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AWAS'AK WIYASIWEWIN

BACK TO SCHOOL!



Tansi! As the new school year begins, our entire team is thinking of you and sending our warmest wishes for a great start. We are so proud of the strength and resilience you carry with you every day. As Indigenous people, your unique heritage, experiences, and perspectives are powerful gifts. This year holds so much promise, and we want you to know that we are here to be part of your team, cheering you on as you learn, grow, and chase your dreams.

We understand that school can be tough and that just getting through the doors each day is a huge accomplishment. Your education is a powerful tool for your future, and we are here to support you in every way we can to make this a successful year.

Whether you need a hand with school supplies, someone to talk to about challenges, or an advocate to help you connect with resources at your school, please remember that you are not on this journey alone. Awasak staff are here to listen and to walk alongside you. We believe in you and are excited to see all that you will accomplish.



NEWS, IDEAS, AND INSIGHTS

- Back to School
- YLL Calendar
- Prevention Calendar
- Loon Treaty Days
- Lubicon Workshops
- Youth V-Ball
- June Re-cap
- Monthly Draw Winners

Want to make a
difference in someone's
life? Become a care
home today!



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information*

SEPTEMBER 2025

YOUTH LEADERSHIP & LIFE SKILLS

LUBICON LAKE BAND #453

LOON RIVER FIRST NATION

TROUT - PEERLESS TROUT FIRST NATION

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Wellness Walk - Start	2	3 Journaling to Heal 5 - 7pm	4 Workout Night Kateri 4 - 6pm	5	6
7 Mens 14+ Volleyball Night 5 - 9pm Workout Night Kateri 4 - 6pm	8 Chrome Book Drop In 5 - 7pm	9 Women's 12+ Volleyball Night 5 - 9pm	10 Journaling to Heal 5 - 7pm	11 Journaling club 4 - 7pm Family Board Game Night 5 - 7pm	12	13
14 Mens 14+ Softball 5 - 9pm Croquet Tournament 5pm	15 Journaling Club 4 - 7pm Journaling club 4 - 7pm	16 Women's 12+ Softball 5 - 9pm	17 Journaling to Heal 5 - 7pm	18 Board Game Drop-In 4 - 7pm Workout Night Kateri 4 - 6pm	19	20
21 Journaling Club 4 - 7pm	22 Chrome Book Drop In 5 - 7pm Journaling club 4 - 7pm	23 Anxiety and Depression Workshop First Aid Training 9am-6pm	24 Learners Prep 5 - 8pm	25 First Aid Training 9am-6pm	26 Journaling to Heal 5 - 7pm Learners Prep 5 - 8pm	27 Learners Prep 1 - 4pm
28 Learners Prep 1 - 4pm	29 Wellness Walk - End Journaling club 4 - 7pm	30				

if no location is stated then programming is at awasak prevention building

SEPTEMBER- PREVENTION CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 Soup & Bannock Day 12pm - 2pm Back to School hair cuts 1pm - 7pm	2 Soup & Bannock Day 12pm - 2pm Soup & Bannock Day 12pm - 2pm Ribbon Shirts 3pm - 7pm Family Game Night 5:30pm - 7:30pm Self-care 6pm - 9pm	3 Soup & Bannock Day 12pm - 2pm Soup & Bannock Day 12pm - 2pm Stay "n" Play 1pm - 3pm Welcome back to School Drop in 4pm - 6pm	4 Soup & Bannock Day 12pm - 2pm Stay "n" Play 1pm - 3pm Welcome back to School Drop in 4pm - 6pm	5 Back to school Bingo (ages 5 - 17yrs) 5pm - 8pm	6 Back to School hair cuts 4pm - 8pm	
7 Back to School hair cuts 4pm - 8pm	8 Self - care 6pm - 9pm	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15 First Nation Claims Session 10:30am - 3pm Soup & Bannock Day 12pm - 2pm	16 First Nation Claims Session 10:30am - 3pm Stay "n" Play 1pm - 3pm Kids Drop in 3pm - 6pm Shadow Boxes 5pm - 8:30pm Paper Mache Art 5pm - 7pm	17 First Nation Claims Session 10:30am - 3pm Stay "n" Play 1pm - 3pm Scrapbooking 5:30pm - 7:30pm Parenting Workshop 5:30 - 9pm	18 Family Beehive Contest 9am - 8pm Stay "n" Play 1pm - 3pm Scrapbooking 5pm - 8pm	19	20	
21	22 Wreath Making 5pm - 8:30pm Movie Night 5:30pm - 8:30pm	23 Blanket Ladder Making 5pm - 9pm Couples Dart Night 5pm - 8pm Grief & Loss Workshop 5pm - 9pm	24 Soup & Bannock Day 2pm - 2pm Craft Night 3pm - 6pm Family Fall Photoshoot 4:30pm - 9pm Parenting Workshop 5:30pm - 9pm Tie Dye Night 5:30pm - 7:30pm	25 Bee Hive Contest 9am - 8pm Navigating the Transition 12pm - 2pm Family Craft & Game Night 2pm - 5pm Kids Drop in 4pm - 7pm Family Fall Photoshoot 4:40pm - 9pm Blanket Ladder Making 5pm - 9pm Fall Décor Craft Night 5pm - 8pm	26 Nature Walk/Scavenger Hunt & Diamond Art 5pm - 7pm Movie Night 5:30pm - 8:30pm Wreath Making Workshop 5:30pm - 8:30pm	27	
28	29	30					

color-coded Locations for workshops:

