



# MAZINIGAN

**November 2025**

**Bashkadokini - Giizis**

Freezing Moon is the eleventh moon of Creation. This is a time when the stars in the night sky of the universe are closer to Mother Earth and brighter. During the day the warmth of the sun is becoming more distant. The clouds, winds and rains are traveling across Mother Earth more frequently than any other cycle of the moons. At this time all Creation is being transformed. The animals are gathering together, while their furs are changing colours and becoming thicker. The fish are beginning to come close to shore. The birds are flocking together in their many formations. All are preparing for long journeys to the sacred circle of the fasting grounds.

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# Bashkadokini-Giizis

## Freezing Moon

**THE ADMIN COMPLEX WILL BE CLOSED  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH FOR REMEMBRANCE  
DAY**



### Chippewa Transit



*\*NEW SCHEDULE\**

<b><u>Morning Run:</u></b>		<b><u>Afternoon Run:</u></b>	
<b>Heading into London</b> Pick-up/Drop-off		<b>Heading Into London</b> Pick-up/Drop-off	
Bear Creek Gas Bar	7:15am	Bear Creek Gas Bar	3:45pm
Chippewa Community Centre	7:30am	Chippewa Community Centre	4:00pm
Oneida Community Centre	7:45am	Oneida Community Centre	4:15pm
Fanshawe College	8:15am	Fanshawe College	4:45pm
White Oaks Mall	8:35am	White Oaks Mall	5:05pm
Westmount Mall	8:55am	Westmount Mall	5:25pm
<b>Returning to Nation</b> Drop-off Only		<b>Returning to Nation</b> Drop-off Only	
Oneida Community Centre	9:30am	Oneida Community Centre	6:00pm
Chippewa Community Centre	9:40am	Chippewa Community Centre	6:10pm
<b>END OF RUN</b>		<b>END OF RUN</b>	

***\*Chippewa Transit follows all Middlesex County bus cancellations\****

TRANSIT INQUIRIES: 226-386-6545

TRANSPORTATION@COTTEN.COM



## GOOD TO KNOW

Hard copies of Council Meeting Minutes can be picked up at the band office. Alternatively, members can also request to have Meeting Minutes mailed out to them. Please direct all inquiries to Justine Doxtator at [jdoxtator@cottfn.com](mailto:jdoxtator@cottfn.com), or by calling 519-289-5555 ext 229.

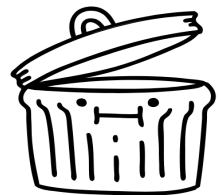
## Regular Council Meetings

Members wanting to meet with council are requested to contact Justine Doxtator - [jdoxtator@cottfn.com](mailto:jdoxtator@cottfn.com) to arrange a time slot on their agenda.

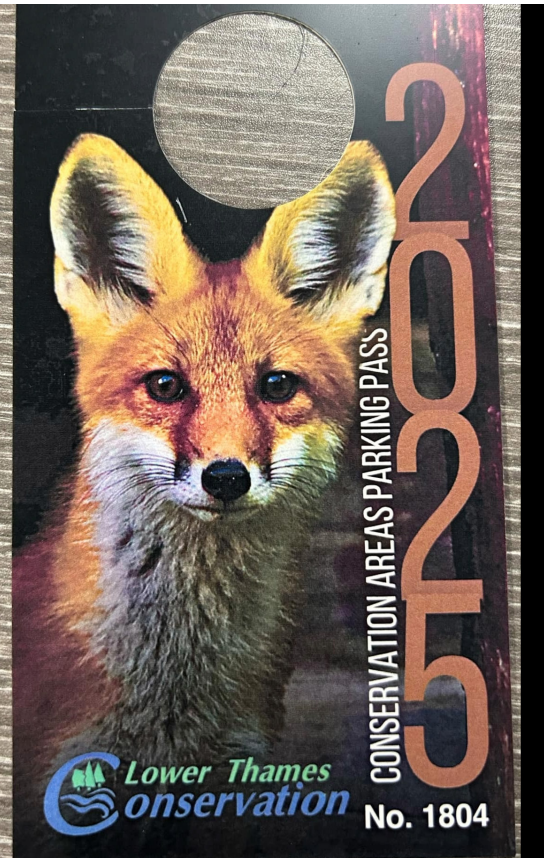
# Green Lane Landfill



**Odor reports**  
**519-652-0929**



**Lower Thames Valley  
Conservation Areas  
Parking Passes are  
available  
at the Band Office**



## NOVEMBER 2025 WORKSHOP ACTIVITY LISTING

DAY	EVENT	DEPARTMENT	CONTACT
3	Anishinaabek Food Rights Pick UP	Pick up 10a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 1 to 4p.m.	226-378-4264 / afr@cottfn.com
4	Family Language Night	5-7pm Community Centre-Justice	See Flyer
4	Carfts 10 am to 12 pm	Enji Maajtaawaad-Early Years	ahutton@cottfn.com / 519-289-0584
5	Enchre Night	Health - ARC 5:00-8:00 p.m.	519-289-5641 / chendrick@cottfn.com
5	Senior Deliveries of AFR	Ontario Works	226-378-4264 / afr@cottfn.com
6	Floor Hockey 5 to 7 pm	Enji Maajtaawaad-Early Years	ahutton@cottfn.com / 519-289-0584
7	AeroSports Youth 12 yrs +	CYFW - Departure 6:30 p.m.	rebyoung@cottfn.com/226-378-7374
7	Anishinaabek Food Rights Pick UP	Pick up 10a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 1 to 4p.m.	226-378-4264 / afr@cottfn.com
7	Community Input Needed	The Guardians-TLE	See Flyer
8	Recreation Swim 1:30 to 3 pm	Enji Maajtaawaad-Early Years	ahutton@cottfn.com / 519-289-0584
8	Enchre Night	Health - ARC 5:00-8:00 p.m.	519-289-5641 / chendrick@cottfn.com
8	Wreath Making	Culture & Heritage Building 1:00 p.m.	519-264-2500
10	Anishinaabek Food Rights Pick UP	Pick up 10a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 1 to 4p.m.	226-378-4264 / afr@cottfn.com
12	Qurater Bingo	Health - ARC 5:00pm	519-289-5641 / chendrick@cottfn.com
12	Anishinaabek Food Rights Pick UP	Pick up 10a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 to 4p.m.	226-378-4264 / afr@cottfn.com
12	Annual Genral Assembly	BBC, Chief and Council-Community Centre	See Flyer
13	Free Play 10 am to 12 pm	Enji Maajtaawaad-Early Years	ahutton@cottfn.com / 519-289-0584
13	Post Secondary Info Fair	Education- School Gym	519-289-0261
14	Anishinaabek Food Rights Pick UP	Pick up 10a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 to 4p.m.	226-378-4264 / afr@cottfn.com
15	CMD Diabetes Care Gathering	Health-Onieda Nation 10 am to 3 pm.	See Flyer
17	Senosory 10 am to 12 pm	Enji Maajtaawaad-Early Years	ahutton@cottfn.com / 519-289-0584
19	Enchre Night	Health - ARC 5:00-8:00 p.m.	519-289-5641 / chendrick@cottfn.com
19	Aquatic Swin Night Youth 12yrs +	CYFW 7:30 to 8:45 pm.	rebyoung@cottfn.com/226-378-7374
20	indigenous Business Showcase	Tecumseh Development Corporation	See Flyer
21	indigenous Business Showcase	Tecumseh Development Corporation	See Flyer
22	Consultation Open House	Community Centre 10am to 2 pm	Treaty, Lands, Environment
22	Deer Herd Reduction	Roundeau Park	See Flyer
23	Deer Herd Reduction	Roundeau Park	See Flyer
25	Carfts 10 am to 12 pm	Enji Maajtaawaad-Early Years	ahutton@cottfn.com / 519-289-0584
26	Qurater Bingo	Health - ARC 5:00pm	519-289-5641 / chendrick@cottfn.com
26	Let's Talk Law	Justice 4-8pm	asturgeon@cottfn.com
28	Fleetway 5:30 pm.	Enji Maajtaawaad-Early Years	ahutton@cottfn.com / 519-289-0584
	Employment & Training Survey Your Voice Matters		See Flyer
Every Tues	ElderSupport	Health 1 to 4 pm	519-289-5641
Every Tue	and Wed Senior's Lunch	Health 1 to 4 pm	See Calendar
Every Wed	Well-Brierty Group	Health 5 to 7:00 p.m.	519-289-5641
Every Fri	Grief Recovery Group	Child, Youth, & Family Well-Being 6 to 8 p.m.	519-878-0165
Every Sun	Public Skating	CYFW-Mt. Brydges Arena	See Flyer

