

SYILX OKANAGAN NATION
FOR THE CHILDREN
SATURDAY JUNE 26, 2021

CALLING ALL SYILX SURVIVORS, FAMILIES, DRUMMERS
TO CARAVAN IN UNITY
TO THE KAMLOOPS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

In Honour of the 215 children that never made it home.

CARAVAN TIMES & START LOCATIONS

The time listed below is the time that vehicles should be departing. Please arrive 20-30 mins prior to that time.

SOUTH OKANAGAN EVENTS CENTRE | 9:00 AM

853 Eckhardt Ave W, Penticton, BC

WESTBANK FIRST NATION OFFICE | 9:50 AM

515 Hwy 97 South Kelowna BC

VERNON OKANAGAN COLLEGE CAMPUS | 10:50 AM

7000 College Way, Coldstream, BC

DOUGLAS LAKE ROAD | 11:40 AM

Douglas Lake Road, Westwold, BC

PULLOUT BETWEEN MONTE LAKE & MONTE CREEK | 12:00 PM

Top of the hill before descending to HWY 1 from BC-97, Thompson-Nicola L, BC

KAMLOOPS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL | 12:30 PM

330 Chief Alex Thomas Way, Kamloops BC

CEREMONY AT KAMLOOPS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL | 1:00 PM



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AGENDA - STARTING @ 1:00 PM

SYILX NATION MEMBERS ARRIVE AT KIRS MONUMENT

WELCOME FROM TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC CHIEF ROSANNE CASIMIR

OPENING PRAYER

OKANAGAN SONG BY SYILX YOUTH

CHIEF CLARENCE LOUIE, OKANAGAN NATION ALLIANCE TRIBAL CHAIR

CHIEF HARVEY MCLEOD, UPPER NICOLA BAND

RON HALL, RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVOR AND OKA RUNNER

MYKELTY LEZARD, SYILX YOUTH PENTICTON INDIAN BAND

DRUMMERS

CEREMONY TO BEGIN @ 2:00 PM IN POW WOW ARBOUR



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Okanagan Nation Alliance
Event Outline: June 26, 2021

EVENT NAME: Syilx Caravan to Kamloops Indian Residential School (KIRS): For the Children

EVENT TYPE: Ceremony

PURPOSE: As a Nation, to recognize the 215 children that were discovered at the KIRS

Contacts:

Chief Clarence Louie, ONA Tribal Chair, (250) 498-9132

Jennifer Lewis ONA Wellness Manager, (250) 826-7844

Tara Montgomery, ONA Communications Lead (250) 862-6866

DATE: Saturday, June 26, 2021

TIME: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Caravan from the south Okanagan to KIRS – See caravan Schedule

ATTENDEES: All Syilx Okanagan Nation Communities

Please refer to guest list

ATTENDANCE: 50 + vehicles, 100+ people, horses

EVENT OVERVIEW: Vehicles will caravan from the south Okanagan, gaining momentum as they travel North. (See attached Map) The caravan will not be stopping except at the final gathering spot to make final announcements and provide direction for arrival at KIRS. All vehicles will be traveling in single lane processioning to KIRS with an arrival of approx. 12:45pm.

Horse and riders will gather by the pow wow grounds at 12:00 pm – They will get organized distribute flags and wait for caravan and join either at Chief Eli Way (TBC) Canoe to be in the lead and stay on the road, Horses to follow and wait for Caravan participants to join. (see order of procession)

Once vehicles arrive they will find parking and will gather in front of the Moccasin Square. Eagle staffs to be handed out. Everyone to be lined up accordingly to walk in to monument.

ORDER OF PROCESSION UPON ARRIVAL:

1. Canoe – Herman Edwards (TBC)
2. Empty horse – Arron Stelkia to bring
3. Other horses
4. Eagle Staff Carriers
5. Other flag carriers
6. Residential School Members
7. Children
8. Drummers
9. Others

Note: The canoes and horses will pull in front of the monument and carry on through to end of the driveway. Residential School members to be by monument, drummers to gather by front of school entrance, others will fill the road/surrounding areas.

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SPEAKING ROLES/POINTS:

- Children present: sing Okanagan song
- Chief Clarence Louie, ONA Tribal Chair – Opening Remarks
- Chief Harvey McLeod, Upper Nicola Band and Residential School Survivor to speak
- Syilx Indian Residential School Committee Member
- Ron Hall, Residential School Survivor and Oka Runner
- Mykelty Lezard, Youth to read her Poem: Never Again.
- Arnie Baptiste, Ceremony
- Jennifer Lewis, Emcee/Coordination of Speakers

** All speakers confirmed

PROGRAM:

- 1:00 Syilx Nation members will make their way in front of the Residential school immediately.
- 1:05 Welcome from Tkemlups te Secwepemc Chief Rosanne Casimir
- 1:08 Chief Louie to present Chief Casmir with a gift from the Okanagan Nation
- 1:10 Jen to request a prayer
- 1:12 Jennifer Lewis, (emcee) goes to the microphone and calls on the Syilx Children to sing the Okanagan Song. Others to join, when song is over she calls up Chief Louie
- 1:15 Chief Clarence Louie, goes to the microphone to make brief welcoming remarks. He invites Chief Harvey McLeod to say a few words. (3 min)
- 1:18 Chief Harvey gives recognition to our Syilx Indian Residential School Survivors. (3 min) when he is finished Jennifer Lewis invites SIRS member to speak
- 1:21 SIRS Member speaks (3 min)
- 1:24 Jennifer thanks SIRS member and introduces Ron Hall to speak (2 min)
- 1:26 Jennifer thanks Ron and invites Mykelty to read her poem (2 min)
- 1:28 Jennifer thanks Mykelty and invites people to attend ceremony at Pow Wow Arbour for 2:00 pm
- 1:30 Jennifer Invites drummers to sing one song
- 2:00 Ceremony (Arnie & Herman) begins at Pow Wow Arbour
- 3:00 Jennifer to thank everyone for attending

*Please Note: Time may vary