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Terrace Nisga'a Society

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- Citizenship Cards & Fishing Licenses
- Apply for "Education Gift" for school supplies @ office.
- Nisga'a Urban Renovation Grant application @ office
- Nisga'a Urban House Grant program application @ office.
- "Call-Out" for Caterers
- Gitlaxdax Dance Practice
- Boat Raffle 'only 2000 printed'

33rd Annual BC Elders Gathering

The Nisga'a Nation Elders will be hosting the 33rd Annual BC Elders Gathering on July 13, 14 & 15, 2009 at the Terrace Arena. Registration & Check-in will take place on Sunday, July, 12, 2009. There have been numerous planning committee meetings to ensure an unforgettable experience for all the participants of this year's Elders Gathering. Marlene Robinson and Diana Guno were selected as our representatives for the planning committee.

The Terrace Nisga'a Society is doing a 'CALL-OUT' for assistance in:

PRIVATE ACCOMODATIONS — There are approximately 53 guests to accommodate. The guests will be paying you \$50 per night. You will not be required to provide food as it will be provided at the gathering. This will not stop you from providing your own genuine hospitality. *We do not want guests sleeping on floors, couches, tents, community churches or halls*

DISHES & SERVERS — we require MORE sets of dishes. We have 47 registered sets. We also require male/female servers. The pots are going to be extremely heavy. We encourage all youth to get involved.~ Please use white top with black pants/skirt or red top with black skirt/pants (*No blue jeans). There are shawls for the servers to wear.

REGISTRATION — We have a total of 34 Terrace Nisga'a Elders and chaperones. Members that would like to observe the gathering will be responsible for paying the registration fee. We have covered the cost of the volunteers who have come forward before June 15, which was the deadline for registration.

PICTURES — We are displaying our Nisga'a Elders for the public to view. If you have pictures to be scanned, please bring to office with information of names and dates.

ELDERS TABLE — We have been giving the opportunity to spend time with our elders at Thursday Craft Nights. We have items for sale and are also accepting donations to be sold at the Craft Table. If you are interested, please contact Marlene for the schedule of times.

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Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Closed each day for lunch @
12pm - 1 pm
Closed on Statutory Holidays

JULY BIRTHDAYS

★ Crystal Adams	★ Keisha-lee Erickson	★ Sheila McKay	★ Nadine Smythe
★ Lydia Angus	★ Cecile Fifi	★ Arlene McMillan	★ Jalen Stanley
★ Anita Azak	★ Corwin Fisher	★ Brandy McMillan	★ Yvonne Stanley
★ Eliza Azak	★ Natasha Flavel	★ Charles Mercer	★ Anjelena Stephens
★ Angel Barton	★ Olive Fowler	★ Marie Mercer	★ Darwin Stephens
★ Ryan Bell	★ Kaleb Gray	★ Kai Mercer-Bright	★ Anaysa Stevens
★ Dalace Bennett-Lincoln	★ Lannea Gray	★ Nathan Moore	★ Sally Tait
★ Amaya Bright	★ Vanessa Gray	★ Pierce Moore	★ Ariel Wahl
★ Chad Bright	★ Diana Guno	★ Aaron Morven	★ Blaine Watts
★ Marie Bright	★ Takoda Gurney	★ Kimberly Munroe	★ Jade Watts
★ William Chamberlaine	★ Leah Haldane-Robin	★ Karla Patsey	★ Jayden Woods
★ Phyllis Cheecham	★ Audrey Johnson	★ Jeremy Peal	★ Roxanne Woods
★ Arthur Collison	★ Kohl Johnson	★ Donovan Porter-Robinson	★ Erica Wright
★ Louise Dangeli	★ Gil-Marc Leclerc	★ Angela Robinson	★ Jadda Wright
★ Cameron Davis	★ Aaron Martin	★ Sharon Robinson	★ Paige Wright
★ Jerry Davis	★ Aleena McKay	★ Thomas Sheehan Sr.	
★ Stuart Dcolan	★ Miriam McKay		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

