



Home Is Where The Heart Is!

Education Department

School starts on Mattagami First Nation on August 25th, 2014 at Mary Jane Naveau Memorial School. We are starting a week early due to the fact that we are taking a week off for cultural week on October 20th, 2014 - October 24th, 2014.

Cathy Naveau - Education Director

Membership Department

Please update your address to keep it current with the office. Also, it is required that all people requesting to transfer to Mattagami First Nation is required to get a C-PIC.

Melissa Ethier - Membership Clerk

Public Works

Anyone still interested in submitting a Letter of Interest for RRAP the Deadline is July 31st, 2014 by 4:00 p.m. Submit your letter to Tracy Harnack / Public Works Director.



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Cultural Coordinator

Betty Naveau has recently been hired for the remainder of the summer months as the Cultural Coordinator. Her role is to encourage our community members to participate in Cultural activities that will enhance and increase Cultural awareness. Her primary focus is the anticipation of capturing the gathering of information for future generations to come, with hopes of producing a documentary of our community history, traditions, practices, and medicinal plants. There will be a community calendar of when and where to expect Cultural awareness events within the community. The Cultural awareness events will further help to document and provide the community with knowledge of our ancestors and way of life. It will be of great benefit to our younger generation that will help foster in the learning outcomes for preservation of our ancestry and history.

If you would like to share your story for the documentary, please feel free to contact Betty Naveau at the MFN Band Office so that a date can be scheduled that is convenient for you.

“Community Fundraiser Garage Sale & BBQ at the MFN Complex. Sunday, August 3rd, 2014. If anyone has stuff to donate it would be greatly appreciated for the MFN 2014 Pow Wow. Dawn Recollet - Pow Wow Coordinator”

Administration Department

Time and Performance Management

The focus right now for the managers and staff of the First Nation is on increasing productivity. Under the Harmony Movement directives, one priority is increasing the efficiency of the administration. In order to do this we have been working on the following initiatives:

Performance: This includes ensuring employees clearly understand what is required of them in their position, the standards to which they are expected to perform, and the support that will allow for this to happen.

Time Blocking: This includes blocking off certain hours in a week to ensure the expected of employees can be completed; making sure they can complete tasks that contribute to improving delivery of service to members and citizens. During this time, no visitors, phone calls, emails or texts are to be received; maximizing concentration time.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping the administration office become more efficient! As we develop these changes, we will let everyone know of what to expect. As well, thank you to those who provided suggestions at the Open House. Those suggestions have been passed on to the appropriate departments.

Thank You! Juanita Luke - Executive Director

Business Development Department

C.E.O.P. Funding Approved

The Business Development department assisted with the Community Economic Opportunities Program proposal application process through Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. The funding is to go toward Business Development Structure & Capacity Building. Specifically funding will go toward developing an Economic Development Strategic Plan for Mattagami. The Business Development Coordinator along with the Executive Director and the Economic Development Officer of Mattagami began initial meetings to ensure this project is a collaborative and thorough process. Recruitment of members to an Economic Development Strategic Planning Committee have taken place as well as an initial meeting of the committee. Community meetings will take place during the fall and winter. More information will follow as well as a Newsletter specific to the project.

NRF Enhanced Capacity Building Funding Approved

The Business Development departments' proposal for renewal of the New Relation Fund for Enhanced Capacity Building 2014-2015 year has once again been approved. The Business Development Department is pleased to announce the submission was once again fully approved for continued activities.

This years' initiatives will consists of:

- support and assistance to the Business Development Structure & Capacity Building project;
- to develop a draft resource income allocation mechanism with the assistance of the Mattagami members;
- to deliver and coordinate information sessions in the areas of Trust Capacity Development;
- and Leadership & Community Capacity Building Development – this area is geared to training leadership, staff, membership and youth in areas of reading financial statements, training on organizational structures, laws affecting boards, organizations or entities, with a specific focus on understanding Impact Benefits Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding.

Reminder

Participants in the Northern College: Life Skills for Adults Training course your certificates are available and can be picked up.

Please contact Jennifer Constant – Business Development Coordinator.

Fourth Annual Mattagami First Nation Gathering of 7 Directions Pow Wow

On August 9 & 10th,
2014 at the Mattagami
First Nation Pow Wow
Grounds Hwy 144 (2.5
hrs North of Sudbury,
ON. & 1 hr South of
Timmins)

For more information contact:

Dawn Recollet –Pow
Wow Coordinator
1-705-262-5093

Everyone Welcome To
Attend.