Red - mihkawâw - Lubicon

Blue - sîpihkawâw - Loon River

Yellow - osâwâw - Trout Lake

Green - askihtakwâw - Peerless Lake

Purple - ka âpihtimihkwak - Edmonton

Brown - kaskitêw-osâwâw - Peace River

Pink - kokenewapikoneyak - Slave Lake



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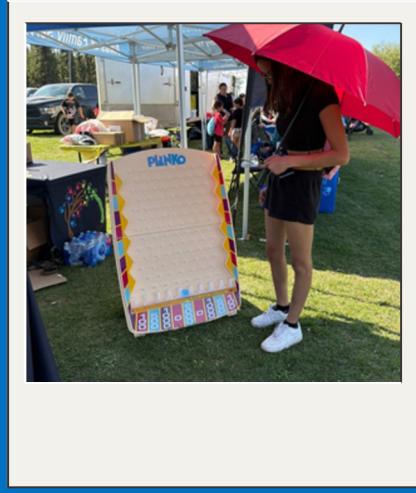
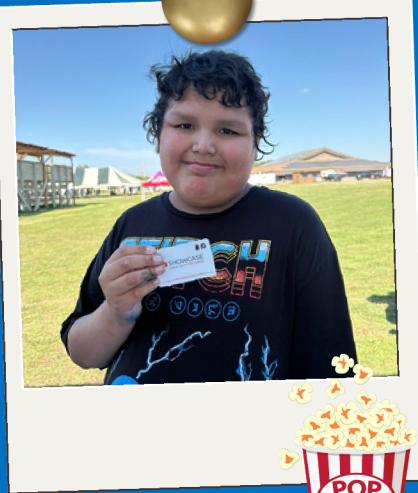
Dates are subject to change due to Treaty/Cultural day rescheduling

> All participants will be entered into the \$300 monthly draw and also the main \$500 draw done every 6 months.

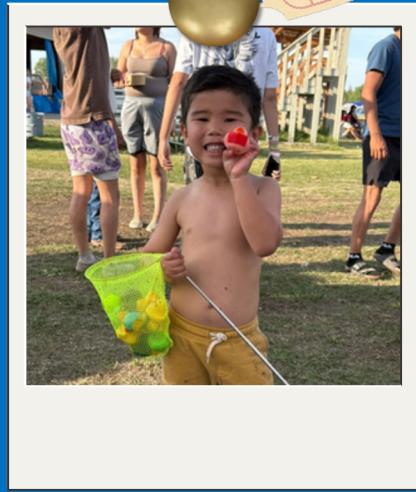
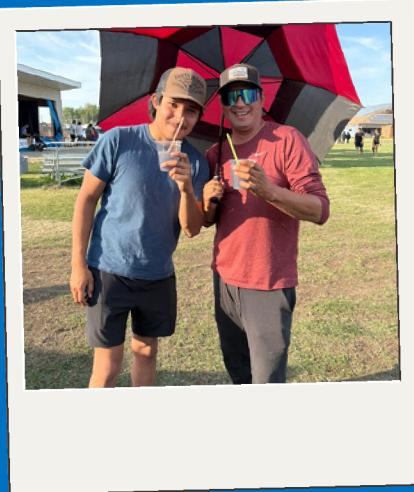
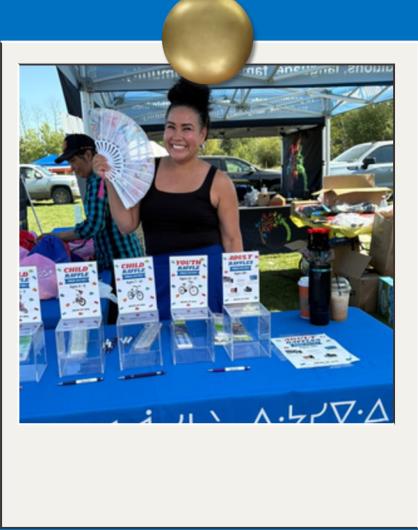
> Locations and times may change for unforeseen circumstances, but everyone will be notified through posters, social media, and other resources available if necessary. Thank you.

> Everyone is welcome to sign up. We are excited and look forward to seeing you.

When not color-coded, all event(s) or workshop(s) are for Lubicon, Peerless, Trout and Loon River.



Loon Treaty Days



STAFF HAD A GREAT TIME IN LOON RIVER FIRST NATION!



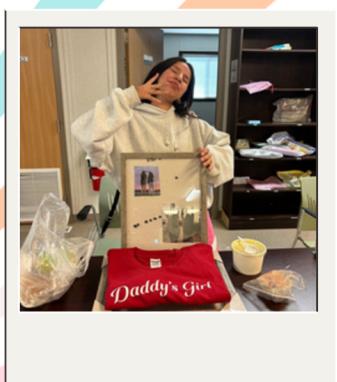
We had a great time connecting and building relationships with the community members during their 2025 Treaty Day Celebration. We look forward to the next community visit.



