

TSÚŪT'ÍNÀ NATION NEWSLETTER • STEP INTO SPRING/XADAGUZIDI

# GŪNĪZH DĪSTĪ-HĪ

MAR. 2024 "STORIES IN MOTION" NO. 6



GŌŌJĪ NĪNADĪĪĪ<<  
CH'ÀT'ĀGHĀ

///GEESE RETURNING MONTH



# HOURS OF OPERATION

## CHIEF JOSEPH BIG PLUME ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Mon – Fri | 8 AM – 4 PM  
403.281.4455

### TSUUT'INA NATION GAS STOP

Mon – Sat | 7 AM – 11 PM  
Sun 9 AM – 9 PM  
403.251.7695

## TSUUT'INA 7 CHIEFS SPORTSPLEX & CHIEF JIM STARLIGHT CENTRE

### ADMIN OFFICE

Mon – Fri | 8 AM – 4 PM  
Complex Office:  
Mon – Sun | 6 AM – 10 PM  
403.258.4840

## SUBMISSIONS

communications@tsuutina.com

## CONTACT

403.238.6224  
communications@tsuutina.com

# MEMORIS

## MARCH WORDS OF THE MONTH

APPROACHING RAIN  
FIRST THUNDER  
HAIL  
IT IS RAINING  
LIGHTNING  
RAIN  
RAINBOW  
CLEAR NICE DAY  
SPRING  
SUNSHINE  
WARM  
LILLY  
SAGE  
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DUGWATSADIYINATAA  
XADAGUZIDI  
TŁIKÓNÍ  
TSUUSTŁ'À CHÚ DZINÍSÀ  
XACHINAGHA  
TŁ'UWCHIDIGOYI  
JIJA-TII



TSUUT'INÀ NATION  
BUFFALO PADDOCKS  
XĀNÍ-TĪI MŌNĪSTSIYK'Í

403-702-2572  
9911 CHILLA BLVD,  
TSUUT'INA NATION, AB  
T3T 0E1

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### NOTICE: HAY SALE

Please be advised that the Agriculture Program is completely sold out of green feed and hay bales and will not be purchasing more for this fiscal year.

#### Straw bales are still available for purchase:

5\$ for square  
50\$ for round straw

Any questions or concerns please contact Clayton Whitney

Clayton: (text/call) 403-702-2572

Clayton: [Clayton.whitney@tsuutina.com](mailto:Clayton.whitney@tsuutina.com)

Tiffani: [Tiffani.whitney@tsuutina.com](mailto:Tiffani.whitney@tsuutina.com)

# ÁGŪNÁ-HÍ • EVENTS CALENDAR

# >> GŌŌJÍ NĪNÁDĪĪ CH'ÀT'ĀGHÁ

# >>> MARCH

## GEESE RETURNING MONTH

<b>4</b> 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm BALLETT CLASS AGES 4-10	<b>5</b> 11:00 am - 1:00 pm RKEEPERS7 & TOSGUNA LUNCH AND COLLABORATE	<b>6</b> 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm INDIGENOUS YOGA	<b>7</b> EVENT - SP... 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm WINTER PRENATAL CLASSES 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm TSUUT'INA SEWING CLUB 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm ALL AGES FREE LACROSSE CLASSES	<b>8</b> 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm VISION BOARD MAKING IN HONOUR OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY	<b>9</b> 9:00 am - 3:00 pm CULTURE CAMP	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm BALLETT CLASS AGES 4-10	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm INDIGENOUS YOGA	<b>14</b> 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm TSUUT'INA SEWING CLUB 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm ALL AGES FREE LACROSSE CLASSES	<b>15</b> 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm TSUUT'INA EDUCATION POWWOW 2024	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm BALLETT CLASS AGES 4-10	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm INDIGENOUS YOGA	<b>21</b> 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm TSUUT'INA SEWING CLUB 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm ALL AGES FREE LACROSSE CLASSES	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm BALLETT CLASS AGES 4-10	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm INDIGENOUS YOGA	<b>28</b> 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm TSUUT'INA SEWING CLUB	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