Eshkiniigijig Radio, listen through the following link: <http://www.eshkiradio.com/>



ANISHINAABE'AADZIWIN

REMEMBRANCE DAY

# Wreath Workshop

*Saturday, November 8  
Heritage Center*

**More info: 519-264-2500  
or: [keriley@cottfn.com](mailto:keriley@cottfn.com)**

# CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES FIRST NATION & BIG BEAR CREEK TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & FALL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Join us for a day of updates, connection, and transparency as we host the Annual General Meetings for both COTTFN and BBC — alongside our first Quarterly Community Engagement Event.

This combined event is an opportunity to review the 23/24 financial statements, annual reports, learn about community programs, and share your voice as we strengthen communication between members, Council, and departments.

 **Wednesday, November 12, 2025**

 **COTTFN Community Centre**

 **Two Sessions: 1:00–3:00 PM & 5:00–7:00 PM**

***Can't attend? Presentations, reports, and a feedback survey will be available online at [cottfn.com](https://cottfn.com) after the event.***





# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**Welcoming Address** by Chief Miskokomon

**23/24 Audit Presentations:** BBC and COTTEN Audit Reports, (recorded during the afternoon session and replayed in the evening)

**Department Booths:** Explore programs, services, and staff updates in an open-house format

**Passport Prize Draw:** Visit all booths for a chance to win prizes!

**Door Prizes & Refreshments:** Light refreshments will be served

## ACCESSIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

☰ **Off-Reserve Members:** Register online by November 7 to receive a \$25 gas card.

**Online Viewing:** Can't attend? Presentations, reports, and feedback forms will be available online at cottfn.com after the event.

**OFF-RESERVE MEMBERS CAN REGISTER  
FOR A GAS CARD ONLINE AT:**

[www.tinyurl.com/AGMGasCard](http://www.tinyurl.com/AGMGasCard)

*Gas Card Registration Closes November 7th at 11:55 PM*





You Are Invited To The

# 35TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS *Party* 2025

DECEMBER | 6 | 10AM - 2PM

ANTLER RIVER  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





## SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS

Please use the QR Code or website link below to register. Early Bird Draw - For those who register on-line (QR Code or using weblink) by November 3, 2025.

**EARLY BIRD DRAW - YOU WILL BE ENTERED  
IN A DRAW FOR A CHANCE TO WIN 1 OF 5  
\$300 SHOPPING SPREES AT WALMART  
(ONE ENTRY PER FAMILY)**








<http://tinyurl.com/COTTFNChristmasParty25>

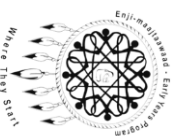
**IN-PERSON - OCTOBER 23, 2025  
3:00PM-7:00PM  
CHIPPEWA YOUTH CENTRE**

**\*COTTFN MEMBERS ONLY\***





Niizhwaaso giizhgaad	Ntam giizhgaad	Nilizo giizhgaad	Nilzho giizhgaad	Niliwo giizhgaad	Naano giizhgaad	Ngodwaaso giizhgaad
<p>Our programs are for families with children 0-6 years of age. Programs are by registration only, drop in are not available at this time. Miigwech!</p>						
2 <b>Daylight Savings</b> 	3 <b>Virtual Program</b> Song/Book	4 <b>Play &amp; Connect</b> Crafts 10am - 12pm	5 <b>Anishinaabemowin with Russ</b> 5pm - 6:30pm Crafts	6 <b>Odaminoda</b> MDNCC 5pm-7pm Free Play 	7 <b>Virtual Program</b> Song/Book	8 <b>SLCP Recreation Swim</b> 1:30pm - 3:00pm 
9	10 <b>Activity Kit: Craft Kit</b> 8am	11 <b>Closed for Remembrance Day</b>	12 <b>Anishinaabemowin with Russ</b> 5pm - 6:30pm Crafts	13 <b>Play &amp; Connect</b> Free Play 10am - 12pm	14 <b>Virtual Program</b> Song/Book	15
16	17 <b>Play &amp; Connect</b> Sensory 10am - 12pm	18 <b>Maamwi Gindasdaa</b> National Geographic Book of Animals 8am 	19 <b>Anishinaabemowin with Russ</b> 5pm - 6:30pm Craft	20 <b>Odaminoda</b> MDNCC 5pm-7pm Free Play 	21 <b>Virtual Program</b> Song/Book	22
23	24 <b>Virtual Program</b> Song/Book	25 <b>Play &amp; Connect</b> Crafts 10am - 12pm	26 <b>Anishinaabemowin with Russ</b> 5pm - 6:30pm Crafts	27 <b>Virtual Program</b> Song/Book	28 <b>Family Outing</b> Fleetway Play Area 5:30pm	29
30	<p><b>Contact:</b> Amanda Hutton <b>Address:</b> 330 Chippewa Rd., Muncey <b>Tel:</b> 519-289-0584 <b>Email:</b> ahutton@cottfn.com <b>Facebook:</b> Enji Maagtaawaad Child &amp; Family EarlyON</p> <p>If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call, or email me. Miigwech!</p>					







### Anishinaabemowin Word of the Day

A Anishinaabemowin word/phase will be posted each day of the week.

### Virtual

Videos will be posted throughout the month.

### Play & Connect:

\*Registration is required. Lunch is provided.

**Wegonesh:** Crafts

**Aapiish:** Enji-Maaajtaawaad Early Years

**Aaniish pii:** Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 10am - 12pm

**Wegonesh:** Free Play

**Aapiish:** Enji-Maaajtaawaad Early Years

**Aaniish pii:** Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 10am - 12pm

**Wegonesh:** Sensory

**Aapiish:** Enji-Maaajtaawaad Early Years

**Aaniish pii:** Monday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 10am - 12pm

**Wegonesh:** Crafts

**Aapiish:** Enji-Maaajtaawaad Early Years

**Aaniish pii:** Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 10am - 12pm



### Maamwi Gindaasdaa

**Wegonesh:** National Geographic: Big Book of Animals

**Aapiish:** Enji-Maaajtaawaad Early Years

**Aaniish pii:** Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 8am

**Note:** 15 Books will be available on a first come, first served basis only.

### SLCP

\*Registration is required.

**Wegonesh:** Recreation Swim

**Aapiish:** 585 Bradley Ave, London

**Address:** 327 Quaker Ln, Middlesex Centre

**Aaniish pii:** Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 1:30pm - 3pm

Our EarlyOn programs are for families with children 0-6 years of age.

Registration is required to register contact Amanda at:

Phone: 519-289-0584

email: ahutton@cottfn.com

### Odaminodaa

\*Registration is required. Supper provided.

