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May 1



## REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

- Forest Park Hotel, Lower Level
- 7:45 - 8:30 Registration
- 8:00- 8:45 Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. - Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

*Just know that there is no absolute right way to do a land acknowledgement.  
It is developing a protocol. As understanding grows, practices improve.  
Rev. Tony Snow, 2023*

## MORNING SESSIONS

### UNLEARNING COLONIALISM



**DR. DWAYNE DONALD**  
University of Alberta  
Canadian Research Chair

Dwayne Donald is a descendant of the amiskwaciyiniwak (Beaver Hills people) and the p  p  sces nehiyawak and works as a professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta and is also a Canada Research Chair in Reimagining Teacher Education With Indigenous Wisdom Traditions. Dr. Donald is working to facilitate this transformational shift. He and his research team are attending to the experiences of educators and conceptualizing a teaching model for unlearning colonialism. They are also creating research hubs that will unite diverse groups and identify innovative, research-informed teaching practices that reimagine teacher education with Indigenous wisdom traditions.

Dr. Donald will lead a discussion about colonialism as an ideological and structural predominance embedded within schooling culture and share insights on what it might take to unlearn colonialism. Indigenous Pathways Lead Teachers will share personal and professional insights gleaned from participating in professional development sessions with Dr. Donald in the year-long GYPSD program on decolonizing education.

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**JOHANNE JOHNSON**  
CONSULTANT

## CREE PRINCIPLES: OUR WAY OF LIFE

Johanne Johnson is a settler Canadian who is a consultant to organizations seeking meaningful engagement with Indigenous Nations. She has also provided human resources services to community-based Indigenous organizations, including Aseniwuche Winewak Nation. Johanne is a chartered human resource professional and recently completed a Master's degree in Native Studies at the University of Alberta. Her thesis explored how employment-related issues within an Indigenous organization may be resolved using principles sourced from Cree legal tradition. This inquiry was informed by knowledge gathered from interviews completed with Aseniwuche Winewak Elders and knowledge keepers on their Nation's foundational principles. Outside of work, Johanne serves on the Board of Governors of Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society, an organization in Edmonton that serves the needs of Indigenous children and their families.



**CAROL WANYANDIE**  
*Knowledge Keeper*

Carol Wanyandie is a member of the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation and is the great-great-granddaughter of Ewan Moberly, whose homestead, just outside of the town of Jasper, is now a Parks Canada historic site. As one of her Nation's knowledge keepers, Carol has offered Cree translation and coordination services to academic researchers for over a decade. She is also a teacher and facilitator of land-based courses offered by the University of Alberta on AWN traditional territory. Carol is the proud mother of 10 children, most of whom are attending public school in Susa Creek and Grande Cache. She has served as a Parent Council Board member of the Northlands School Division. She strongly advocates increasing the number of hours of Cree language instruction to ensure that their Nation's primary language is kept alive and thriving with the younger generations.

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## AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS



- Groups A & B ~ *Wapakwanis Plant Walk* ~ 12:45-1:45
- Group C ~ *Nehiyawewin Class* ~ 12:45-1:45
- Group D ~ *A Journey with Mother Nature* ~ 12:45-1:45
- Break ~ 1:45-2:00
- Groups C & D ~ *Wapakwanis Plant Walk* ~ 2:00-3:00
- Group A ~ *Nehiyawewin Class* ~ 2:00-3:00
- Group B ~ *A Journey with Mother Nature* ~ 2:00-3:00
- Break ~ 3:00-3:15
- Everyone ~ *Truth and Reconciliation: What It Means* ~ 3:15-4:00

## WAPAKWANIS PLANT WALK



**MATRICIA BAUER**  
Warrior Women

Join Cree Knowledge Keeper, Matricia, as she takes you on a fascinating journey through the Plant Medicine World of *Jasper National Park*. This leisurely exploration looks at the food and medicines that the land offers and that can be found in surprising places. The enchantment of the land is blended with the practical as you partake in this enlightening experience. This is an outdoor session ~ meet in the lobby of the Forst Park Hotel.

Who are Warrior Women?

Hailing from Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, Matricia and her daughter, Mackenzie, is a dynamic duo whose haunting melodies and stories keep guests entertained. Currently residing in both Jasper and Calgary, Warrior Women offer drumming shows to those travelling all across the globe. Having performed over 300 shows, Warrior Women will not leave you disappointed. Warrior Women offer performance shows, workshops, tour shows, guided experiences, training and much more. If you are looking to be moved by the heartbeat of mother earth, hear the stories of the land and listen to legends of the Cree people that will stay with you forever, Warrior Women is the group for you.

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**ELDER  
VICKY WANYANDIE**

## NEHIYAWEWIN CLASS WITH ELDER VICKY WANYANDIE

Vicky Wanyandie has been providing Cree language instruction to elementary school students of the Northlands School Division for the past 30 years. Vicky is a lifelong learner and is in the process of completing a teaching certification at the University of Alberta.

Vicky and her siblings were raised on her parents' trapline on the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation's (AWN) traditional territory, and she spoke Cree exclusively until she entered kindergarten. As a member of AWN's Elders Council, Vicky is committed to contributing to her community's well-being and transmitting her deep knowledge of the Nation's culture, particularly the Cree language, to other community members. Vicky is a devoted mother and auntie, with three of her children currently enrolled in local public high schools.

This is an indoor session ~ meet in the main ballroom.

## A JOURNEY WITH MOTHER NATURE AS A CO-TEACHER

Deanna is an outdoor enthusiast. Her life's main joys come from spending time with family and friends mountain biking, trail running, camping or hiking. As a teacher, Deanna is passionate about building better relationships between nature and humans so that all things can live in harmony together.



**DEANNA LANG**  
Educator

This session will be completed in two parts; first, a listening exercise followed by a drawing exercise. Both exercises are completed with the intention of creating a space where relationships can grow stronger by allowing our surroundings to guide us on our learning journey!

This is an outdoor session ~ meet in the lobby of the Forst Park Hotel.

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**ELDER  
VALERIE FINDLAY**

## TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION: WHAT IT MEANS

Elder Val Findlay and Renay Woelfing, from the Edson Friendship Centre's Cultural and Elder's Council, will showcase the Edson Friendship Centre's short film, *Truth and Reconciliation*. They will share their journey of curating video footage over a three-day period in September 2022 at the *Memorial Wake and Reconciliation Event* in Edson, Alberta.



**RENAY WOELFING**  
*Edson Friendship Centre  
Cultural & Elder's Council*

The Edson Friendship Centre invites people to share the film widely and to reflect on the messages and stories shared by " . . . *courageous, kind souls who shared their stories with us. It is our gift to the community of Edson and Yellowhead County*". The video concludes with the message: "*Let's keep the conversation going . . .* "

This final session of the day will be held in the main ballroom.

## EVENT SURVEY



- Please take a few minutes to respond to the *Annual Indigenous Education Event 2023 Survey*.
- Your feedback is important and valued; it will inform planning for future events.
- <https://forms.gle/isrUA6buGBvhproo6>