Lubicon Workshops



The dedicated Awasak staff play a crucial role in strengthening the Lubicon Lake Band community through a series of impactful and culturally-grounded workshops. These compassionate facilitators create welcoming spaces where families can gather to learn, share, and connect. The workshops themselves are diverse, often focusing on vital areas such as traditional parenting, youth engagement, and holistic wellness. The Awasak team empowers children and families, ensuring that cultural knowledge and supportive networks continue to thrive for generations to come.





TROUT Youth Beach V-Ball

Healthy Competition Never Hurts



Good sportsmanship teaches young athletes invaluable lessons in respect, humility, and teamwork that extend far beyond the playing field. Embracing both victories and defeats with grace helps build resilience and emotional maturity, which are crucial components of healthy mental development. Ultimately, youth learn positive social skills and a healthy perspective on competition that contributes to a their overall well-being for years to come.

Be Creative



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Leading up to Father's Day, our Awasak staff sparked some major creativity with a fun-filled golf ball decorating session! The artistic energy kept flowing as we welcomed our Edmonton members to the urban office for a vibrant and memorable community paint night.

And the Winner is...

To be entered into
our monthly draws
simply show up to a
workshop near you!



March - July Monthly Workshop Winners

Adults		Youth	
\$300 March 2025		\$150 March 2025	
Loon River	Divine White	Loon River	Jenessa Whitehead
Peerless	Linda Noskiye	Peerless	Genesis Laboucan
Trout	Roger Noskiye	Trout	Kyson Muskwa
Lubicon	Alana Whitehead	Lubicon	Taylor Laboucan
Slave Lake	Sandra Okemow	Slave Lake	Kaisley Noskiye
Edmonton	Adele	Edmonton	None
Peace River	None	Peace River	None

Adults		Youth	
\$300 April 2025		\$150 April 2025	
Loon River	Jaymee Sawan	Loon River	Yaelin McTaggart
Peerless	Lila Oar	Peerless	Nathaniel Houle
Trout	Dolly Houle	Trout	Airias Houle
Lubicon	Alyssa Whitehead	Lubicon	Kaihix Laboucan
Slave Lake	Mark Cardinal	Slave Lake	Kaine Noskiye
Edmonton	Maggie Houle	Edmonton	None
Peace River	Rochelle Whitehead	Peace River	Graham Orr

Adults		Youth	
\$300 May 2025		\$150 May 2025	
Loon River	Heavenly Auger	Loon River	Ricki Noskey
Peerless	Victoria Noskiye	Peerless	Paisley Houle
Trout	Flora Cardinal	Trout	Kyson Muskwa
Lubicon	Lourdes Laboucan	Lubicon	Prestly Noskey
Slave Lake	Dusty Gullion	Slave Lake	Sage Gullion
Edmonton	Carrie Okemow	Edmonton	Leland Letendre Potts
Peace River	Elaine Whitehead	Peace River	Theo D'or

Adults		Youth	
\$300 June 2025		\$150 June 2025	
Loon River	Bertha Merrier	Loon River	Abrielle Noskey
Peerless	Danielle Cardinal	Peerless	Ross Alook
Trout	Angela Trindle	Trout	Aubree Netowastenum
Lubicon	Trudy Whitehead	Lubicon	Heavenly Whitehead
Slave Lake	Darrell Chalifoux	Slave Lake	Bodhi Letendre
Edmonton	N/A due to evacuations	Edmonton	N/A due to evacuations
Peace River	Jaleel Whitehead	Peace River	Zacheaus Ominayak

Adults		Youth	
\$300 July 2025		\$150 July 2025	
Loon River		Loon River	
Peerless	Paul Sr. Houle	Peerless	Levi Letendre
Trout	Dolly Houle	Trout	Jake Yellowknee
Lubicon	Kaylee Laboucan	Lubicon	Lorenzo Laboucan
Slave Lake	Dakota Houle	Slave Lake	None
Edmonton	N/A due to evacuations	Edmonton	N/A due to evacuations
Peace River	Blair Auger	Peace River	Zion Auger

Become an Awasak Wiyasiwewin care Provider

We are looking for loving and caring homes who can provide permanency for children.

- Who can apply to be a Caregiver/Provider?
- Persons at least 18 years old, of any gender, preferably from the Founding First Nations (Loon River, Lubicon Lake Band and Peerless-Trout First Nation), and can be married, common law, single, divorced or widowed.
- Persons physically, emotionally and financially stable and able to provide for the safety and well-being of a child/children.
- Persons prepared to take training and attend support groups, as well as work with a team of professionals, including KTC Child & Family staff.
- Persons whose family and friends support their interest in welcoming a foster child into their home.

For more information
please talk to the Foster
Care Worker.



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INFORMATION ON
BECOMING A CARE
HOME



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THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION**



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Our Founding Nations



Lubicon Lake Band



Loon River First Nation



Peerless Trout First Nation