★ Monica Adams	★ Geraldine Clayton	★ Darrin Gurney	★ Keyanna Moore
★ Richelle Adanic	★ Myles Clayton	★ Kain Lincoln	★ Theresa Moore
★ Danielle Adanic-Mercie	★ Percival Clayton Sr.	★ Troy Lincoln	★ Isaiah Morven-Guno
★ Alexandra Angus	★ Sidney Clayton	★ Jordan Mark	★ Audrianna Munroe
★ Teniel Angus	★ Wanda Clayton	★ Alvina Martin	★ Melinda Nelson
★ Raiden Azak	★ Trista Cooley	★ Arianna Maxwell	★ George Robinson Jr.
★ Jolene Barton	★ Thomas Daniels Jr.	★ Beatrice McKay	★ Johanna Robinson
★ Shaquille Barton	★ Floyd Davis	★ George McKay	★ Marlene Robinson
★ Sandy Bolton	★ Felisha Derrick	★ Kristy McKay	★ Payton Robinson
★ Violet Bowack	★ Kimberly Duncan	★ Marlene McLean	★ Jada Seymour
★ Flora Bright	★ Ilene Duncan-McKay	★ Neil McLean	★ Reggie Stanley
★ Nikita Brown	★ Floyd Dundas	★ James McMillan	★ Charity Stephens
★ Norman Brown	★ Logan Friesen	★ Art Mercer	★ Lewie Tait
★ Tina Brown	★ Shirley Gray	★ Bert Mercer	★ Trista Cooley
★ Carissa Clayton	★ David Griffin	★ Patricia Mercer	★ Steven Vickers
	★ Douglas Guno Sr.	★ Raquel Mercer	

Terrace Nisga'a Society Grad'09

This year we held our Grad'09 at the Terrace Arena on June 19, 2009. We were honored to have three respectable key-note speakers. We would like to extend a commendable Thank you for the speeches given by the President of the Nisga'a Nation - Mr. Nelson Leeson; Deputy Mayor - Mr. Brian Downie; and the Chair of Board of Directors for NWCC - Mrs. Irene Seguin. We would also like to acknowledge Ms. Julie Squires for all the coordinating of the Grad 2009 Celebration along with her valuable volunteers she had for the set-up and clean-up for this special occasion.

Phone the office to inquire or have your name added to our Grad 2010 Committee . If you would like to have your son or daughter's name added to our Grad List, phone and keep your family informed !

Northwest Community College Graduates

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| ★ Alexandra Angus | ★ George Robinson Jr. |
| ★ Troy Aster | ★ Margaret Squires |
| ★ Michael Davis | ★ Sara Squires |
| ★ Henry Lincoln | ★ Todd Stephens |
| ★ Vanessa McKay | ★ Trisha Stevens |
| ★ Judith Moore | ★ Marissa Tait |
| ★ Jevon MacLellan | ★ James Weget |

Grade 12 Graduates

- ★ Nadine Barton
- ★ Damian Campbell
- ★ Chance Dignard
- ★ Courtney Guno
- ★ Leah Haldane
- ★ Jordan Lagimodire
- ★ George McKay Jr.
- ★ William McMillan
- ★ Tamara Tait
- ★ Terrance VanHorlick
- ★ Steven Vickers

Head Start Graduates

- ★ Brendan Guno
- ★ Paige Mills

Elementary Graduates

- ★ Sally Tait

Essential Skills for Work Graduates

- ★ Charlotte Aksidan
- ★ Roxanne Woods
- ★ Isaac Watts
- ★ Dwayne McKay
- ★ Ivy Stewart
- ★ Jacqueline MacLellan
- ★ Lewie Tait



Short-term Certificates

Terrace Nisga'a Society partnered with Skeena Native Development Society to sponsor our members in acquiring :

- 🍽️ Food Safe - Level 1
- 🚧 Traffic Control Flagging Ticket
- 🚚 CRC - Level 1
- 👤 Super Host
- 😊 Serving It Right

~ This was to assist with our members to ensure they were licensed to work at the upcoming 33rd Elders Gathering ! ~

- ★ A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Diana Guno for organizing this for our members!