**Wegonesh:** Floor Hockey

**Aapiish:** MDN Community Center

**Aaniish pii:** Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 5pm - 7pm

**Wegonesh:** Beach Volleyball

**Aapiish:** Enji Maaajtaawaad Early Years

**Aaniish pii:** Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 5pm - 7pm

### Activity Kits

**Wegonesh:** Craft Kit

**Aapiish:** Enji Maaajtaawaad Early Years

**Aaniish pii:** Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 8am

**Note:** 15 Kits will be available on a first come, first served basis only.

### Family Outings

\*Registration is required. Limited Spots.

**Wegonesh:** Fleetway

**Aapiish:** 720 Proudfoot Lane

**Aaniish pii:** Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:30pm

### Anishinaabemowin with Russ

\*Registration is required. Supper provided.

**Wegonesh:** Learning Anishinaabemowin (Crafts, Activities, Songs & Stories)

**Aapiish:** Enji Maaajtaawaad Early Years

**Aaniish pii:** Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 5pm - 6:30pm



Come out and play! Join me for interactive sessions that promote learning through play, creativity, and social interaction. Whether it's arts and crafts, storytime, or outdoor games, there's something for everyone! Bring your little ones to explore, learn, and make new friends in a welcoming environment, and meet other families in the community.

# LUNCH & LEARN EARLY YEARS



## Aaniish Pii? When:

October 16 12:30 – 1:30 or 1:30 – 2:30

October 30 12:30 – 1:30 or 1:30 – 2:30

November 13 12:30 – 1:30 or 1:30 – 2:30

November 27 12:30 – 1:30 or 1:30 – 2:30



## Aabjitoon Maage Naajtoon!

### Anishinaabemowin Speaking Challenge

October / November Word Set on Quizlet:

<https://quizlet.com/ca/1081396036/octobernovember-asc-202526-flash-cards/?i=rpwbt&x=1jq>







We are honoured to bring Shkaabaawis (Gerard Sagassige) back for our 20th Annual Naming Ceremony. Gerard is from Curve Lake First Nation, with family connections to Serpent River, and brings over 20 years of experience in assisting with healing work. As a Midewiwin Lodge Member, Gerard has learned from many respected teachers throughout his travels, and he has dedicated himself to supporting the spiritual growth and well-being of others.

The Naming Ceremony is a sacred tradition that connects us to our Anishinaabe spirit names, which hold profound meaning and guide us throughout our lives. Knowing our Anishinaabe names is essential to understanding who we are and how we walk in this world, grounding us in our culture, language, and identity. Our names are gifted from the spirit world, and they carry the strength, purpose, and teachings of our ancestors. They remind us of our responsibilities and our place in the sacred circle of life.

Under Gerard's guidance, this ceremony will honour the deep connection between our spiritual identities and our life's path, helping each participant step forward with renewed clarity, balance, and a deeper sense of belonging within the Anishinaabe way of life. We welcome everyone to share in this sacred journey and celebrate the gift of spirit names.

### **The week of November 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

(It takes approx. 30 mins for each name that is given)

**Ceremony** will take place in the EarlyON room at  
Enji Maahtaawaad Early Years Program  
330 Chippewa Rd.

#### **Feast:**

Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5pm  
Chippewa Community Centre  
328 Chippewa Rd.

#### **Contact Cheri Fisher to register:**

Telephone: 519-289-0584  
Email: [cheri.fisher@cottfn.com](mailto:cheri.fisher@cottfn.com)



**Chippewa Trade School**


**YOUTH**

**Branding Focus  
Group**

**November 5, 2025 6:00pm- 8:00pm**

**Chippewa Youth Center  
328 Chippewa Rd.**

If you can't make it but would like to participate, or if you have any questions, please contact:

 **Megan Huff – [mhuff@cottfn.com](mailto:mhuff@cottfn.com)**

Subject line: "Branding – Youth Focus Group"



Chippewa Youth & Recreation

Presents: 



# Aquatic Centre Swim Night

*Youth Trip, Ages 12+*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19,  
2025 | AT 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM**

Join us for an evening at the Aquatic Centre for the recreation swim. Must be able to pass a beginner swim test.

Limited Spots available, please register before Monday, November 10th, 2025.

Transportation will be leaving the YC by 6:40 P.M

TO REGISTER CONTACT  
BECKY YOUNG  
EMAIL:  
[REBYOUNG@COTTEN.COM](mailto:REBYOUNG@COTTEN.COM)  
OR  
TEXT- 226-378-7374

Chippewa Youth Centre Presents: 

# **BASKETBALL**

## **PICK-UP GAME EVENINGS**



Join us every Thursday  
night at 7 PM to play some  
pick-up basketball

**7:00 P.M - 9:00 P.M**

**CO-ED Teams**

**Ages 12+**



Chippewa Youth & Recreation Presents:



# AEROSPORTS YOUTH TRIP

Join us for an evening at Aerosports Trampoline Park for the glow in the dark jumping zone. Limited spots available, so sign up as soon as possible.

Transportation will be leaving the Chippewa YC by 6:30 P.M.

When? Friday,  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Where? Aerosports  
784 Wharncliffe Rd S, London, ON  
N6J 2N4

Recommended for youth 12+

To register please contact  
Becky Young:  
Email: [rebyoung@cottfn.com](mailto:rebyoung@cottfn.com)  
or text 226-378-7374



# Bashkaakodin-gizis 2025

Ntarn-giizhigad	Niizho-giizhigad	Neo-giizhigad	Niwo-giizhigad	Naano-giizhigad	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3 <b>Girl Power@ Early Years</b> 5-7	4 <b>Womans Group</b> E & T portable 5-7	5	6 <b>Grief group @ ARC</b> 5-7	7 <b>Caring Cupborad</b> 9-11	8	9
10 <b>Training</b>	11 ----	12 -----	13 <b>Grief group @ ARC</b> 5-7	14 <b>Coffee Drop-In Hr</b> E & T portable 5:30-7	15	16
17 <b>Girl Power@ Early Years</b> 5-7	18 <b>Grand Theatre Childrens Play</b> see flyer for details	19 <b>Womans Group</b> 5-7	20	21 <b>Coffee Drop- In hour</b> E & T portable 5:30-7	22	23
24 <b>Young Bucks@Early Years</b> 5-7	25 <b>Bryon Food bank</b> 1-3	26	27 <b>Grief group @ ARC</b> 5-7	28 <b>Coffee Drop- In hour</b> E & T portable 5:30-7	29	30

**Cynthia Tribe**

Community

Prevention Worker

**519-878-0165**

[ctribe@cottfn.com](mailto:ctribe@cottfn.com)





# November



2025

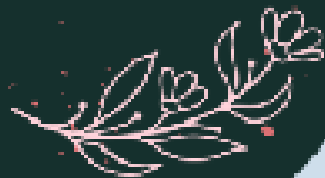
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2 Sunday Public Skating @ Tri-Township Arena
3	4	5	6 Pick-up Basketball 7:00 - 9:00	7 Aerosports Trampoline Park Trip 7:00 - 9:00	8	9 Sunday Public Skating @ Tri-Township Arena
10	11 Remembrance Day Holiday YC is Closed	12	13 Pick-up Basketball 7:00 - 9:00	14	15	16 Sunday Public Skating @ Tri-Township Arena
17	18	19 Aquatic Centre Swimming Trip 6:30 - 9:00	20 Pick-up Basketball 7:00 - 9:00	21	22	23 Sunday Public Skating @ Tri-Township Arena
24	25	26	27 Pick-up Basketball 7:00 - 9:00	28	29	30 Sunday Public Skating @ Tri-Township Arena

The YC is open in the evenings Monday to Friday from 6:00 - 10:00

To book a workout room timeslot in the evenings please message Becky: 226-378-7374

**AAMBE!  
ANISHINAABEMADAA!**

**LET'S GO SPEAK THE  
LANGUAGE!**



**Justice Department**  
Chippewas of the Thames  
First Nation

## **Anishinaabemowin Family Language Night**

AANIISH PII: October 20th

AANIISH PII: 5PM-7PM

AANIISH: Chippewa Community Centre

**DINNER AT 5PM!**

**GAMES**

**DOOR PRIZES**

A fun family night  
learning the language,  
playing games, and a  
delicious meal catered  
for you and your family!