This is an Alcohol &
Drug FREE gathering.

Rough camping is avail-
able.

Adult and Youth Partridge Challenge:

Betty Naveau and Andrea Naveau will be hosting a 1 day 3 age category challenge. Teams will hunt the most partridge in a designated amount of time with set boundaries. Supplies will be provided to assemble home made sling shots. Are you up for the challenge.

(Ages 10+) *Date to be determined.*

The Objective aims will be:

- **To increase their awareness of traditional hunting.**
- **To have Adult and Youth bonding.**
- **Learn how to prepare traditional foods.**
- **How to assemble traditional tools.**
- **To have fun.**
- **Teamwork skills.**
- **Leadership skills.**



Right To Play Programming Update

Mattagami is so happy to announce that Right To Play P.L.A.Y (Promoting Life Skills in aboriginal Youth) program has been approved as a partner community again for another year.

The 2014-2015 year Right To Play in Mattagami program has been accepted and the Community Mentor will be trained to deliver existing and some great new programs, such as:

- **Youth Leadership program.**
- **Diabetes for prevention programming.**
- **Homework club.**
- **Intergenerational Events** (a minimum of 3.)
- **Youth Led events** (a minimum of 3.)
- **Elder and Youth programming.** (Traditional teachings)

Right To Play programming is a 'Youth' (10-18 years) focussed program and is designed to deliver Life skill practices with our Youth by making positive changes in Mattagami.

Some programming may involve Parental attendance as some children may need to be closely monitored

The purpose of the Right to Play program is to develop youth into engaged members of the community. In order for the youth to develop a healthy attitude towards our community, it is important that the events they plan are well attended by citizens of Mattagami.

The Right to Play program is not licenced as a daycare program, therefore parental supervision is required for children aged 9 and under. This category of children do require more attention. Programming is geared to have parental, staff and community engagement and participation is highly encouraged. I look forward to another year delivering such great programming and encouraging positive community change with our youth, with the help of community participation.

Traditional Medicine Field Trip:

(Elder) Leonard Naveau and special guest (To be determined) partnering with Right To Play will be hosting a day field trip with youth (ages 12+) *Date to be determined.*

Youth will learn:

- **How to make traditional teas.**
- **Traditional medicines.**
- **Identify plants to make medicines.**
- **Learn about plants.**

Painted Turtle Arts Camp

Taking Place from July 21st- August 15th (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.) Ages 4-7 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm & Ages 8-13 from 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Painted Turtle Arts Camp is a summer arts day camp that will be taking place at the complex gym.

Children will be doing activities such as Dramatic Arts, Dance, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Teambuilding Activities, Outdoor Activities and Physical Activities.

Please dress children according to weather or activities.

Registration forms must be filled out submitted to Andrea Naveau for children to attend the Painted Turtle Arts Camp and **ALL** Right To Play programming.

Programming cancellation or modifications may take place should unforeseen events or in the event of lack of available space to host programming. All efforts to notify parents and community members will be made and alternative locations for activities will be sought.

Canoe Excursion

(Cultural Coordinator) Betty Naveau and (Community Youth Mentor) Andrea Naveau will be hosting a 2 overnight Youth and Elders canoe excursion. *Date to be determined. (14+ years)*

The Focus of the **Canoe Excursion** is to have:

- **Youth learning traditional life skills.**
- **Elder and Youth bonding.**
- **Making shelter.**
- **Cooking tools.**
- **Language.**
- **Identifying and making traditional medicines.**
- **Learning traditional games.**
- **Elders mobility.**
- **Traditional foods.**

CANOE SEATS WILL BE LIMITED.

Andrea Naveau - Right To Play Mentor

Communications Department

This is just a friendly reminder to any Mattagami Member who would like to receive the Monthly Newsletter by E-mail every month, can contact either myself,

- Fallon Worme at fallon.worme@mattagami.com (705) 894-2003
or
- Cindy Mathieu at assistant@mattagami.com (705)-894-2072.

If you reside off the First Nation and would like this news letter mailed to you, please contact us at the office to let us know. If you live on reserve they will be sent out to every house, otherwise will be available on the Mattagami.com website and FB page.

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