Education Gift - "School Supplies"

We have the forms available to the membership for education gifts to go towards the cost of school supplies.

Nisga'a Community Services Initiative

Swim Passes

There is a large volume of families who are enjoying taking their families to our local Aquatic Swimming Centre. There will be a limit of two passes per family for each fiscal year.

Sports & Recreation Reimbursement

Aspiring youth wanting to excel in sports are able to receive 60% and/or up to \$75.00 Max. of registration fees for each sport activity.

Nisga'a Urban Housing Grant Program

We have the outlined forms to apply for the Nisga'a Urban Housing Grant that is intended to provide grant funding for a portion of the down payment required for the purchase of residential real property for Nisga'a citizens living in Canada who do not reside on Nisga'a Lands.

COMING SOON
MEMBERSHIP
APPRECIATION
DINNER

Community Room Rental

To inquire about booking the Community Room for birthdays, meetings, conference calls and other important functions, call the office @ (250) 635-4422. We offer comparative rates!

Nisga'a Urban Renovation Grant

We have the outlined forms to apply for the Nisga'a Urban Renovation Grant that is intended to provide grant funding for eligible home renovations to residential real property for Nisga'a citizens living in Canada who do not reside on Nisga'a Lands.

Elder's Group - "Silent Auction"

There will be a "Silent Auction" for the items that were donated through Marlene Robinson's canvassing and soliciting to a number of organizations throughout Terrace. The proceeds from the Silent Auction will go towards the 34th Annual Elder's Gathering. Some of the highlighted prizes we have for auction are:

~ Four home-made tote bags with designs ~ \$100 Safeway Certificate ~ \$100 Irly Bird ~ \$100 Terrace Interiors ~ Energy Savings Kit ~ Mr. Mike's Certificate(s) ~ Home-made crocheted pillow cushions ~ Food Hamper ~ PLUS more prizes! You have to come and check it out ~

**** Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 ****

Draw date: Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: Terrace Nisga'a Society

We would like to thank Royal Bank for the \$500.00 towards the fundraising efforts for the Annual BC Elders Gathering, as well as to Walmart for the pallet of water that will be given out at the culture night of the BC Elders Gathering.

* * Summer Youth Students * *

WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR SUMMER STUDENTS

~ MARISSA TAIT & SARA SQUIRES ~

THEY WILL BE EMPLOYED AS SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATORS AND WILL BE ASSISTING MARLENE & DIANA WITH THE ORGANIZING OF THE TERRACE NISGA'A SOCIETY'S ROLE IN THIS YEAR'S 33RD ANNUAL BC ELDERS GATHERING.

Call out for Cooks & Caterers alike !

There will be a list of caterers kept at the Terrace Nisga'a Society for our many functions we hold that require catering.

If you hold a Food Safe Certificate, you have the opportunity to show off your scrumptious cooking !

All you have to do is bring your Food Safe Certificate along with your menu of: snacks, lunch and dinner specialties. We will be keeping the base rates of the menu items comparative to that of the Nisga'a Lisims Government.

~Thank you ! ~

~ Youth Programs ~

Our Youth Worker, Julie Squires offers our members a variety of youth orientated activities throughout each month. The age range is from 12-29yrs.

Here are a few of the highlighted activities:

- ★ 3D Movie night
- ★ Outdoor recreation
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Workshops & Information Sessions
- ★ Monthly Youth Council Meetings

~Come into the Terrace Nisga'a Society to keep updated and informed !

* Pick up a Monthly Calendar of Events*

NISGA'A YOUTH



SUMMER PROGRAM

REGISTER TODAY

YOUTH AGES 5 - 18

PROGRAMS BEGIN

AUGUST 14 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

JULIE SQUIRES - YOUTH WORKER
TERRACE NISGA'A SOCIETY
250 635 4422

Nisga'a Citizenship Cards & Fishing Licenses

The Eligibility & Enrollment Manager ~ Mrs. Diane Stewart ~ and her trusty assistant ~ Ms. Claudine Gonu will be available to the Nisga'a members to get their Nisga'a Citizenship Cards processed.