No registration required!  
Drop In!  
Questions? Email  
[skechego@cottfn.com](mailto:skechego@cottfn.com)



# Chippewa Ice Time

## at Mt Brydes Arena



**Beginning October 5th**

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**Sundays 3pm to 6pm**

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**Pucks and Sticks for last hour**  
✓ 5-6pm ✓



# Jordan's Principle Application Process



## Connect

Reach out to a Jordan's Principle Navigator by phone, email, or in person to discuss supports to apply for and the documentation needed.

Collect supporting documentation (e.g. letters of support, invoices, quotes, prescriptions). Your Navigator may suggest accessing existing resources for immediate support.

## Collect



## Submit

Your Navigator will send the application to Indigenous Services Canada for a funding decision. COTTFN does not approve or deny applications. Please note: delays in funding decisions are likely due to a current backlog.

The decision will be sent to your Navigator. If approved, they will assist you in accessing supports. If denied, they can help you with an appeal.

## Decision



## COTTFN Jordan's Principle Staff



322 Chippewa Rd, Muncey ON



Katharine - [khopkins@cottfn.com](mailto:khopkins@cottfn.com)



(519) 289-5641



Beth - [bethyoung@cottfn.com](mailto:bethyoung@cottfn.com)



# Hide Tanning Camp



## DECEMBER

### 1-5

2025

9AM - 5PM

**Join the Guardians on the land to learn the traditional teachings of hide tanning in partnership with Albert Doxtator from 4 Doors Healing and Wellness at A.R.E.S Lodge**

- Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather
- Lunch will be provided daily
- Community members, youth, families, everyone welcome!
- No experience needed! Just come ready to learn and connect.

**TO REGISTER OR LEARN MORE**

**CONTACT: GUARDIANS TEAM BY  
EMAIL**

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR  
UPDATES**

 **Cottfn Treaties, Lands & Environment Dept.**

 **@DZGUARDIANS**

 **guardians@cottfn.com**



# STUDENT AWARDS

## BANQUET

SECONDARY AND POST-SECONDARY  
STUDENTS

*Chippewas of the  
Thames First Nation*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

*Antler River Elementary School Gymnasium*

RSVP [tsoucy@chippewa-ed.on.ca](mailto:tsoucy@chippewa-ed.on.ca)

[ddolson@chippewa-ed.on.ca](mailto:ddolson@chippewa-ed.on.ca)





**Deshkan Ziiibiing**  
Chippewas of the Thames  
First Nation Kinooamaagegamig  
Board of Education

## **POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM**

The Chippewa Post-secondary program provides financial assistance to eligible students in pursuit of their post-secondary education based on the availability of funding in the budget.

### **Deadlines are:**

**Summer Enrollment – March 1**

**Fall Enrollment – May 1**

**Winter Enrollment – October 1**

**Post-Secondary Program On-Line  
application**

**Link to apply: <https://sfnpse.ca/>**

**Ontario  
College  
Application  
Centre**  
**[www.ocas.ca](http://www.ocas.ca)**

**Ontario  
University  
Application  
Centre**  
**[www.ouac.ca](http://www.ouac.ca)**

## **BURSARY AND ASSISTANCE FUND**

COTTfN Board of Education Bursary Assistance Fund was established to help alleviate some of the financial stress post-secondary students may experience. Bursaries are non-repayable, grants issued to students who demonstrate financial need.

### **Deadlines are:**

**(Students can apply once per year)**

**April 1**

**August 1**

**November 14**

**Guidelines and application available  
at [www.cottfn.com](http://www.cottfn.com)**

**For more information please contact:**

**Debbie Dolson**

**Post-Secondary Counsellor**

**Deshkan Ziiibiing Chippewas of the Thames  
First Nation**

**Kinooamaagegamig Board of Education**

**324 Chippewa Road,  
Muncey, ON, N0L 1Y0,**

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**Email: [ddolson@chippewa-ed.on.ca](mailto:ddolson@chippewa-ed.on.ca)**

# **OPEN HOUSE**



**Saturday, November 29 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**London | Simcoe | St. Thomas | Woodstock | Clinton | Tiverton**



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First Nation Gagige Gikinomaagoziwin  
Board of Education

# POSTSECONDARY

»» INFORMATION FAIR

**GRAND  
PRIZE**

**IPAD**

**GIFT  
CARDS**

ALL AGES  
WELCOME

**FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:**  
[ddolson@chippewa-ed.on.ca](mailto:ddolson@chippewa-ed.on.ca)  
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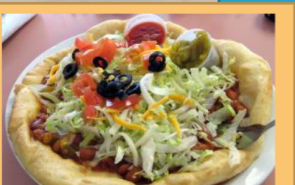
## Post-Secondary Information Fair

**Where: ARES GYMNASIUM**

**When: NOVEMBER 13, 2025**

**Time: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Indian**

**Tacos and Refreshments**





**JOIN US!**  
**Thursday November 13, 2025**  
**5 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

# APSIP

## Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program

Antler River Elementary School – Gymnasium  
324 Chippewa Road, Muncey

### **Are you an Indigenous learner interested in exploring post-secondary opportunities?**

Connect with Indigenous recruiters from colleges, universities, and Indigenous learning institutions across Ontario — including Western University!

Meet representatives from Western's Indigenous Student Centre and learn about our programs, supports, and pathways designed to help Indigenous students thrive in every faculty.

### **For more information, contact:**

#### **Arielle Bressette**

Manager, Indigenous Admissions & Enrollment  
Indigenous Student Centre | Western University  
✉ [abresse2@uwo.ca](mailto:abresse2@uwo.ca) | 🌐 [indigenous.uwo.ca](https://indigenous.uwo.ca)



Indigenous  
Initiatives



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ANISHINAABE'AADZIWIN DEPARTMENT



**BBOON**  
WINTER

*Artists*  
**MARKET**

**Saturday December 6, 2025**  
**Chippewas Community Centre**  
**10 am - 3 pm**

ANISHINAABE'AADZIWIN



# CALL OUT FOR CRAFTERS & MODELS

for the upcoming  
**Bboon Artists Market**

Crafters & Models needed to exhibit:

Beadwork \* Bustles \* Artwork

\* Contemporary fashions \*

for an Artists Showcase that will take  
place on **Saturday, December 6**

Models, make-up artists, & assistants  
needed.

\* **More info: [keriley@cottfn.com](mailto:keriley@cottfn.com)** \*



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact your local  
health care centre



**3RD  
ANNUAL**

# CMO DIABETES CARE *Gathering*



## WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ✓ Health fair, drop-in style event
- ✓ Browse and collect swag from educational booths
- ✓ Enter door prize raffle
- ✓ Diabetes and eye health screening on-site

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025**

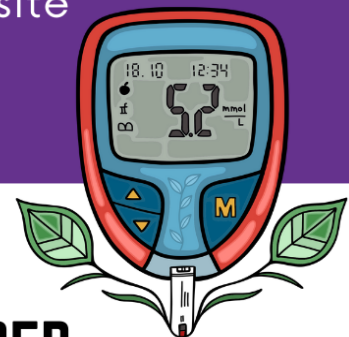
**From 10am-3pm**

Hosted by Oneida Nation of the  
Thames

**Oneida Community Centre**

2017 Ball Park Rd, Southwold, ON  
N0L 1W0

**REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED**





# COMMUNITY INPUT NEEDED! CROSS-CULTURAL COLLABORATION

Aanii! My name is Kaidyn Deleary, I'm the Indigenous Environment Guardian Connector here in Deshkan Zibii (Treaties, Lands & Environment)

We're gathering community feedback to help shape the Cross Cultural Collaboration-Building Bridges Project - which focuses on building respectful relationships between Treaties, Lands & Environment, Community Members and partner organizations.

