

Mamawhitowin 2021: Honoring and Celebrating Indigenous Ways of Knowing

Presented By: Dr. Kevin wâsakâyâsiw Lewis, Jason BigCharles, Emma Anso, Audrey Anderson & Sumangala Desaigouadar

Registration Fee:

\$20.00

Registration Deadline:

October 19, 2021

Course Code:**Grade Level:**

K-12/Tous niveaux Maternelle à 12

Audience:

Administrator/Administration, Educational Assistant/Assistant en éducation, Learning Coaches/Accompagnateur pédagogique, Parents/Parent, Teachers/Enseignant, Trustees

Date(s):

Tuesday, October 19, 2021
8:45 AM - 3:30 PM

Session Location:

Virtual
Online, Any location, AB

About the Session:

Join us for the annual Mamawhitowin, "Coming Together" conference where we will gather Virtually to Honor and Celebrate Indigenous Ways of Knowing through the land. Dr. Kevin Lewis will lead the day with a keynote presentation on Land Based Learning, followed by presentations from several instructional specialists of the Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority (KTCEA). Jason Big Charles, Emma Anso, Audrey Anderson and Sumangala Desaigouadar will address land based learning through the KTCEA common consistent curriculum across various subject areas.

About the Presenter(s):**Dr. Kevin wâsakâyâsiw Lewis**

Dr. Kevin wâsakâyâsiw Lewis is a nêhiyaw (Plains Cree) is an instructor, researcher and writer. Dr. Lewis has worked with higher learning institutions within the Prairie Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in the areas of Cree Language Development and Instructional methodologies. His research interests include language and policy development, second language teaching methodologies, teacher education programming, and environmental education. For the past 15 years, Dr. Lewis has been working with community schools in promoting land and language-based education and is founder of kâniyâsihk Culture Camps a non-profit organization focused on holistic community well-being and co-developer of Land-Based Cree Immersion School kâ-nêyâsihk mîkiwâhpa. Dr. Lewis is from Ministikwan Lake Cree Nation in Treaty 6 Territory.

Jason BigCharles

Jason BigCharles is a father of 7 and grandfather of 8. He is Metis' from the Metis' settlement of East Prairie. He has lived on the East Prairie Metis' Settlement his whole life. He has been a teacher for 17 years. Although he is Metis', his family is deeply rooted in Woodland Cree cultural practices and spiritualism. They continue to maintain a very high subsistence lifestyle, carrying on those traditions. Currently he works as an Outdoor Education Specialist for the KeeTasKeeNow Tribal Council Education Authority (KTCEA), going into schools and mentoring teachers and students in Woodland Cree traditions and practices. He plans and administers Land-Based-Learning Camps to students of all ages which focus on traditional Land-Based teachings of the Woodland Cree Peoples both traditional and contemporary. KTCEA currently offers 13 camps per-school year. Jason plans, administers and presents at these camps. He is a powwow dancer, storyteller, hunter, trapper and medicinal plant gatherer. The majority of his time away from work is spent on the land hunting, trapping, gathering medicinal plants, instructing his children and visiting elders. Along with being dedicated to his traditions and spiritualism, he is also dedicated to lifelong learning and the belief that learning never stops.

Emma Anso

Emma Anso is a Literacy Specialist with KTCEA

Audrey Anderson

Audrey Anderson is a Cree Language Specialist with KTCEA

Sumangala Desaioudar

Sumangala Desaioudar is a Numeracy & Science Specialist with KTCEA

Catering is not prepared in a nut/gluten-free environment.

Photography Release:

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