< > Today April 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm INDIGENOUS YOGA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm INDIGENOUS YOGA	<b>11</b> ALBERTA TREATY HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>

# COMMUNITY

## What's happening on the Nation?

**THERE'S A LOT HAPPENING** on the Nation that you can look forward to this month, and as the days slowly get longer, the more we can also start to think about the upcoming events taking place this summer, and more specifically, the Tsuut'ina Nation Annual Celebrations. The Tsuut'ina Nation Annual Celebrations is an impressive event hosted annually in July that commemorates the **ts'iyino?ik'asi** (way of life), autonomy of identity, customs, traditions, **nisk'a** (land), and determination of the **Tsuut'ina Yina** (people). This year will mark the Powwow's 51st celebration, with an ongoing aim to draw the world's eye to the Nation's heart. The Tsuut'ina Nation's **ninishá** (culture), history and **gunáhá** (language) - are all unique, even to its **guts'isdiná idlíní** (Treaty 7 neighbours). Formerly known as the Sarcee (Sarsi), the Tsuut'ina Nation prides itself in its connection to the Dene Nation and language.

Included amongst the festivities of the 2024 Annual Celebrations are rodeos, powwows, hand games, golf, and slo-pitch, not to mention the colourful and lively market environment with plenty of tasty foods to try, and plenty of artisanal goods to browse through. So, save the date! This year's annual celebrations will be taking place on July 24-28 at the Redwood Meadows Fairgrounds. Keep an eye out for event updates and posters!