## Your voice matters.

Help guide how we work together to protect the land, water and future generations

**Scan the QR code to fill out the form and share your voice!**



**Scan the QR code** to complete the form! It takes only 5-10 minutes



**Complete the form to be entered in a draw to win one of five \$100 Canadian Tire gift cards**



**Deadline: November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



**For our people, our land, our future**

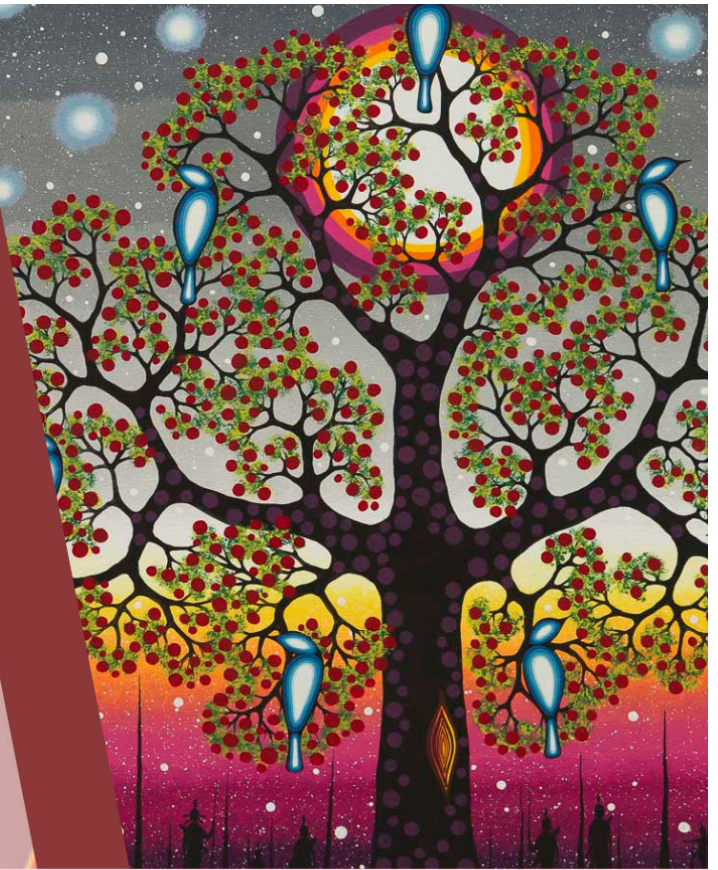




**Justice Department**  
Chippewas of the Thames  
First Nation

COTTFN Members:

**We're here  
to  
support you!**



*Do you need clarification,  
guidance, or help breaking  
down legal language?*

The Justice Department is offers  
a dedicated email service for  
community members who have  
questions about court orders of  
any kind.

## How it Works:

- ✓ Send any questions about a court order by email to [Justicedepartmentinquiry@gmail.com](mailto:Justicedepartmentinquiry@gmail.com)
- ✓ We will review your inquiry
- ✓ We will be in touch for next-steps





# **BIG NEWS FROM ESHKINIIGIJIG RADIO!**

**WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE  
LAUNCH OF OUR BRAND-NEW WEBSITE!**



**Eshkiniigijig Radio Station** - is an Indigenous-led media platform that uplifts Anishinaabe voices through radio, storytelling, language, and music.

**visit us at [www.eshkiradio.com](http://www.eshkiradio.com)**

**Explore, Stream, Share - it's just a click away!**

**You can now listen live and stay connected  
to community stories - anytime, anywhere!**

**Miigwech for growing with us.  
Eshki Radio - Where spirit speaks**

***NOW ONLINE!***

**[jsmith@cottfn.com](mailto:jsmith@cottfn.com)**



## EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING



# YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

## COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING SURVEY

**November 2025**

The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Employment & Training Department will be conducting a survey for the month of November to help us better understand our community's employment needs and goals.

**By completing this short survey, you'll help us:**

- Identify employment barriers faced by community members
- Understand employability trends across age groups
- Learn what kinds of training, workshops, and programs you'd like to see offered in the future here at COTTFN

**Your feedback will help shape the future of employment and training initiatives for our community!**

**All survey participants MUST be a Chippewa Band Member and upon completion will be entered to win a Wal-Mart gift card!**

- First Prize = \$500.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card
- Second Prize = \$250.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card



**Stop by the Employment & Training office to complete Survey**



**Portable-2, 328B Chippewa Rd., Muncey, ON**



**Deshkan Zibiing**  
Chippewas of the Thames  
First Nation Treaties, Lands  
and Environment

# CONSULTATION OPEN HOUSE

Join the Consultation Unit for an open house to learn about several projects proposed in COTTfN's Territory and share any feedback!



**SAT NOV 22 | 10AM-2 PM**

**Where: COTTfN Community Center**  
(328 Chippewa Rd)

Will provide:

- Delicious lunch
- Children's activities
- Gas cards for off-reserve COTTfN members

**\$500 cash grand prize draw and  
other prizes!\***

\*Proof of COTTfN membership 16+ for prizes

**PRIZES!**

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For more info contact: [consultation@cottfn.com](mailto:consultation@cottfn.com) or 519-289-5555 ext 236





**Deshkan Ziibiing**  
Chippewas of the Thames  
First Nation Ontario Works

328 Chippewa Road  
Muncey, ON, N0L 1Y0  
Tel: 519-289-5621  
Fax: 519-289-3013

## **Anishinabek Food Rights (AFR) Program**

The \$5.00 restocking fee will be due on the day of pick up.

### **ADDED EXTRA DAYS AND TIMES for November Pick-Up.**

**Monday, November 3rd  
Friday, November 7th  
Monday, November 10th  
Wednesday, November 12th  
Friday, November 14th**

**Pick up times are from:  
10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:00pm**

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**\*\*\*\* Seniors' delivery will be on Wednesday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. \*\*\*\***  
**\*\*\*Please make sure that you sign up with an AFR staff member \*\*\***

At this time, we are happy to introduce Brittney Chrisjohn who will be filling in as the AFR Coordinator during Ryan's maternity leave. To contact Brittney please call 519-289-5621 EXT. 251 or the AFR cell number 226-378-4264 or through email at [afr@cottfn.com](mailto:afr@cottfn.com)

You **must** register ahead of time to receive a food basket through the Anishinabek Food Rights (AFR) program. If your application is not in before the pickup dates, you will not receive a food basket until the next pickup day. If you apply on a later pick up day, please be aware that all items may not be available.

For those that have registered and do not have a ride to pick up food basket please, call, email or text letting us know someone is picking up on your behalf and we can release your food basket.

**Must be a Chippewa band member and only one food hamper per household.  
It is only one per household due to limited funding available.**





November, 2025

Ontario Works staff are available through the office number at 519-289-5621 or their office cell phones. Extension and cell phone numbers for staff are as follows; Jana Kechego ext. 221 or cell # 519-868-0376 for Elizabeth Grosbeck ext. 223 or 226-268-5225 for Kristen Hendrick ext. 224 or cell # 519-281-6284.

We would like to welcome Brittney Chrisjohn to the team as the AFR Coordinator. Brittney will be taking over for Ryan, while Ryan is on maternity leave. You can reach Brittney at 519-289-5621 Ext. 251 or through the AFR cell # 226-378-4264 or at her email address [afrcottfn.com](mailto:afrcottfn.com).

**Please** keep phone calls and texts between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm from Monday to Friday. If calls or text are received after hours or on weekends they will be returned on the next business day.

**PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*\*\***

1. Sherry Steuer, Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Caseworker will be here in the office on the following dates;

- November 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:30pm
- November 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-4:30pm (Sherry will not be available from 12:00-1:00pm for lunch)

If you need to contact Sherry outside of these dates, you can reach her by phone at 519-438-5111 Ext. 3193. If she does not answer, please leave her a message and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

2. Ontario Works has a Transitional Support Fund (TSF) to help with emergency housing repairs, appliance repairs, moving costs, heating and/or hydro costs. You do not have to be an Ontario Works client to qualify for TSF but you do have to reside within Chippewas of the Thames First Nation in order to be eligible for TSF. TSF is unable to help with major repairs or repairs to homes that are in an estate. Maintenance and repairs to homes in estates are the responsibility of the Administrator or Executor of the estate. For low-income clients, please contact Jana Kechego to make an application.
3. **If you are experiencing a pest infestation in your home and need the assistance of an exterminator, please call the office to request the benefit for service. Please do not attend the office in person until treatment of your home has been fully completed by an exterminator.**

**Office closures and when staff is out of the office for November, 2025:**

- Office Closed November 11<sup>th</sup> for Remember Day
- Liz Vacation – November 10<sup>th</sup>

# Chippewa Seniors Program

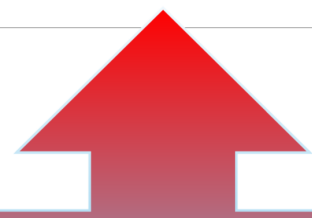
## November Programs at the Antler River Seniors Complex



Quarter Bingo  
5:00pm-7:00pm



Euchre  
5:00pm-8:00pm



### **November 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Door will open at 4:30, and potluck will start  
Bingo will start at 5:00pm SHARP

Players must be 18+.

Space is limited to 50 players



### **November 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Doors will open & Potluck will start  
at 5:00pm.

Euchre will start at 5:30 SHARP

Must be 18+ to play

If you have any comments or concerns please contact

Courtney Hendrick at 519-289-5641 ext. 228



# Antler River Seniors Program

# November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Beef stew & bun Activity: Dough making	5 Euchre 5-8pm	6 Bean soup & oven bread Activity: Holly garland	7	8
9	10	11 Chicken pastina soup with bun Activity: Ornament making (snowmen•angels•Wreath )	12 Quarter Bingo 5-7pm	13 Roasted tomato soup with grilled cheese & ham Activity: free for all	14	15
16	17	18 No Lunch	19 Euchre 5-8pm	20 Congregate Dining Spaghetti & meatballs with cheesy garlic toast	21	22
23	24	25 Nutrition Bingo Tortellini chili with Garlic bread	26 Quarter Bingo 5-7pm	27 No Lunch	28	29

## EVENTS

### Monthly Events

- Euchre 5:00-8:00pm
- Quarter bingo 5:00-7:00pm
- Congregate Dining 5-6pm
- Nutrition Bingo 3rd Tuesday from 1-3pm

- Activities will follow lunch on Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3pm

### Menu Notes

- ☑ Lunch is served every Tuesday and Thursday
- ☑ Congregate Dining happens on the 3rd Thursday of the month

### Program Menu Notes

- ☑ Lunch is served every Tuesday and Thursday

The Chippewa  
Health Centre  
presents:



**Deshkan Ziibiing**  
Chippewas of the Thames  
First Nation Health Centre

# Elder Support

**Come and meet with our elder on-site,  
Judy Dyer, once a week to seek guidance,  
share thoughts, and benefit from her wisdom.  
All community members are welcome.  
No appointment needed!**



Where:  
**Health Centre Boardroom**

Date:  
**Every Tuesday**

Time:  
**1:00 PM - 4:30 PM**



**Judy Dyer**



**Deshkan Zibiing**  
Chippewas of the Thames  
First Nation Health Centre



Canadian  
Accreditation  
Council

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Fax: 519-289-2378  
[info@cottfn.com](mailto:info@cottfn.com)

Dear Deshkan Zibiing Community Members,

Hello! My name is Emma Ritchie. I am the new Community Health Nurse Supervisor at Chippewas of the Thames Health Centre.



I am of settler ancestry and grew up near St. Thomas, Ontario. I am honoured to have served Pauquachin First Nation over the past few years while working in collaboration with the other WSÁNEĆ Nations on southern Vancouver Island to improve holistic health access for community members. I am a Registered Nurse with experience in health administration, public health, expedition nursing in tropical settings, and medical surgical hospital nursing.

I currently live with my partner near St. Thomas, close to my parents, grandparents, cousins, aunt, and uncle whom I visit often. Outside of work I love to play soccer, practice aerial arts, do yoga, craft, read, and garden. On occasion, I like to travel – especially to find surfable waves.

Much of my work with Chippewas of the Thames is likely to be behind the scenes – supporting with program delivery and guiding services. My focus is on health promotion, disease prevention, health maintenance, and health education based in Anishinaabe values and the Social Determinants of Health. My goal is to maintain and improve some of the vital background systems that support holistic care for your community. On

occasion, you may see me at immunization clinics and other health related functions, where I will be happy to say hello and connect with you. I also welcome you to visit me at the Health Centre for friendly and uplifting conversation, or if you have any questions or concerns.

I am grateful to be here with you, and I look forward to getting to know you, your family, and your community.

Sincerely and with care,

Emma Ritchie



October 20, 2025



**Join the CHRO team November 17th to learn about naloxone, harm reduction, community, and wellness.**

# Harm reduction community meal



**Chippewa Health Centre  
Monday November 17th 5 PM - 6 PM  
Dinner provided, call to sign up**



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First Nation Health Centre

**Facilitated by Cultural Harm  
Reduction Outreach Supervisor  
Kyle Christiansen**

**For more information contact [kchristiansen@cottfn.com](mailto:kchristiansen@cottfn.com) / 226-368-3172**

# How to use Naloxone

## Make sure area is safe

Check for sharps or tripping hazards

## Try to get patients attention

Talk to them, check for breathing

## Call 911

If unresponsive

## Give naloxone

One spray into nostril

## Perform CPR

Perform rescue breaths and/ or chest compressions

## Is it working?

Check for improvement. If not, repeat and stay until EMS arrives

Naloxone training, medicines and safer use materials/gear available in office, or confidential delivery.

Call (519) 289-5641 extention 232, or (226) 386-3172

322 Chippewa Road. COTTFN Health Center



Cultural Harm  
Reduction  
Outreach

**Accessible for Everyone**

Chippewas Wellness Team  
24/7 Line: 1-866-289-0201







# DELAWARE NATION COUNCIL

## Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit

Moravian of the Thames

Phone: (519) 692-3936  
Fax: (519) 692-5522  
www.delawarenation.on.ca

14760 School House Line R.R. #3  
THAMESVILLE, ON  
N0P 2K0

October 21, 2025

**To: Member Nations of the London District Chiefs Council**

**RE: NOTIFICATION - 2025 Deer Herd Reduction at Rondeau Provincial Park and Traditional Deer Harvest at Clear Creek Conservation Area**

As the designated host community, Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit (Delaware Nation), in partnership with Ontario Parks, provides the following notice:

- The 2025 Deer Herd Reduction (DHR) will take place at Rondeau Provincial Park:
  - **Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**
  - **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- The 2025 Traditional Deer Harvest will take place at Clear Creek Forest Provincial Park:
  - **Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Members from the following First Nations are invited to participate:

- Bkejwanong (Walpole Island)
- Caldwell First Nation
- Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
- Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit (Delaware Nation)
- Munsee Delaware Nation
- Oneida Nation of the Thames
- Six Nations of the Grand River (Delawares)

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, hunters must:

- Be registered status members of one of the First Nations listed above;
- Participate in a qualifying event on one of the scheduled dates; and
- Complete and submit the official application form to the email address provided below.

