



## Independent First Nations 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Conference



### Application Package

*"Back to the Land, back to our Roots"*

**PROUDLY HOSTED  
BY TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION**

#### CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Independent First Nations (IFN) and our hosts Temagami First Nation, are pleased to announce that the registration process for 9<sup>th</sup> Annual IFN Youth Conference *"Back to the land, back to our Roots"* is now officially open.

#### BRIEF CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Conference *"Back to the Land, back to our Roots"* will provide youth with an opportunity to participate in culturally-based education and activities, with the aim of promoting generational knowledge transfer and supporting goals of long-term cultural continuity.

Youth delegates attending this year's event can expect to listen and learn from some of Temagami's local Knowledge Keepers and Elders, as well as from a number of invited guest speakers, presenters and facilitators. In addition, Youth delegates will have ample opportunity to participate in land-based activities and workshops (such as traditional games, cooking, crafting, fishing, harvesting etc.) as well as chances to explore the beautiful territory of Temagami First Nation.

As always, the main overarching goals of the IFN annual youth conference above all... is to empower our young people; by providing opportunities for our IFN youth to establish strong youth peer networks and providing youth with new skills, knowledge, education and abilities, that they can utilize in other aspects of their lives and carry as part of their bundle moving forward.

#### CONFERENCE DATES AND LOCATION

This year's event will take place from June 11-16, 2023, with accommodations being located at the Canadian Adventure Camp (CAC). The CAC is nestled amongst magnificent 130-foot-tall pine trees on renowned Adventure Island, surrounded by the sparkling clear waters and natural beauty of Lake Temagami.

Outside of accommodations, the majority of conference workshops and scheduled agenda activities will take place on Bear Island at the Minowaabandan-gamiing Maawanjihidiwining (MgM), also known as the Lakeview Gathering Place. Pre-arranged boat transportation will be provided daily for the Youth delegates between the CAC and MgM; and while on the Island delegates will be given opportunities to go and check out other various community buildings (i.e., Youth Centre and School Field).

## TRAVEL DATES

Delegates will begin their travel on June 11, 2023, however, for some of you traveling from further distances (e.g., Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Sioux Lookout etc.) your travel **may** start as early as June 10, 2023. Conference organizers will arrange all travel details (flights, buses etc.) for registered delegates. Travel home will begin on the afternoon of June 16, 2023, with most of you arriving back to your destination before the end of the day.

## BEFORE COMPLETEING REGISTRATION PACKAGE

Those interested in registering **must be** from one of the IFN communities (listed below). Youth should be between the ages of **18-29 years**. Though age considerations and/or exceptions may be made on case-by-case basis.

## IFN COMMUNITIES

Mohawks of Akwesasne	Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek	Iskatewizaagegan #39
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug	Neyaashiinigmiing
Saugeen First Nation #29	Shawanaga First Nation
Temagami First Nation	Walpole Island First Nation
Wabaseemoong Independent First Nation	Whitesand First Nation

**Due to space restrictions, each of the 12 IFN communities will only have (5) seats available for their delegation.** Please note that IFN will collect all application forms and if selected as a conference participant, you will be contacted by at the phone number or email provided in you registration form, within one (1) week of the closing registration deadline.

Please note that the **Early Bird Registration** deadline is **April 30, 2023** (all applicants in by this deadline will be entered into a draw for a prize). Final Registration deadline will be **May 12, 2023 at 5:00pm.**

\*\*\*All travel, accommodation, meals, flights etc. will be covered for registered delegates and coordinated by the IFN Organizers. However, it is important to note that any change(s) made to confirmed travel plans and the costs associated (e.g., flight changes), will be the responsibility of the participant. So please be sure of your travel plans before we make them (special considerations may be made (e.g., in case of emergencies).

If you have any further questions about the registration process before completing the application, feel free to contact IFN Youth Coordinator Angeline Kimewon, at [angeline@ifnc.ca](mailto:angeline@ifnc.ca)

All completed registrations can be sent to the above-mentioned email address (PREFERRED) or by mail to:

**Subject: 8th Annual IFN Youth Conference**

Attention: Angeline Kimewon  
50 Generations Dr. Box #8  
Ohsweken, ON  
N0A 1M0



**2<sup>nd</sup> step:** Complete the registration form below.

YOUTH APPLICANT INFORMATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Undisclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Unspecified  Please include your full name as it appears on your Identification	Legal First Name:	
	Legal Middle Name(s):	
	Legal Last Name:	
	Preferred Name (Addressed in-person by):	
Pronouns: (he, him, she, her, they, them):	Birthdate (Day/Month/Year):	Current Age:
Home Address:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone (if applicable):
Email:		
I confirm that I am a registered Band Member belonging to the following IFN Community... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Iskatewizaagegan #39 (Shoal Lake #39)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (Big Trout Lake)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mohawks of Akwesasne</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Neyaashiinigmiing (Chippewas of Nawash Unceded)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Saugeen First Nation #29</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shawanaga First Nation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Temagami First Nation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wabaseemoong Independent First Nation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Walpole Island First Nation (Bkejwanong Territory)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Whitesand First Nation</li> </ul>		
Signature:	Date:	

DELEGATES EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name:	Relationship to you:
Address:	
Home phone:	Cell Phone:
Work Phone:	Email:

MEDICAL/ALLERGY INFORMATION
Any special medical conditions/concerns/issues/needs we should be aware of:
Any special medical dietary concerns we should be aware of:
Please provide your health card number:

PROMOTIONAL CLOTHING SIZES – Typically unisex sizing						
ITEM	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	XXL	XXXL
Shirt/Sweater						
Pants						

TRAVEL INFORMATION	
Travel Dates: <u>June 11, 2023</u> & <u>June 16, 2023</u> . Please identify the location of departure:	
Departure Address:	Return Address:
<p><b>Note:</b> All delegates will receive a travel stipend for all expenses associated with travel plans, meals not included in event offerings and incidental for each night of accommodations for your stay. All delegates will also be eligible for compensation for costs related to taxis, airport parking, and baggage fees. <b>ALL ORIGINAL RECEIPTS REQUIRED.</b></p>	

**CONSENT TO RELEASE IMAGES/DIGITAL MATERIALS**

**Description:** There will be a photographs/video recordings that are captured throughout the duration of the “9<sup>th</sup> Annual IFN Youth Conference” which may used in future publications, print materials, reports, digital materials, promotional materials etc. developed or produced by Independent First Nations (IFN).

**Consent:** Please sign this portion (if in agreement); I agree and consent to the use of my image, voice and/or other captions/depictions of me, being shared and/or used for the production and use of future IFN materials (e.g., promotions, publications materials etc.). I also understand that the promotions, publications and materials created, will likely be shared with the 12 IFN communities, government and/or ministry agencies, conference partners and/or sponsors and potentially a wider public audience.

I am <b><i>under the age of 18</i></b> and my parent and/or legal guardian provides consent (with my permission) for IFN to the use of my image/voice recordings/likeness as part of future digital media, publications and/or promotions materials created by IFN.	<b>Name: (Please Print)</b>
	<b>Signature (Parent and/or Guardian):</b>
I am <b><i>over the age of 18</i></b> and provide my consent for IFN to the use of my image/voice recordings/likeness as part of future digital media, publications and/or promotions materials created by IFN.	<b>Name: (Please Print)</b>
	<b>Applicant Signature:</b>

**3<sup>rd</sup> and final step:** Submit your completed registration form and essay to [angeline@ifnc.ca](mailto:angeline@ifnc.ca)

We thank you in advance for your interest in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual IFN Youth Conference and hope to see you in Temagami in June 2023.