

The *Riel* Scoop

MÉTIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



JULY 2024

Looking Ahead

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

UPCOMING LOCAL 19 MEETING

Monday, July 15, 2024

The Slave Lake Local #19 Métis will be hosting a regular meeting on Monday, July 15, 2024. The details of the meeting are located below.

Please note this meeting is not a part of the Métis District #21 business but is organized and run by the Slave Lake Local #19 Métis. We are sharing for information purposes only.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Shane Combs, the Slave Lake Local #19 President at [780-849-9312](tel:780-849-9312).

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TIME: 6:00 pm

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MÉTIS DISTRICT 21
Lesser Slave Lake
Saskatchewan

MÉTIS CITIZEN SUCCESS STORY FROM OUR DISTRICT

REID SCHMIDT

Métis Success Stories from
District 21



..His journey to becoming a first-responder began at 16 as a **volunteer fire-fighter** for the Town of Westlock and later the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Fire Service. **Reid quickly showed outstanding commitment, courage and passion for his volunteer work.** After high-school and a brief stint in the oilfield, Reid's ambition to serve others led him to excel in the Lakeland College's intense **Emergency Services Training (EST)** program.."

Read the whole success story in the description!



"I would like to nominate Reid as a success because he is a dedicated community member and a proud Métis man. Reid is a member of the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Fire Service.

From a young age Reid has always aspired to helping others. His journey to becoming a first-responder began at 16 as a volunteer fire-fighter for the Town of Westlock and later the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Fire Service. Reid quickly showed outstanding commitment, courage and passion for his volunteer work. After high-school and a brief stint in the oilfield, Reid's ambition to serve others led him to excel in the Lakeland College's intense Emergency Services Training (EST) program. While training at Lakeland, Reid became the youngest student to simultaneously hold the positions of class president and captain!

After graduating from the Lakeland EST program, Reid fulfilled his long-time dream of serving his home community by joining the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Fire Service as a full-time member! Reid consistently demonstrates bravery, compassion, and unwavering dedication to his job and the communities he serves.

As a Métis man Reid is grounded by strong connections to his family and his community and cares deeply about his culture. His Métis kin are the Sinclair's and the Gullion's, his grandparents are Donna Sinclair-Gullion and Hector (Ricey) Gullion. Our family has deep Métis and First Nations roots in the Lesser Slave Lake region.

Reid is a kind, caring, and ambitious young man, embodying the true spirit of the Métis. He merits recognition as a dedicated Métis first responder, wholeheartedly supporting those in need and ensuring the safety of our community.

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Maarsi for contributing to the community, Reid! We are so lucky to have a wonderful soul such as you making the world, let alone our community, such a brighter place. ☐☺

Do you know a Métis Success Story in our District that deserves celebration? ☐

**SHARE A LOCAL SUCCESS
STORY**

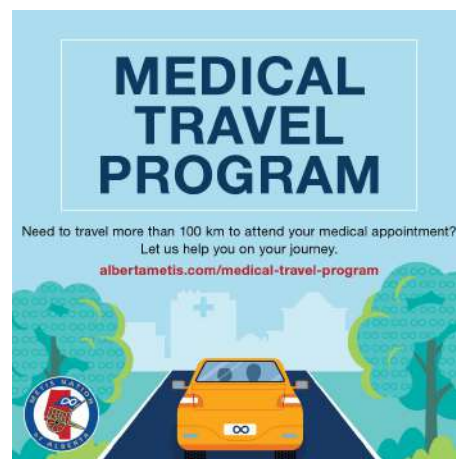
MNA MEDICAL TRAVEL PROGRAM

Need to travel a great distance to attend medical appointments? Let us help you on your journey!

Our newly expanded Medical Travel Program can provide both mileage reimbursement and accommodations for Métis Citizens across the province. If you are an Otipemisiwak Métis Government Citizen travelling over 100 km to your next medical appointment, you may be eligible to apply.

[Click here for the MNA application form.](#)

For more information, contact the Health Program Coordinator at 780-455-2200 or health@metis.org



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Metis Youth & Children ∞



YOUTH CULTURE CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN

July 29th, 2024 to August 02, 2024

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the Youth Culture amp!

Get ready for the annual **Youth Culture Camp** hosted by Métis District 21, happening from July 29 to August 02, 2024!

Our camp promises an enriching experience filled with cultural activities, learning sessions, and fun adventures.

Stay tuned for more details and registration forms, coming soon.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR CULTURE CAMP:

There are a few ways to register:

1. Email **region5@metis.org** for your copy of the Registration Forms for the Youth Culture Camp. Please note that this camp has limited participants, so please register as soon as possible.
2. Download the forms below, complete them, and email them to region5@metis.org
3. Come down in office to complete the forms.