The confirmed details will be:

PLACE: Terrace Nisga'a Society

DATES & TIMES: Sunday, July 12, 2009
10 am - 5pm

Monday, July 13, 2009
9 am - 5 pm

Tuesday, July 14, 2009
9 am - 5 pm

Wednesday, July 15, 2009
9 am - 5 pm

All you need is:

- ☞ A citizenships number
- ☞ Your I.D.

NOTE

The fishing license will only adhere to Nisga'a Lands.

To inquire for more information, please call the office @ (250) 635-4422 or contact Diane Stewart at her office in NLG @ 1-888-311-9457.

To All Entrepreneurs and those thinking of going into their own business:

TRICORP provides consultation and financial services/assistance to First Nations in North Western B.C.

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Prince Rupert B.C.
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Gitlaxdax Cultural Dancers

Silena Fisher

Dance Practice

Thursdays @ 7 pm

&

(regular) Sundays @ 2 pm

@

George Little Park (Weather Pending)

Or

Northern Health Unit Auditorium

If you are doing your "spring cleaning" and are wondering what to do this, that and the other thing; phone to see if your 'special' items could be used by any of the groups. We'll take it off your hands!

~ Smiles ~

Nisga'a Nation Cultural Events Calendar

Announcements courtesy of Nisga'a Lisims Government

July 2009

July 11, 2009 Elton Stephens / Danica Moore
Canada/Laxgibuu
Wilps Axdii Wil Luugooda/Gans Ksidyaawak
Laxgalts'ap, BC

BC Elder's Gathering

July 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2009

Terrace Arena

Nisga'a Nation Hosting

Terrace, BC

Contact Margaret Nelson or Kathleen Clayton @
(250) 633-2242.

July 21, 22 & 23, 2009

14th Annual Youth Conference

Theme: "Spirit of Hope"

Get a grip on life !

Nisga'a Valley Health Authority

New Aiyansh, BC

Contact: Cherie Mercer

PH: (250) 633-5084

Email: cmercerc@nisgahealth.bc.ca

July 24/25 Zachery Munroe/Audrey Wilby
Laxsgiik/Laxgibuu
Wilps Hleek gans Wilps Duuk'
New Aiyansh, BC

August 2009

August 8, 2009 Kevin Turner/Trishanne Barton
Canada/Laxgibuu
(son of Laverne Baker & Neil Turner)
(daughter of Justina Stewart & Danny Barton)
Prince Rupert, BC

August 8, 2009 Christy (Weget) McNeil/
Chuck Dudoward
Canada/Laxgibuu
Wilps Nl'iswalks, Albert Stephens
Christy's mother: Sylvia Weget; Christy
was brought up by Violet & Buddy Scodane.
Chuck's parents: Vernon & Vera Dudoward
Terrace, BC

August 15, 2009 Curtis Robinson/Barb Adams
Laxsgiik/Laxgibuu
Wilps Hleek gans Wil Naa-buxw
Parents: Ralph & Late Ann Robinson
Barb's mother: Jackie Adams
Barb's Father: Allan Loo

New Aiyansh, BC

August 22, 2009 **30th Wedding Anniversary**
Rod & Elaine Moore
Laxsgiik/Laxgibuu
Wilps Laay' gans Wilps Axgwindaskw
Place: TBA

Essential Skills for Work

We are taking applications for this 5-6 month full-time course that is starting in September 2009. There are no age or education requirements to apply.

WILP SIMGAN CARVING SHED

The carving shed is located at 3100 Kalum Street (beside the Best Western) and the number is (250) 635-8668. Drop in to see there extravagant pieces of Indian art works!

Terrace Nisga'a Society

Boat Raffle



DRAW DATE:
JULY 31ST, 2009
@ Terrace Nisga'a Society
TICKETS \$10.00 EACH

ONLY 2000 TICKETS PRINTED!

2009 nadan big fish
25 horse motor
Ez load trailer
2 lifejackets and paddles (donated by ken's marine)
Prize Value: \$9,888.40

ONLY 2000 TICKETS PRINTED!

