



The Red Eagle

Ne-Chee Friendship Centre Newsletter

"Serving Indigenous people in the City of Kenora for 47 Years"

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The Dream Catcher

Also called nets or dream traps, they were invented and widely used by the Ojibwe tribe. The territories of this tribe stretched from Canadian to North American regions. In the Ojibwe culture it is meant to protect those who are asleep, especially children from bad dreams, nightmares, and evil spirits. Native Americans believe that the night's air was filled with good and bad dreams.

Dream catchers act as filters for dreams by sending good dreams to the sleeper and the bad dreams away. Traditional dream catchers are made with eight points where the web attaches to the hoop. The middle center of a dream catcher should have a hole as it is meant to let the good dreams through to pass down to you. When hanging a dream catcher, it should hang in a place where it has sun exposure as this is meant for the bad dreams to be trapped in the web where they perish in the light of dawn.

The round shape of a dream catcher represents the circle of life, which was a very important concept to the Ojibwe people. It signifies that life is constantly going around in a circle, without any real beginning or end. The feathers on a dream catcher signifies that good dreams pass through and gently slide down to the feathers to comfort the sleeper. The beads symbolize the spider, the web weaver itself. Or they could symbolize the good dreams that couldn't pass through the web.

A dream catcher does not prevent bad dreams, it merely protects the spirit from the long-term negative effects of them.



STAFF RECOGNITION

Julian Jordan

Cultural Resource Coordinator

Julian was hired as our Cultural Resource Coordinator on November 14, 2022. He provides cultural support to Ne-Chee staff, clients and works closely with community partners. He is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to the Ojibwe culture which is a benefit to staff, clients, and the community.

Julian is compassionate, patient, dedicated and truly genuine. He has a great sense of humour that brightens everyone's day. Julian has a calming demeanor that makes everyone around him instantly feel at ease and he's always willing to help those around him.

Julian is a wonderful employee, and we are so lucky to have him as part of our Ne-Chee family/team.

Miigwetch Julian, for everything that you do and the many strengths you bring to Ne-Chee Friendship Centre.

Brianna Boucha—Human Resources Manager



I started working as the CRC at Ne-Chee Friendship Centre in mid-November 2022. During my time thus far, I have had the opportunity to work alongside a supportive and encouraging group of family who truly enjoy helping people. I am grateful that Ne-Chee welcomed me to their team, and I have built many positive working relationships not only with our clients, but with external agencies as well. I have learned a lot from my coworkers, my managers and I'm particularly grateful for the formal trainings I've been offered. Gaining this position at Ne-Chee has helped me to gain focus on building my Cultural knowledge and fostering positive connections with numerous knowledge keepers and healers in the Kenora area, and for this I am truly honored.

Bucket List:

I want to become fluent in my Native Language and to take my family to Disney Land in Florida, US.

Favorite Food: Fried walleye shore lunch with sides of potatoes, canned corn and maple style beans.

Favorite Movie: Avatar: Way of Water

Favorite Book: Three Day Road by Joseph Boyden



Things to Remember



The Ne-Chee Friendship Centre will be closed on March 29 and April 1, 2024 in observance of Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday April 2, 2024 at 9am.
Happy Easter!








MARCH 10, 2024



MARCH BREAK



Week of March 11-15, 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Notes
Public Skating 4-5:30pm Kenora Recreation Centre 	Sportsplex 9:30am-12:30pm Turf and Play Structure will be available Indoor shoes must be worn No food or beverages All children must have adult supervision 	Pancake Breakfast 10-11:30am Ne-Chee Friendship Centre (entrance beside the theatre) Matinee Movie 12pm Century Cinema Movie Theatre <i>Popcorn & drink included with each admission</i> First come, first served	Public Swim 1-3pm Kenora Recreation Centre 	Mosswood Adventures 1-3pm Ice bikes and outdoor skating on Rabbit Lake (East side location) <i>All riders will be required to sign a liability waiver upon using the ice bikes</i> 	All events are free to attend Parent/guardian must attend with children aged 14 and under No registration required Transportation will not be provided For inquiries, please call 468-5440  Ne-Chee Friendship Centre

IN THE KITCHEN

Ham and Cheese Puffs



Total Time: Prep/Total Time: 30 mins.

Yield: 2 Dozen

Ingredients:

1 Package (2-1/2ounces) thinly sliced deli ham chopped
1 sm. onion chopped
1/2 cup shredded swiss cheese
1 lg egg
1 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
1/8 tsp pepper

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine the first 6 ingredients. Divide crescent dough into 24 portions. Press dough into greased mini muffin cups
2. Spoon 1 tablespoon of ham mixture into each cup. Bake until golden brown for 13-15 mins.

Nutrition Facts:

1 appetizer: 110 calories, 6g fat (2g saturated fat), 25mg cholesterol, 263mg sodium, 8g carbohydrate (2g sugars, 0 fiber), 4g protein.



PROGRAM EVENTS

INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING SERVICES



CAREER EXPLORATION

Career exploration enables students to gain insights into potential careers. The students learn what skills are necessary for a particular career and what those who are in the profession do as part of their jobs. The students were full of questions, and it was a great turn out. Miigwetch to St. Thomas Aquinas High School and Beaver Brae Secondary School for having us.



