

SYILX INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL HEALING GATHERING: ku kʷac kʷac twiłx

November 27-29, 2022
Spirit Ridge, Osoyoos

Agenda - November 27, 2022

- 5:00 pm ➤ **Informal Survivors Welcome**
Providing an opportunity for Syilx IRS survivors to connect, and socialize casually at the Coyote Ballroom. Light dinner & snacks available at Nk'mip Cultural Centre.



Agenda - November 28, 2022

- 8:30 am ➤ **Breakfast & Registration - Coyote Ballroom, Spirit Ridge**
- 9:30 am ➤ **Opening**
Prayer, Song, Welcome, and Opening Remarks
- 10:00 am ➤ **Syilx Indian Residential School Committee**
Updates and information from the Syilx Indian Residential School Committee and reading from the book "Take The Indian Out Of The Child".
- 10:45 am ➤ **Keynote: Healing Through captikʷł, Herman Edwards**
Herman Edwards is a Syilx Indian Residential School Committee Member, language speaker, and knowledge keeper. Herman will share and discuss ways of healing through story-telling as a means of healing and reconnecting with lost culture and ways of being.
- 11:30 am ➤ **Breakout Groups**
Following the discussion of Healing Through captikʷł, we will gather into smaller groups to further discuss what we heard, what we thought, and what we felt and how we can move deeper into the healing processes.
- 12:30 pm ➤ **LUNCH**
- 1:30 pm ➤ **Panel: ku kʷac kʷac twiłx, Syilx Indian Residential School Survivors**
A panel of Syilx Indian Residential School Survivors will share their experiences and discuss the impacts that the schools had on their culture, their families, and their futures; but most importantly, their resilience.
- 2:30 pm ➤ **Breakout Groups**
Following the panel discussion, we will gather into smaller groups to further discuss what we heard, what we thought, and what we felt and how we can move deeper into the healing processes.
- 4:00 pm ➤ **Closing**
Prayer and Closing Remarks
- 5:00 pm ➤ **Dinner**
- 6:00 pm ➤ **Dance: DJ Bonneau**
After a long day of healing work, we will decompress with a fun and light-hearted evening dance & social!

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- 8:30 am ➤ **Breakfast & Registration - Coyote Ballroom, Spirit Ridge**
- 9:15 am ➤ **Opening**
Prayer, Song, Welcome, and Opening Remarks
- 9:30 am ➤ **Keynote: Shawn Wilson, Associate Professor, Indigenous Studies**
Shawn Wilson has a passion for Indigenous Research Methodologies into applied Indigenous community contexts, including the revitalization of traditional methodologies and practices. Shawn will share the knowledge of his research and studies over the years to facilitate healing and learning through story.
- 10:30 am ➤ **Panel: ku kʷac kʷáct ku łac úlus, Syilx Indian Residential School Intergenerational Survivors**
A panel of Syilx Indian Residential School Intergenerational Survivors will share their experiences and discuss the impacts that the schools had on their culture, their families, and their futures and how they have overcome the trauma of the residential school system.
- 11:30 am ➤ **Breakout Groups**
Following the keynote and panel discussion, we will gather into smaller groups to further discuss what we heard, what we thought, and what we felt and how we can move deeper into the healing processes.
- 12:30 pm ➤ **LUNCH**
- 1:00 pm ➤ **Workshop: Impacts of Residential School, Doreen Sterling**
Doreen Sterling will share about the impacts of residential schools and healing our relationships and ourselves, in order to move forward.
- 2:00 pm ➤ **Workshop: Mending Broken Hearts, Michael Ochoa**
Mending Broken Hearts is a workshop that centers Indigenous wisdom in the curriculum developed to strengthen participants' capacity to heal from unresolved feelings of loss and grief created by cycles of intergenerational and historical trauma.
- 3:00 pm ➤ **Closing Ceremony**
Prayer, Closing Remarks, and Ceremony



Safe travels home.