### FIREARM REGULATIONS

**Rondeau Provincial Park:**

- Only scoped high-powered rifles (.243 to .270 caliber) are permitted.
- Hunters must qualify with the rifle they intend to use during the reduction.
- Bows are not permitted in Rondeau Park.



**QUALIFYING:**

To qualify with your chosen firearms, three shots must be within the specified target area (30 yards for shotguns and 25 yards for bows).

**Qualifying Dates:**

- Saturday, October 25, 2025, and Sunday, October 26, 2025
  - 10:00am – 3:00pm
- Saturday, November 1, 2025, and Sunday, November 2, 2025
  - 10:00am – 3:00pm
- Saturday, November 8, 2025, and Sunday, November 9, 2025
  - 10:00am – 3:00pm

**Location for Qualifying:**

Taylor Whiteye's property  
14729 River Line  
Moraviantown, Ontario

**\*\*All participants must qualify on one of the above dates and at the specified location.\*\***

**Rondeau Provincial Park**

As in previous Deer Herd Reductions (DHR) at Rondeau, Park Staff will be responsible for:

- Picking up and dropping off participants.
- Cleaning and processing harvested deer.
- Collecting biological data for each harvested deer.
- Baiting the designated blind locations.

There will be 25 to 28 potential sites available.

**Clear Creek Conservation**

Similar to past Traditional Harvests at Clear Creek Forest, participants will be responsible for retrieving and processing any harvested deer. There will be 25 to 30 potential sites available.

**Baiting:** Corn only.

**To REGISTER**, please send the completed application form to the following email address: [ahr@delawarenation.on.ca](mailto:ahr@delawarenation.on.ca).

**All personal information will be used solely for identifying firearms restrictions and will remain confidential.**

**Registration will close on October 31, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

*(Late registrations after this time will not be considered.)*

On behalf of Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit, Ontario Parks, and the London District Chiefs Council, we thank everyone in advance for their cooperation and wish you a successful hunting experience.

Sincerely,



Chief Justin Logan  
Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit (Delaware Nation)

Cc: *London District Chiefs Council  
Jennifer Whiteye, Executive Director – Southern First Nations Secretariat  
Brad Connor, Rondeau Park Superintendent  
Audrey Logan, Mike Hopkins and William Noah - Volunteer Deer Herd Reduction Coordinators*



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### 2025 Deer Herd Reduction Traditional Deer Harvest Application Form

Host Community: Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit (Delaware Nation)

Application Form			
<b>Name</b>		<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>		<b>Email address</b>	
<b>First Nation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bkejwanong (Walpole Island) <input type="checkbox"/> Caldwell First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Chippewas of the Thames First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit (Delaware Nation) <input type="checkbox"/> Munsee Delaware Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Oneida Nation of the Thames <input type="checkbox"/> Six Nations of the Grand River (Delawares)		
<b>Status No.</b>			
<b>Firearm</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 243 <input type="checkbox"/> 270 <input type="checkbox"/> other: bows (recurve, compound, or crossbow)		
<b>Preferred Days</b>	<b>Rondeau Provincial Park</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025 and Sunday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025 <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 and Sunday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2025  <b>Clear Creek Conservation Area</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, November 29, 2025 and Sunday, November 30, 2025		
<b>Acknowledgment</b>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> Signature  <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> Date		





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## **TENDERS FOR CATERING SERVICES**

The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Board of Education is looking for interested persons/parties to submit a bid for the provision of catering services for our POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION FAIR on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Menu will consist of: Indian Tacos, salsa, sour cream, taco sauce, fruit tray, cake for dessert, & Cold drinks.

Bid must include the following items:

- All condiments & utensils (paper plates, cups, forks, knives, spoons, napkins, salt & pepper)
- Recognized Group by Chief and Council
- Set up and clean up after the event
- Base your bid on service for 100 people
- Please provide a detailed breakdown of items and cost

**Bids can be submitted in a sealed envelope to the following:**

Debbie Dolson, Post-Secondary Counsellor  
Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Board of Education  
324 Chippewa Road  
Muncey, Ontario N0L 1Y0

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025, BY 4:00 P.M.**



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## **TENDERS FOR CATERING SERVICES**

The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Board of Education is looking for interested persons/parties to submit a bid for the provision of catering services for our ANNUAL SECONDARY & POST SECONDARY AWARDS BANQUET on Friday, December 5, 2024.

The menu will consist of Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Gravy, a Pickle and Cheese Tray, Dinner Rolls, Coffee, Tea & Cold drinks.

The bid must include the following items:

- All condiments & utensils (paper plates, cups, forks, knives, spoons, napkins, salt & pepper)
- Recognized Group by Chief and Council
- Set up and clean up after the event
- Base your bid on service for 150 people
- Please provide a detailed breakdown of items and cost

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**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025, BY 4:00 P.M.**

## ***A SPECIAL THANK YOU***

**I would like to take the time to say a special thank you to all that has helped me put on the 2025 Powwow... There was a lot of work to put on this event... Many people stepped up and gave me a hand.**

**Thank you to all the volunteers that came out and worked their hearts out... Thank you to the staff that worked the long hours to make sure this event run as smoothly as possible... Special thanks to Jason Smith, who had helped me find people to fill in when others cancelled at the last minute... He also helped with finding invited drummers as well... He took a lot of time helping in that area.**

**Thank you to Brenda French for running back and forth for me... She made sure I had all the money that was needed for dancers and drummers.**

**I realize there were many problems as well... I just would like to say that I am sorry for anyone who was inconvenienced by anything they felt was wrong.**

**Once Again THANK YOU TOO ALL**

**Patti Day**



## Farewell and Gratitude to Ramona Sault

The Trustees of the Thunderbird Trust would like to formally acknowledge and express our deepest gratitude to Ramona Sault, who has served as General Manager for the Trust for over 11 years.

Ramona's leadership has been instrumental in advancing the mission and vision of the Trust. Her dedication to community development, cultural preservation, and economic empowerment has left a lasting impact on our Nation. Under her guidance, Thunderbird Trust has grown in strength, transparency, and service to the community.

In preparation for this transition, Ramona has taken great care to train Claudia Halterman, who will be stepping into the role on a short-term contract. Claudia will continue to support the operations of Thunderbird Trust until the General Manager position has been filled. We are confident that this interim arrangement will ensure continuity and stability during this time of change. The Trustees thank the community in advance for your understanding at this time, as we navigate this process.

We thank Ramona for her years of service and wish her continued success, fulfillment, and joy in all her future endeavors. May the road ahead be as impactful and rewarding as the journey you've led here.

With sincerest appreciation and warmest regards,  
Thunderbird Trust Trustees



Native Women's Trail of Tears Barn Quilt Trail



TrailOfTearsBarnQuilts



## **Native Women's Trail of Tears Quilt Panel Restoration CELEBRATION!**

**Saturday, November 29, 2025**

**Antler River Senior's Centre**

**Noon – 4:00 pm**

**Light Lunch and Refreshments**

**Special Thanks to ALL!**

**Plus - a bus tour of the trail**

The All Nations Sewing Group invites you to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the *Native Women's Trail of Tears Barn Quilt Trail*.

Learn the stories behind the original quilt, the painted blocks and celebrate the journey to recreate the panels. Then, join us for a guided bus tour of all 31 newly restored panels with refreshed colors and some new locations.