All Proceeds go to Yuletide Christmas Tree

Tickets Sold @ Terrace Nisga'a Society
101 - 4441 Lakelse Avenue, Terrace, BC

Tickets also available from:

* Phyllis Adams * Ken's Marine * Kitsumkalum Tempo *
*Diana Guno * Wilp Sim Gan Carving Shed * Julie Squires*
*House of Sim-oi-Ghets * Keenleyside Insurance Ltd.*
*Terrace Nisga'a Elders * Gitmaxak'ay Nisga'a Prince Rupert*
*Marlene Robinson *Michelle Nelson* Rachel Aksidan* Lynn Wright*

If you have any questions, phone our office at (250) 635-4422.

Phone Diana Guno @ (250) 615-7174 for your chance to be a ticket seller!



Proposed Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act ***What does it mean for Nisga'a citizens?***

At its March, 2009 sitting, Wilp Si'Ayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN) introduced the Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act. This Act is the first of several statutes that will, in concert, provide individual Nisga'a landholders with the opportunity to receive fully transferable fee simple ownership of their residential properties, registered in the Nisga'a Land Title Office.

- Fee simple ownership would allow you to:
 - grant a mortgage of your land to a bank or other financial institution, as security for a loan;
 - lease, rent, sell or transfer your land freely to anyone, Nisga'a or non-Nisga'a;
 - bequeath your land to anyone, Nisga'a or non-Nisga'a, in your will.
- If you currently have a Nisga'a Village Entitlement (NVE) or a Nisga'a Nation Entitlement (NNE) for a residential lot in a Nisga'a Village, and you are a Nisga'a citizen, the Act will provide a way for you to obtain fee simple ownership of your lot.
- Participation in the opportunities provided by the the Act will be voluntary. If you would prefer to keep your NVE or NNE, you will be able to do so.
- The Act will also empower Nisga'a Village Governments to transfer to a Nisga'a citizen the fee simple ownership of a residential lot for which a NVE or NNE has not been previously granted.
- Obtaining fee simple ownership under the Act will not release you from any financial obligation related to a pre-effective date housing loan you currently have.
- This legislative change in individual property ownership will only be for lands zoned for residential use, and will be restricted to lots with a maximum size of 0.2 hectare (approximately ½ acre). Individuals seeking land for commercial development within a Nisga'a Village will still need to request a lease from the Nisga'a Village Government.

WSN intends to consider this legislation at its October 2009 session. Please inform yourself about the proposed changes and tell your elected representatives what you think.

For the information package that was given at the June 9, 2009 Information Session, please feel free to drop in at the Terrace Nisga'a Society to update yourself with the Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act. ~ It may apply to you or someone in your family.



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Terrace Nisga'a
Society

“One Heart,
One Path,
One Nation”

Terrace Nisga'a Society

The purpose of the TNS is to enhance the social, economic, physical and spiritual well-being of the Nisga'a citizens whose ordinary residence is within the City of Terrace/Thornhill & surrounding areas; and acts as a liaison between the Nisga'a Lisims Government Village Government and Nisga'a Citizens.

We have a number of selected Committees and Groups which are supported by the Terrace Nisga'a Society as well as our treasured volunteers who keep our membership active, informed and up-dated with the functions and special events.

Phone our office @ (250) 635-4422 to add your name and number to a choice of these groups listed:

- ☺ Gitlaxdax Nisga'a Dance Group
- ☺ Elders Group
- ☺ Women's Group
- ☺ Grad Committee
- ☺ Yuletide Committee
- ☺ Youth Council

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These are a few contact numbers of interest (and they are 1-800 #'s)

→ Nisga'a Lisims Government	1-866-633-0888
→ Nisga'a Valley Health Authority	1-888-233-2212
→ Gitlakdamix Village Government	1-877-588-2388
→ Gitwinksihlkw Village Government	1-250-633-2294
→ Laxgalts'ap Village Government	1-877-447-0077
→ Gingolx Village Government	1-800-736-5511
→ Terrace Nisga'a Society	1-866-935-4422
→ Gitmaxak'ay Nisga'a Prince Rupert/Pt. Edward Society	1-866-627-1590
→ Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society	1-866-646-4944

~Thank you ! ~