### SOON: ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS!

**JULY 24 - 28**  
**2024**



# TSÚŪT'ÍNÀ NATION ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS

|| YOUTH RODEO || || YOUTH POWWOW || || RODEO || || POWWOW || || HAND GAMES || || GOLF || || SLO-PITCH ||

SAVE THE DATE ◀◀

## DĪYĪ DZĪNĪSÀ TS'Í GŪNĪYÓN

**JULY 24 - 28**  
**2024**

- REDWOOD MEADOWS FAIRGROUNDS
- REDWOOD MEADOWS GOLF COURSE
- VINCENT CROWCHILD SR MEMORIAL RODEO GROUNDS

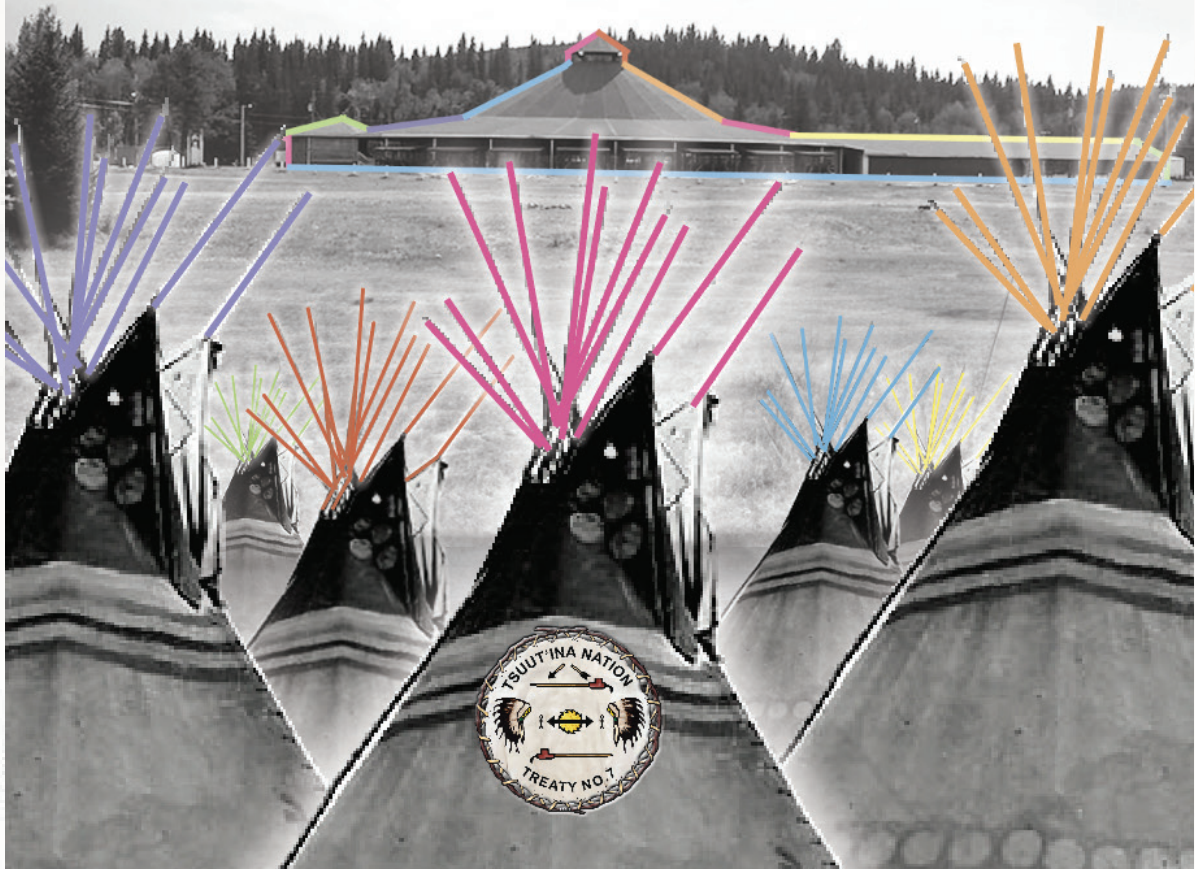
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ISAGHA.EAGLETAIL@TSUUTINA.COM



# TSUUT'INA 7 CHIEFS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT DATES



**NATIVE PROVINCIALS**  
**APRIL 4-7, 2024**  
**EDMONTON, AB**




**ALBERTA TREATY HOCKEY**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**APRIL 11-14, 2024**  
**CALGARY, AB**

# Culture CAMP

**On March 9th 9:00 AM-3:00 PM**

Learn tipi making, buffalo hunting, hand games and more! Free admission & lunch provided.

 **Brown Bear Woman**  
87 Weaselhead RD SW



**CONTACT TO REGISTER**

 [Cassidy.dodginghorse@tsuutinapolice.com](mailto:Cassidy.dodginghorse@tsuutinapolice.com)





EVENTS



Learn about all our programs, services and initiatives

Join us

For our community outreach information session

Brought to you in partnership with Tsuu'tina's Disability Program

Speakers from  
 - Bright Star Respite  
 - Connecting their Dots

Date: 9 March 2024  
 Time: 12pm to 2pm


Venue : Disability Centre ( Blue House)  
 50 Bullhead Road Tsuut'ina, AB

Transport available for families upon request




Bright Star Respite [www.brightstarrespite.ca](http://www.brightstarrespite.ca)





# TSUUT'INA EDUCATION POW W O W



>> **EVERYONE WELCOME** <<

@ GREY EAGLE EVENTS CENTRE  
| FRIDAY | MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 |  
DÀGÚMISASTÌY | PERSEVERE

EMCEE: **HAL EAGLETAIL** YOUTH EMCEE: **ETHAN DODGINGHORSE**  
ARENA DIRECTOR: **GRAHAM ROWAN SR.** YOUTH ARENA DIRECTOR: **CYRUS ROWAN**  
HOST DRUM: **BUFFALO TRAXX**

**GRAND ENTRIES @ 12:00 PM | 6:00 PM**  
**HAND DRUM CONTEST @ 5:00 PM**

**ALL YOUTH DANCERS PAID**

TINY TOTS (0-6)  
JUNIORS (7-12)  
TEENS (13-17)

