

SIDE VENUE ACTIVITIES SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES (all day)

VENDERS, ARTS, CRAFTS, FOODS (all day)

MUSICIAN JAM SESSIONS (Sat & Sun 8pm)

STICK GAMBLING (Sat & Sun 8:30pm)

SUPPORT (all day)

Healing and Support Circle – Facilitated by Lesley Du Toit
(Dining Tent or Outdoors)

Counseling and support services provided by Health Canada
(Health Centre)

LETTING GO OF PAST (all day)

Tent set up for former students to write memories that they wish to let go of – memories can then be burned in the fire pit

MEMORIAL MONUMENT (all day)

Engraving of River Rock for Memorial Monument. Former Students can request Kaska engravers to engrave a river rock in their honour, which will be mortared into the commemorative monument following the Gathering.

MUSIC AND BANDANA TRIBUTE (Sat 8pm)

Tribute to remember those former students who are no longer with us. (led by Naomi Edzerza & Andy Nieman)

FILM VIEWINGS (Kaska Dena Council Office)

“North Boys”, Saturday 4-5pm

“My Own Private Lower Post”, Sunday 4-5pm



GATHERING AROUND THE FIRE

LOWER POST, BC

AUGUST 10-13, 2012



REUNITING FORMER LOWER POST RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOL STUDENTS AND CELEBRATING OUR
FIRST NATION FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

HEALING - FORGIVENESS - FREEDOM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

REUNIONS, COMMEMORATIONS TO STUDENTS,
MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, CULTURAL FEASTS,
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, DANCES, CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES AND STICK GAMBLING

FRIDAY

Friday, is an informal day for people to arrive, register, set up their campsites, and reunite with former students, friends, families and community members.

A Welcome Tent is set up, with soup and bannock served from noon onwards. The formal schedule begins on Saturday, August 11th, 9am.

12-4:30pm SOUP/BANNOCK

5:30pm - KASKA WELCOME & FEAST

7pm - KASKA ENTERTAINMENT

Dena Zagi

SATURDAY

(pls see back for side venue activities)

7-8:30am BREAKFAST

9am TRUTH TELLING

Elders Opening Prayer, Lighting of Fire Ceremony

Traditional Welcome to Daylu

Cleansing of the Land

Peter Stone, Deputy Chief, Daylu Dena Council

Annita McPhee, President, Tahltan Central Council

John D Ward, Spokesperson, Taku River Tlingit

Stewart Phillip, Grand Chief, Union of BC Indian Chiefs

Jody Raybould Wilson, Regional Chief AFN

Mary Polak, Minister, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations/
Reconciliation

12-1:30pm LUNCH

1:30pm TRUTH TELLING

"A survivors perspective" Dave Porter

Circle of Truth and Acknowledgement

Gary Gordon, Bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese

Kerry Newkirk, Regional Director, AANDC

Rocky Jackson, Musician, "Welcome Home"

Kaska Drummers - Prayer Song

5:30pm - TLINGIT TRADITIONAL FEAST

7pm - TLINGIT ENTERTAINMENT

Tlingit Dancers, Musicians, Jam Sessions, Stick Gambling

SUNDAY

(pls see back for side venue activities)

7-8:15am BREAKFAST

9am HONOURING

Elders Opening Prayer

Honouring the Trailblazers

Honouring of those not with us

Mixing of the Waters Ceremony

Cleansing & Honouring Ceremony

1:30-2:30pm LUNCH

2:30 pm HONOURING

The Power Point: Stikine Wholistic Working Group

"Moving Forward" - Andy Nieman, Jenoa Esquiro

Marie Wilson, Commissioner Truth & Reconciliation Commission

Dancers and Drummers

5:30pm - TAHLTAN TRADITIONAL FEAST

7pm - TAHLTAN ENTERTAINMENT

Tahltan Dancers, Musicians, Jam Sessions, Stick Gambling

MONDAY

7-8:30am BREAKFAST

9am COMMEMORATION & CLOSING

Elders Opening Prayer

Unveiling of Commemorative Art and Memorial Plaque

National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo

Tahltan Calling Home of the Spirit Ceremony

Cleansing of the Land

Traditional Kaska Song

Elders Closing Prayer

All Drummers, Dancers - Circle Dance

12:00-1:30pm BOX LUNCH