Make sure to follow our social media channels for all the latest updates! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at region5@metis.org.

REGISTRATION FORM

OSKAYA AYAMICHIKEWAK YOUNG READERS PROGRAM

Storytelling has always been a pillar of our community. To support literacy amongst our young ones, we have partnered with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to offer young Métis readers four years old and younger a **FREE BOOK** every month!

You can easily **Register by email** to youngreaders@metis.org to get your child registered for the Oskaya Ayamichikewak Young Readers Program. Once registered, your child will receive a free book in the mail every month until they turn 5 years old!

For more information visit the MNA website: <https://vist.ly/3586k>

☐☺ **MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA PROGRAM** ☺☐

This program is run by the Metis Nation of Alberta and NOT by our local District team. If you have questions please contact the MNA directly at cfsearlyyears@metis.org



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Digital Community
CONNECTION 

TELL US ABOUT OUR
DISTRICT'S CITIZEN'S
SUCCESS STORIES!

Do you know someone in our community who has a success story worth sharing? We want to hear about it! Whether it's a personal achievement, a career milestone, or a positive impact on our community, we want to celebrate the successes of our Métis citizens.

Nominate or recommend someone

or our Métis Success Stories

feature by filling out the form

linked below. Share their inspiring journey with us!

[Click here to nominate someone, a team, or a business!](#)

We want to hear
SUCCESS STORIES
IN OUR DISTRICT

Nominate them in our form!

MÉTIS DISTRICT 21
Lesser Slave Lake
Chaparral Métis Community

NOMINATE A SUCCESS

CALL FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

July, & August 2024

After the amazing success of our Métis Community Garden last year, we are thrilled to announce that it is now prime garden season! We are looking for volunteers to help us at the Community Garden!

Last year, thanks to incredible volunteer support, **we**

ere able to provide fresh produce to

96 Métis families through our

ommunity garden giveaway. We're now looking for volunteers to join us in this rewarding endeavor.

Every hour of volunteer time makes a difference! Whether you have a green thumb or simply a passion for community involvement, we welcome you to be part of this wonderful initiative.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please email us at **region5@metis.org**. Let's grow together and make a positive impact in our community!

JOIN US AT THE
COMMUNITY GARDEN

for more information please contact the office at **region5@metis.org**

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Looking Back

LAST MONTH AT A GLANCE



BOOK LAUNCH THE BEAR'S GIFT

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

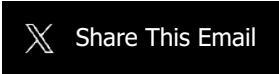
The first-ever **BOOK LAUNCH** at Métis District 21 was a big success! ☐
We celebrated "The Bear's Gift," a children's book inspired by events at last year's Region 5 Métis Youth Culture Camp. ☐☐
The event featured a FREE BBQ ☐☐, amazing fiddle music by Zach Willier ☐☐, a book signing, and a chance to meet our special guests - the stars of the book, Elder Elmer and Elder Chilly. The book, written and illustrated by the talented Angie Saltman, is perfect for young readers.



[SEE THE POST](#)

Thank you to everyone who joined us on National Indigenous Peoples Day to make this event memorable! ☺ Special thanks to be made to

- ☐ Angie Saltman the author and illustrator
- ☐ Zach Willier for his amazing fiddle music
- ☐ Robert Genaille for Jigging
- ☐ Falcon Equipment Rentals for providing tables, chairs, and barriers
- ☐☐☐ Town of Slave Lake for volunteers and Matoks for coordination
- ☐☐☐ Community volunteers Matt Emmrich, Layla Emmrich, and Robin Caird
- ☐ Business Factory for printing
- ☐ Slave Lake Fire Department for the BBQ Firetruck
- ☐ Slave Lake Pulp for donating burgers
- ☐ Sobeys for donating hot dogs and buns
- ☐ Mcdonalds for donating coffee



Metis Programs

MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA

The images below are each a different program, service, or support for all Métis citizens from the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA). Click on the images below to **Learn More** about each one.



Adult Dental



Business



Support Groups



Mental Health



Medical Stay



Transportation



Quit Smoking



Recovery



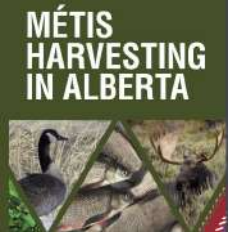
Therapy



Training



Mental Health



Harvesting



Reconciliation



FASD



Environment



Housing



Climate



Apply Today



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Education



MNA Store



Culture



Financial

PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR YOUTH ONLY



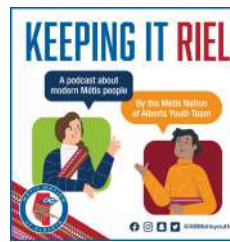
Adult Dental



Readers



Scholarships



Podcast



Activities



Free Courses



Metis Youth



Hunters





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