**ADULT COMPETITION**

JR. ADULTS (18-34)  
SR. ADULTS (35-54)  
GOLDEN (55+)  
BUCKSKIN (ALL AGES)

**FIRST 10 DRUMS PAID**

**\*LUNCH AND SUPPER PROVIDED**

**\*CRAFT VENDORS ON SITE**

**\*SPECIALS TBA**



\*TSUUT'INA NATION STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS  
\*ABSOLUTELY NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL WILL BE TOLERATED OR PERMITTED  
\*FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT [AMEGUINIS@TSUUTINAEDUCATION.COM](mailto:AMEGUINIS@TSUUTINAEDUCATION.COM) OR (403) 238-5484





# TSUUT'INA EDUCATION POW W O W

## >> **AGENDA** <<

| **FRIDAY** | **MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**, 2024 |

**9:30 AM** | **REGISTRATION**

**11:45 AM** | **DRUM ROLL CALL**

**12:00 PM** | **YOUTH LEAD GRAND ENTRY**

**1:00 PM** | **INTERTRIBALS + LUNCH**

- BUCKSKIN
- WOMEN'S GOLDEN AGE
- MEN'S GOLDEN AGE
- TINY TOTS
- JR GIRLS - *TRADITIONAL, JINGLE, FANCY*
- JR BOYS - *TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY, CHICKEN*
- TEEN GIRLS - *TRADITIONAL, JINGLE, FANCY*
- TEEN BOYS - *TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY, CHICKEN*
- INTERTRIBALS

**5:00 PM** | **HAND DRUM CONTEST + SUPPER**

**5:45 PM** | **DRUM ROLL CALL**

**6:00 PM** | **ADULT LEAD GRAND ENTRY**

(REGISTRATION CLOSES AFTER ENTRY)

- EDUCATION PRINCESS SPEECHES
- HONOUR SONG
- GIVEAWAY - EDUCATION STAFF
- **SR. ADULT** - WOMEN'S *TRADITIONAL, JINGLE, FANCY*
- **SR. ADULT** - MEN'S *TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY, CHICKEN*
- INTERTRIBALS
- **JR. ADULT** - WOMEN'S *TRADITIONAL, JINGLE, FANCY*
- **JR. ADULT** - MEN'S *TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY, CHICKEN*

**SPECIALS TBA**



**DÀGŪMISASTIY | PERSEVERE**

**PROGRAMS + CULTURE**

# SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA

## »» WINTER GAMES 2024 ««

**ON FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 2, 2024** the Seven Chiefs Sportsplex played host to the Special Olympic Games Calgary, 2024. February 28 marked the Floor Hockey Ceremonial Puck Drop, presented in Memory of Michael Van Ooteghem, an avid hockey fan gone too soon.

Minor Chief Tyson Heavenfire was in attendance representing Tsuut'ina, while Flames Mascot Harvey the Hound amped up the crowd, and Flames Captain, Mickael Backlund, had the honour of dropping the puck, officially opening the floor hockey competition for the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games Calgary 2024!

*"Together, we will create an experience of a lifetime for these deserving athletes!"*





## EAGLE'S FLIGHT

The 2024 Special Olympic Games cauldron has found its permanent home in the Seven Chiefs Sportsplex; a gift of legacy. Seven decorative feathers reach into the sky, pointing towards a flying eagle, whose wings create the bowl that holds the fire. The eagle - soaring high above the mountain with wings spread wide with hope - is the embodiment of dreams taking flight. The eagle also serves to highlight love in its multiple dimensions: love for all people, love of sport and its transformative power and, above all, love of the eagle itself and what it symbolizes, as a living creative set apart by the Creator to be special and empowered to soar in freedom.

Eagle's Flight will serve as a lasting reminder that love can empower people to reach new heights and achieve inspiring dreams. The seven feathers represent the Indigenous 7 Grandfather Teachings - how we should treat each other to live more inclusively and respectfully - a key principle of the Special Olympics Canada vision: to create inclusive communities. The feathers placement, in full circle surrounding the cauldron, symbolizes protection.