*"This project is more than just restoration—it's a form of storytelling and ceremony, each panel carries the voice of women who have walked before us. With every brushstroke and stitch, we honour their memory and reaffirm our commitment to healing and visibility."*

For more information contact Diana Jedig - [dianathome@explornet.com](mailto:dianathome@explornet.com) or text 519-661-6982

# Walk-in Vaccination Clinic

## EVENT DETAILS

NOVEMBER 8, 2025  
ANTLER RIVER SENIORS CENTER  
1:30 PM - 4 PM

### VACCINATIONS FOR:

- FLU
- COVID
- RSV

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED  
ALL AGES WELCOME



Deshkan Zibiing  
Chippewas of the Thames  
First Nation Health Centre





The 2025 Thunderbird Trust Christmas  
Gesture is now open.  
Submit your application online at  
[thunderbirdtrust.ca](https://thunderbirdtrust.ca)

**PROGRAMS:**

- Traditional Cooking Class Chippewa SOAHAC Nov 25 1:00pm - 3:30 (Greenhouse kitchen) Chef Shawn Dockstader
- Traditional Cooking Class London SOAHAC Nov 14th 1:00pm - 3:30 (kitchen) Chef Shawn Dockstader
- IFS Program with RD Teri Morrow 4:30pm - 6:00pm Nov 26 (kitchen)
- IFS Program Wild Rice Teaching with THL Elizabeth Wemigwans 1:00pm - 3:30pm (Chippewa Greenhouse) Nov 21
- 13 Moons Land Based Learning Camp - Hunt Camp Two Day event
- Guided Duck Hunt Camp with Gun'em Down
- Outfitters (Tim Rogeist, Walpole Island First Nation) Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00am - 5:00pm
- Traditional Cooking Class London SOAHAC Nov 14th 1:00pm - 3:30 (kitchen) Indian Cookie Workshop

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Please register with **Colton Hart - Indigenous Food Sovereignty Coordinator**  
Email: [chart@soahac.on.ca](mailto:chart@soahac.on.ca)  
Phone: 519.494.4716



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02	03 FOOD HUB 1:30PM - 4:00PM	04	05	06 13 MOONS HUNT CAMP	07 13 MOONS HUNT CAMP	08
09	10 FOOD HUB 1:30PM - 4:00PM	11 Remembrance Day	12	13 FARM BOX 2:00PM - 5:00PM	14 IFS PROGRAM COOKING CLASS - LONDON	15
16	17 FOOD HUB 1:30PM - 4:00PM	18 GUIDED DUCK HUNT - WIFN	19	20	21 IFS PROGRAM WILD RICE TEACHING - CHIPPEWA	22
23	24 FOOD HUB 1:30PM - 4:00PM	25 IFS PROGRAM COOKING CLASS - CHIPPEWA	26 IFS PROGRAM NUTRITION / TEACHING	27 FARM BOX 2:00PM - 5:00PM	28 IFS PROGRAM INDIAN COOKIE WORKSHOP - LONDON	29
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## **An AirPods was left behind after the Harvest Feast!**



**If you think it's yours, please stop by  
the Ontario Works office to claim it.**





# OPEN TO INDIGENOUS ENTREPRENEURS

## Indigenous Business Showcase

An event for local indigenous entrepreneurs to learn, share and network .



**THURSDAY & FRIDAY,  
NOV. 20 & 21, 2025**



**FOUR POINTS BY  
SHERATON (LONDON, ON)**

**FREE to attend**

For upcoming events, please continue  
following us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/TecumsehCDC/>

*Event will include:*

Various Entrepreneur Presentations  
Informational Exhibitors  
Indigenous Artisan Vendors  
Door Prizes  
Food / Refreshments

**REGISTRATION DETAILS:**  
Contact Mary McGahey  
mam@tcadc.on.ca or at  
519-332-5151

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# Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP) Training Series



**FNIGC | CGIPN**

First Nations Information Governance Centre  
Le Centre de gouvernance de l'information des Premières Nations

Please join us to learn more about First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) and OCAP® through an online presentation, and in-person workshop.

The presentation was designed to introduce participants to the FNIGC, the First Nations principles of OCAP® and First Nations data sovereignty.

While the in-person workshop provides participants with an interactive opportunity to deeper explore the First Nations principles of OCAP®. By using historical and contemporary examples, the workshop explores OCAP®, data sovereignty, and research and data management issues, and offers participants the opportunity to consider how OCAP® can be respected within their current work.

## Virtual Information Session

**Date & Time:**

November 12, 2025  
10am-11am

**Location:**

Zoom

## In-Person Workshop

**Date & Time:**

January 20, 2026  
9:30am-2:30pm (Lunch provided)

**Location:**

Aamjiwnaang Community Centre  
Banquet Room  
1972 Virgil Ave.,  
Sarnia, ON

**Registration Deadline:**

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 by 1:00pm

## REGISTER:

To register, please contact Lori Fisher, Executive Assistant by email [exec.assistant@sfns.on.ca](mailto:exec.assistant@sfns.on.ca) or phone 519-692-5868 ext. 234.

# UPDATED AFR APPLICATION

## CHIPPEWA ANISHINAABEK FOOD RIGHTS APPLICATION

Personal information provided on this form is kept confidential. Only statistical information will be reported.

**Please Print Clearly**

### Part A: General Information

**Please Circle One**

Male/ Female

On Rez/ Off Rez

Age Group:

18-24

25-35

36-45

46-55

56-64 65+

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Postal Code

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Band #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part B: Additional Household Members

Please lists all dependent adults and/or child(ren) within your household.

**IDENTIFICATION MAY BE ASKED TO BE SHOWN AT TIME OF PICK UP:**

Spouse/Dependent(s) Name:	Age:	If you require any of the following Items, please circle
1 _____	_____	1. Feminine Products
2 _____	_____	2. Tooth Brush
3 _____	_____	3. Tooth Paste
4 _____	_____	4. Deodorant
5 _____	_____	5. Depends - <b>Please Circle Mens or Womens</b>
6 _____	_____	
7 _____	_____	List any dietary restrictions (Food Allergies):
8 _____	_____	_____

Please circle 3 items if baby items are needed also please list diaper and pull ups sizes needed; Diaper size \_\_\_\_\_, Pull-ups \_\_\_\_\_, Wipes, Formula, Baby Cereal, Baby Snacks, Baby Body Wash, Baby Lotion

### Part C: Financial Overview Information.

Please identify your monthly income by checking the appropriate box(es):

<input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Works	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify:)
<input type="checkbox"/> Disability-WSIB	<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Income
<input type="checkbox"/> ODSP	<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Insurance
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Age Security

### Part D: Eligibility Criteria

**1. THIS IS OPEN TO ALL CHIPPEWA MEMBERS ON & OFF RESERVE REGARDLESS OF INCOME**

- 2. \$5.00** re-stocking fee payment is required to pick up a food box
- Last day of pick up posted will be the last day to pick any food hampers
- Only **one** food basket per household, per month due to limited funding available

### Office Use

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 Paid \_\_\_\_\_:Initial Date of Pick Up: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_





**Deshkan Zibiing**  
Chippewas of the Thames  
First Nation

The Mazinigan is published monthly by the Communications Department. To submit a community posting please send it to [newsletter@cottfn.com](mailto:newsletter@cottfn.com) or drop off at the band office front desk.

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For inquiries please reach out to Shadia Ali, Communications Officer at [sali@cottfn.com](mailto:sali@cottfn.com).

#### **Freezing Moon Prayer:**

I offer my tobacco with humbleness and respect. I come to you for guidance and vision from the teachings of Nookomis. From the beginning of time the Creator has made this spiritual path for me to follow. Nookomis, I ask in the circle of the sacred fire for the scared teachings to rekindle me. I need these teachings to remain on this good path as Anishinaabe. I ask that the journey from this work to the next will lead to the sacred circle of the fasting grounds where I may understand the balance of Creation. I ask forgiveness for the things I have forgotten and things I do not speak of. When that new day comes, I will be able to respect myself for all that I am. Miigwetch