




# MIKI'SIW Métis Messenger May 2023

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## Local News & Events

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**Drop in  
Crafting  
May 15,  
2023  
6:30-  
8:30pm  
Dot  
(Mandala)  
Rock  
Painting**



Terina Lefebure will teach us this fun art form. This is an easy event for people 12+ years as well so feel free to include them.

We will have all the supplies you need, you will not need to register, just show up at 576 England Ave. in Courtenay and ring the doorbell to be let in. Hope to see you there.





# MMIWG2S+ AWARENESS DAY EVENT

Simms Park, Courtenay  
OPENING CEREMONIES  
1pm to 2:30pm  
RED DRESS WALK 1-6  
Educational Booths

Sirreal Live Performance  
and Hip Hop Workshop  
4-6pm

On the Unceded  
Traditional Territory of  
the K'omoks First Nation

Event contact:  
250-338-3455

Hosted by Indigenous  
Women Sharing Society  
MIKI'SIW Metis  
Association

**Wear  
Red  
May  
5th**

RED DRESS WALK 1PM TO 6PM



## MÉTIS YOUTH CULTURE CAMP

(ages 12-19)

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**11 am – 4:30 pm**

Air Force Beach Pavilion  
Air Force Beach Road, Comox BC

Hosted by MIKI'SIW Métis Association

### Activities will include:

- Jigging Lessons
- Lunch
- Smudging Lesson
- Metis Survivor Games
- Elder Storytelling and Teachings

All participants under 18 must provide a parental signed waiver, maximum 25 registrants, priority given to MIKI'SIW Métis Members.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

contact [comxvalleymetisoffice@gmail.com](mailto:comxvalleymetisoffice@gmail.com) or 250-871-7353 to register or more information

## TRADITIONAL HIDE TANNING LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

### Have you ever wondered how our ancestors made our traditional hides?

You can get some hands-on experience at our Traditional Hide Tanning Workshop being held over 3 days May 26-28<sup>th</sup> at Camp Gilwell (Scouts camp) just outside of Courtenay.

The process takes place over 3 full days, but you can sign up for one or several three-hour shifts to get some hands-on experience.

MIKI'SIW has 4 deer hides and one elk hide that will be worked on. The items we will make are drums and smoked hides for upcoming workshops and crafting.

If you would like to participate for all three days, you may be able to stay at the camp for the weekend. Contact the office for more information.



### Sign up for shifts here

<https://signup.com/go/NoxZxTd>

Or contact the office to sign up at  
[comxvalleymetisoffice@gmail.com](mailto:comxvalleymetisoffice@gmail.com)

Phone 250-871-7353

## The Youth Elder/Senior Event was great!!



Thanks to everyone who participated. The youth made and served traditional foods, participated in crafts and connected with each other and the Elders/Seniors.



Congratulations to Member Katie Hartig who has made the U19 BC Volleyball Team. She will compete in Halifax this summer at the North American Indigenous Games



**Vancouver  
Island  
Métis  
Rendezvous  
is going to be  
great!!**

On June 10th, 2023 we will be gathering at the Cowichan Exhibition Park for a day of celebration Métis culture and heritage.

There will be educational and cultural workshops, presentations, vendors, food, fiddling, jigging and so much more!!

Volunteer and receive some goodies; meals and a T-shirt – you can see what we need help with and sign up on this link <https://signup.com/go/dsiGODo>

*Would you like a ride to the Rendezvous?* Would you consider taking a bus with others for the entire day and paying a minimal charge? Let Myrna know if you are interested in going to the event on the bus by May 24<sup>th</sup> – [comoxvalleymetisoffice@gmail.com](mailto:comoxvalleymetisoffice@gmail.com)

## Métis Summer Break Supplement



The Métis Summer Break Supplement is offered through the Métis Child Care Navigation and Support Program, for families with Métis children school age, entering kindergarten to 12 years old. MNBC Ministry of Education has extended funding for children ages 5 to 12 allowing Métis families to access the MNBC summer supplement of \$500.00 per child, per summer month (July and August). This is inclusive of summer programs as an alternative to child care. There are some exemptions to this program. Top apply contact [mccb@mNBC.ca](mailto:mccb@mNBC.ca)



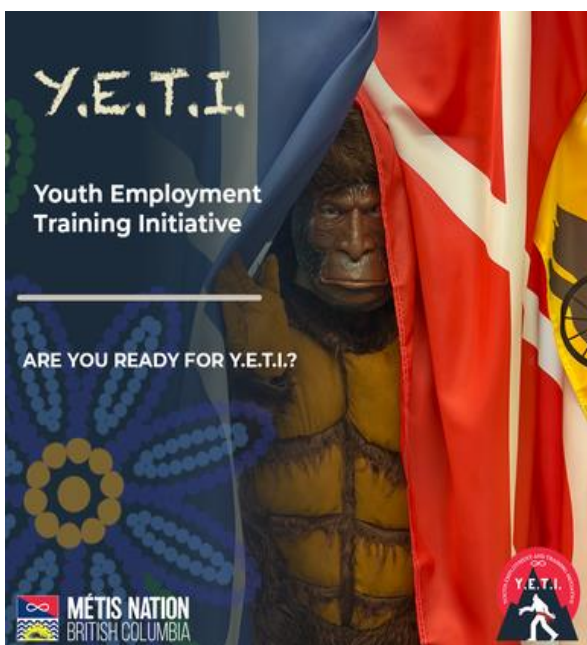
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## Y.E.T.I. Program is back!

Develop your employment and life skills while getting paid! Join our 3-Week Y.E.T.I. Program where youth will plunge into fun Career Exploration activities, explore job search strategies and tools, and boost positivity and motivation!

Go to <https://www.mNBC.ca/newyeti> for more info.