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**BLUE QUILLS**

# newo-isîhcikewina mâmawikapesiwin Four Ceremonies Gathering Cultural Camp

## May 29 – June 1, 2023

**LOCATION:** 4.8 km west of St. Paul, Alberta on Highway #29 & 1 km north on Range Road 101 (Past Airport) UnBQ campus

newo-isîhcikewina mâmawikapesiwin provides a collective experience in a natural land-based setting. We bring generations together to nurture & celebrate the spirit of the family. Participants access social & spiritual opportunities to empower communities to break abuse cycle & continue the healing journey for generations yet to be born.

**Reminder To All Female Relations - Please wear long skirts**

**Special thanks to all our sponsors!!**

**Please check us out on Facebook for updates & new programs, etc. and at [www.bluequills.ca](http://www.bluequills.ca)  
**100% cotton prints ONLY****

**We practice *omanitew*, which is to celebrate our visitors, by making space for them physically and spiritually; To offer our best while visitors are with us and when they leave.**

Schedule may change	Sunday May 28	pōn-āyimihewi-kīsikāw Monday May 29	niso-kīsikāw Tuesday May 30	nisto-kīsikāw Wednesday May 31	newo-kīsikāw Thursday June 1	
7:00 am	-	Morning Ceremony	Morning Ceremony	Morning Ceremony	Morning Ceremony	
8:00 am	-	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	
9:00 to 12:00	Camping Day	10:00 – 2:00 Cultural Arts & Crafts 10:00 – Noon Teepee Teachings in Teepees Women's Moon Lodge	10:00 – 2:00 Cultural Arts & Crafts 10:00 – Noon Teepee Teachings in Teepees Women's Moon Lodge	10:00 – 2:00 Cultural Arts & Crafts 10:00 – Noon Teepee Teachings in Teepees Women's Moon Lodge	Chicken Dance (concludes) Women's Moon Lodge	<b>Schedule Subject to Change</b>
Noon		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		
1:00 to 4:00	Sweat for 4 Fires Ceremony	Cultural Arts/Crafts or Teepee Teachings In Teepees Women's Moon Lodge	Cultural Arts/Crafts Teepee Teachings Tobacco Tying for Chicken Dance Women's Moon Lodge	Cultural Arts/Crafts or Teepee Teachings in Teepees Women's Moon Lodge	Feast & Give Away Camp Concludes	<i>We practice reciprocity and relational accountability and we follow cultural protocol to accept the contributions of food or cash that our visitors bring.</i>
Late Afternoon Evening		4 Fires Ceremony	Sweat Ceremony	Chicken Dance Ceremony (5:30 PM starts)		

**PARTICIPANTS WILL:**

- Behave in a respectful manner toward everyone & all things
- Be responsible for their own learning & healing
- Abstain from use of alcohol or other drugs
- Remain within camp perimeter (no traffic in or out of camp from 11 pm to 6 am except for Emergencies)
- Park in designated areas only
- Share collective responsibility for the well-being & safety of children following the traditional teachings of Love, Honesty, Sharing & Determination

**DAY FEES:** A nominal fee is charged to organizations and school groups. Course fees apply for students who are seeking course credit for IYIS 300 or IYIS 144. Other contributions and donations and food donation for the student food bank are welcome.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Camping in a tipi is \$50.00 per group per night (please pre-register), bring your own camping equipment. Or you can pitch your own tent at no cost. NO RVs please (except authorized for Elders & helpers), RV parking available in St. Paul. NO POWER, WATER, SEWER HOOK UPS AT BLUE QUILLS.

**IMPORTANT:** Bring your ceremonial kits: long skirts or wraps / shawls for women (local elder protocols), long pants for men, feast dishes, **100% cotton prints ONLY**, ribbons, and tobacco. Limited amounts will be for sale on-site. Breakfast & Lunch provided. For ceremonial feasts, please bring your own dishes & utensils.

**WASHROOMS:** There are several portable toilets cleaned and maintained. Showers will be available at a cost of \$2 per person.

**SECURITY:** Security is provided as we want all to enjoy a safe camping and cultural experience.

**SWEATS:** Sweat Lodges are scheduled. Others can be requested

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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**Let Us All Respect Mother Earth, we are all responsible for placing garbage in proper bins.**

**PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PETS AT HOME. THANK YOU.**

The Cultural Camp is family group focused. Parents / guardians / supervisors **MUST** closely monitor children & youth at all times, as well as participate in the activities with them.