KENORA YOUTH AND WELLNESS HUB

Staff will be at the Youth Wellness Hub every second Wednesday from 2-4 pm to assist with employment services. Please see the Youth Hub's calendar posted on their Facebook page. We will also have the dates and posted on our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like to learn more about what Indigenous Employment & Training Services offers please contact Dorothy at 807-468-5440 – Ext. 248.



Lifelong Care Program



Here, the clients participated in Bingo, the clients always enjoy playing. Bingo will sometimes consist of food and sometimes it will be crafts or personal products. Whatever the case the clients enjoy playing.

About our Program

The Lifelong Care Program provides programming & advocacy for Indigenous people of all ages who have physical disabilities, serious health issues, and/or those who are frail/elderly looking for socialization.



Programming Includes:

Weekly exercise/Bingos with lunch/
Outdoor seasonal activities/Assistance with medical appointments/Transportation/Referrals to access community based services/Nutritional support/
Family support and Friendly visits.

If you think you might benefit from this program or if you know someone who might be interested in being a part of this program please contact Carolyn at 807-468-5440 Ext. 228



Staff Directory



For details about current job postings please visit us at www.nechee.org or find us on our Facebook page.

COURT WORKERS Courthouse # 468-9657

Brianna Boucha	Criminal Courtworker	criminalcourtwork@nechee.org (468-5440)	Ext. 222
Elaine Kewaquom	Criminal Courtworker	criminalcourtwork2@nechee.org	

JAIL WORKER Jail # 468-2871

Eve Capri	Drug Education & Living Worker (DEAL)	Kenora.DEAL@ontario.ca (468-2871)	Ext. 327
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JUSTICE PROGRAMS NFC # 468-5440

Trish Therrien	Indigenous Community Justice	communityjustice@nechee.org(464-4371)	Ext. 245
Trish Therrien	Restorative Justice Liaison	RJLiaison@nechee.org (464-0069)	Ext. 245
Robert Laurin	Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin Coordinator	kizhaayniin@nechee.org	Ext. 246
Loy Herbacz	Case Manager at Kenora Justice Centre	casemanagerKJC@nechee.org (cell 464-5849 or 470-8222)	
Liz Wilson	Circle of Care Case Manager	casemanagerKJC2@nechee.org 470-8222	

BAIL RESIDENCY & BAIL VERIFICATION AND SUPERVISION # 468-4619

Aden Zacharuk-Lessing	Interim BRP & BVSP Manager	managerassistant@nechee.org (464-3000)		
Cass King	Bail Supervision Case Manager	bailcasemanager@nechee.org(464-1854)		
Erin Redsky	Bail Residency Worker	Shared Work Email bailaftercareworker@nechee.org		
Marla Batiuk	Bail Residency Worker			
Paxton Gray	Bail Residency Worker			
Marcus McArthur	Bail Residency Worker			
Drew Roseborough	Bail Residency Worker			
Douglas Kardal	Bail Residency Worker			
Deanna Beckworth	Bail Residency Worker			
Vacant (Job Posted)	Bail Residency Worker			
Catherine Toth	Bail Residency Cook/Life Skills		lifskills@nechee.org	

HEALTH PROGRAMS NFC # 468-5440

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Vacant (worker on leave)	Indigenous Healing & Wellness Program	healingandwellness@nechee.org	Ext. 226
Julian Jordan	Cultural Resource Program	cultural@nechee.org	Ext. 225
Calisha Wilcott	Urban Aboriginal Healthy Living	uahl@nechee.org (464-0386)	
Pam MacNaughton	Mental Health & Addictions	MHAddictions@nechee.org	Ext. 253

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CHILDREN and YOUTH PROGRAMS NFC # 468-5440

Calisha Wilcott/until filled	Akwe:go Children's Program	akwego2@nechee.org (464-0386)	
Savannah Morrison	Indigenous EarlyON Program	earlyon@nechee.org	Ext. 236
Lauren Hansen	EarlyON Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls	earlyonsn@nechee.org (807) 276-4425	
Sunny Copenace	Family Support Program Coordinator	familysupport@nechee.org	Ext. 236
Ashlynn Surovy	Indigenous Healthy Babies Program	healthybabies@nechee.org	Ext. 237
Rachel McGraw	Wasa-Nabin Youth Program	wasanabin@nechee.org	Ext. 239
Vacant (Job Posted)	Youth Life Promotion Program		

EMPLOYMENT and EDUCATION NFC # 468-5440

Dorothy Kraynyk	Indigenous Employment & Training Serv.	employmentcounsellor@nechee.org	Ext. 248
Vacant (Job Posted)	Indigenous Employment & Training Serv.	employmentcounsellor2@nechee.org	Ext. 247
Becky Gartner	Indigenous Student Success Program	education@nechee.org (464-2163)	

ADMINISTRATION NFC #468-5440

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Lisa Savoyard/Kathy Friesen	Administrative Assistant	reception@nechee.org	Ext. 221

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ramona Sawatzky	Chair	Board Email: bod@nechee.org	
Jordan St. Germain	Vice Chair		
Brandy Armer	Secretary/Treasurer		
Marlene Elder	Board Member		



Our Mission

Ne-Chee Friendship Centre will provide a safe, caring and culturally respectful approach to wholistic health while inspiring a sense of community for all Indigenous People of Kenora.