**“This cauldron was very sacred and immediately I felt that this was a way to honour the children - that we see them and acknowledge them. This symbolizes peace, tranquility and a safe place to keep their spirits alive.”**

~ Destiny Whitney, Associate General Manager & Special Events  
7 Chiefs Sportsplex & Chief Jim Starlight Centre



# WATER CEREMONY

## **ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WAS HOST TO A WATER CEREMONY**

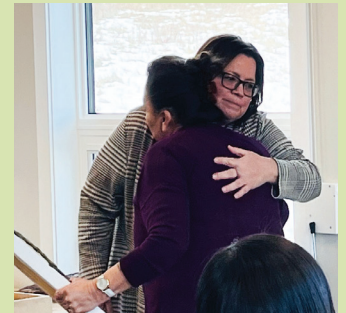
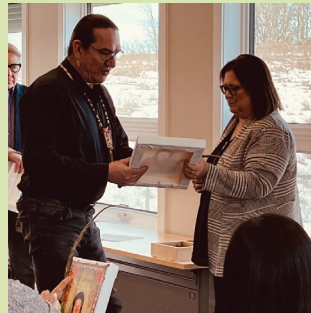
at Bullhead Hall. The ceremony's focus was to offer prayers for the Nation's Tú (water) and the continued protection of our water moving forward. This inaugural ceremony brought together the community in a supportive way with pipe-holders, community members ranging from elders to youth, knowledge keepers, drummers, admin support and leadership in attendance. The ceremony also allowed for the Lands department to introduce the team and the water-focused initiatives and programs that are currently protecting our Nation's water. The ceremony informed the citizens that the issue of water is important and will remain a major focus into the future with the Lands department ensuring that the protection of our water will be enforced in a cohesive manner that respects Tsuut'ina history, lands and citizens.





# In Dedication to - Pat Whitney - >> MOTHER, GRANDMA, AUNTIE FRIEND, & ATHLETE

ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 THE LOVING MEMORY OF PAT WHITNEY was honoured with a boardroom in tribute, and canvas hung, in the Tsuut'ina Child and Family Services building, dedicated to all the hard work and spirit she poured into the community. Memories of her dedication, generosity, and boundless energy were shared by family, friends, Minor Chiefs, and coworkers.

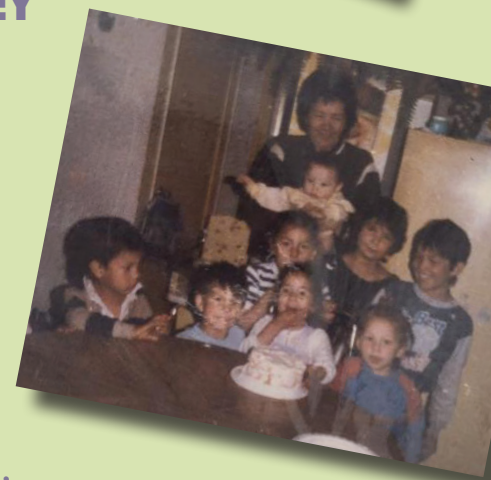




**IN MEMORIUM  
GLADYS “GRANDMA PAT” WHITNEY**

*JUNE 6, 2002*

“What we would give,  
Her hand to hold,  
Her patient face to see,  
To hear her voice,  
To see her smile,  
As in the days that used to be,  
But some sweet day we’ll meet again,  
Beyond the tall and strife,  
And clasp each other’s hands once more,  
In heaven, that happy life,  
There was no time to say goodbye,  
The day you went away,  
You left us, oh so suddenly,  
On year ago today,  
We miss you and love you always and forever,  
*Your family and friends*



NOTICE



**NOTICE TO COMMUNITY**

Dear Community Members,

We want to thank you all for your patience and understanding as we dealt with the loss of some of our emergency housing applications earlier this year. We would also like to express our utmost gratitude to the Contingency department, which helped us immensely as we were dealing with losing our data system. Thank you to all those who had to resubmit their applications, and we are happy to announce that all our applications are now up to date. Selection will be announced after March 15, 2024. All selected applicants are required to have completed the home maintenance course.

