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National Indigenous Peoples Day activities at University of Lethbridge

Wednesday, June 21, is National Indigenous Peoples Day (NIPD), a day to recognize and celebrate the culture and contributions of Indigenous Peoples to communities across Canada. There are many activities planned throughout Lethbridge to mark National Indigenous Peoples Week.

The community is invited to celebrate NIPD on the ULethbridge campus on Tuesday, June 20. Beginning at 11 a.m., there will be a smudge in the Ikaisskini Gathering Centre followed by a round dance and light refreshments in the UHall Atrium, hosted by Ikaisskini Indigenous Services.

At 1 p.m., join Siksiikakoan (Blackfootman) Shane McDougall and the Agility team for traditional Indigenous games and medicine bag making in the UHall Atrium, followed by a teepee raising at 2 p.m. in The Grove. In case of rain, the tipi raising will take place in the UHall Atrium.

Tuesday, June 20

11 a.m. | Smudge, round dance & refreshments | Ikaisskini Gathering Centre & UHall Atrium

1 p.m. | Indigenous games & medicine bag making | UHall Atrium

2 p.m. | Teepee raising | The Grove (weather permitting) or UHall Atrium

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Our University's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University is located in traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory. We honour the Blackfoot people and their traditional ways of knowing in caring for this land, as well as all Indigenous Peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our University community.