

# Wiping of the Tears Healing Ceremony

June 18th, 19th, 20th, 2021

Lejac, Nadleh' Whut'en Traditional Territory

Welcome to our 3-day sacred fire ceremony intended to honour the 215 children found buried outside the former Kamloops Indian Residential School, and release their souls to the Creator. We are here to help all people, Indigenous and also from all cultures, grieve and let go of the pain they may be experiencing as a result of this devastating tragedy. It is our hope that this ceremony helps you heal from the harms caused by Residential Schools.

## DAY ONE (June 18th, 2021)

### Opening Ceremony

- 10:00am** • Opening Prayer by George George Sr.
- 10:10am** • Welcome Address by Nadleh Whut'en First Nation Representative
- 10:30am** • Opening Remarks by CSFS CEO Warner Adam
- 11:00am** • Historical Overview of Residential Schools in Canada by Marilyn Janzen
- 12:00pm** • Lunch, provided

### On-site Activities

See page three for on-site activities from **10am to 5pm**

## DAY TWO (June 19th, 2021)

### On-site Activities

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## DAY THREE (June 20th, 2021)

**1:00pm** Closing Ceremony

Master of Ceremonies, Mary Teegee

Opening Prayer

Guest Speakers:

- Chief Robert Michell, Stellat'en First Nation
- Deputy Chief of Nadleh Whut'en
- Chief Corrina Leween, Cheslatta Carrier Nation, CSFS Board President
- BC Regional Chief Terry Teegee, BCAFN
- Wilf Adam, First Nations Health Council
- Colleen Nyce, Northern Health Authority

Business:

- Honor Song – Residential School Survivors
- Blanketing Ceremony of Tk'emlups te Secwepemc
- Burning Ceremony

Acknowledgments and closing remarks Warner Adam

Closing Prayer

**2:00pm**

Closing Song

On-site Activities

See page three for on-site activities from 10am to 2pm

## Healing Ceremonies and Activities:

- Four sacred fire pits in four separate quadrants to accommodate up to 50 people at each
- Memorial wall – supplies will be available for survivors, family members of survivors, and allies to write a note or draw a picture to hang at the designated space. All of the notes and pictures will be burned during the closing ceremony
- Shoe memorial – donations of new shoes are being accepted for the memorial. After the event, all donated shoes will go to First Nations children in need
- Individual healing work will be provided by traditional healers including:
  - \* Tse Bed
  - \* Spruce brushing
  - \* Individual Letting Go ceremony
  - \* Energy work
- Mental health staff will also be on-site to provide individual support
- Everyone is invited to please bring your drums and guitars to sing at your leisure

*Traditional healers and mental health staff will leave the site by 5:00 pm Friday June 18th and Saturday June 19th and by 2:00 pm on Sunday June 20th. The fire keepers will be on-site 24 hours each day from Friday June 18th at 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on Sunday June 20th.*



Nadleh Whut'en



CARRIER SEKANI  
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Stellat'en