We have some upcoming housing inventory that needs to be allocated, and we want to ensure that all community members who require emergency housing receive the assistance they need. Therefore, we would like to redirect you to the link below or to scan the barcode for any new emergency housing applications.

[https://forms.tsuutina.com/Forms/Housing\\_Assistance\\_Application](https://forms.tsuutina.com/Forms/Housing_Assistance_Application)



The latest email address is [PW.Applications@tsuutina.com](mailto:PW.Applications@tsuutina.com). This new communication line aims to streamline the application process and ensure that all emergency housing applications are processed efficiently and effectively.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new email address or the submission of your application, please do not hesitate to contact Public Works.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Public Works  
Phone: 403-281-0754



*Diłj t'òòk'í dz'ín'sí, g'óójí nínádtíí ch'át'ághá*  
Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**NOTICE:**

**Please be advised, the TTN Permit and Residency office will be closed on the following dates:**

**March 18 to 22, 2024 - and will reopen Monday, March 25, 2024.**

*Siyisgáás,*

Jessie Meguinis  
Permits & Residency Clerk



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Tsuut'ina Nation  
**CC:** Education Board of Trustees, Executive Director of Lifelong Learning, Education Staff, Southland Transportation, Communications  
**DATE:** February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**RE:** Tsuut'ina Education Schools Closure Notice - March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

All Tsuut'ina Education schools, inclusive of the Bullhead Adult Education Centre, will be closed on March 15<sup>th</sup> for the Tsuut'ina Education Powwow.

Transportation services for non-Tsuut'ina Education schools will continue as regularly scheduled on the above-mentioned date.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or require additional information.

*Siyisgáás,*

Jonathan Kaiswatum  
Director of Education  
Tsuut'ina Nation

Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**URGENT NOTICE**

**ATTENTION all Tsuut'ina Employees:**

There have been some emails circulating from what appears to be from Chief Roy Whitney, Roy Whitney, or Chief Whitney. These impersonators are using false Gmail accounts such as "[RoyWhitney.officeemailbox7790@gmail.com](mailto:RoyWhitney.officeemailbox7790@gmail.com)."

They are requesting for the email recipient to purchase gift cards, and to keep the request confidential as they are a surprise for some of the employees.

**Should you receive any request to purchase from an unknow email address,** or request for any action outside of normal channels of operations, **please do not comply.** Please **notify IT immediately** so we can advise. This is an on-going case being worked on with our Police Services.

*Siyisgáás*







# TAZA

TOGETHER  
WITH TSUUT'INA



## Dadanast'ada Sizi Randy Dodginghorse at'a uwa Tsuut'ina guts'i anist'a at'a!

I'm excited to share that the Taza Experience Centre, situated at the 7 Chiefs Sportsplex, is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm. I encourage all community members to stop by if you have any questions or if you're interested in signing up for volunteer positions or attending the upcoming information sessions in April 2024. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Siyisgaas Naniystsoni

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Taza is extending an invitation to the Tsuut'ina community, seeking volunteers eager to engage in the development of leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills. This opportunity offers mentorship and the chance to enhance business knowledge.

Volunteers will do four hours of onsite volunteering. Once completed a gift card of \$100 will be provided.

**WHO:** Young Adults (ages 18-35) and Elders (60+ yrs)

**WHEN:** April 2024  
Tuesdays 11 am to noon. One Young Adult Volunteer  
Thursdays 11 am to noon. One Elder Volunteer

**WHERE:** The Taza Experience Centre located at the 7 Chiefs Sportsplex

**WHY:** Knowledge sharing and community building

For more information, stop by the Experience Centre or contact Randy Dodginghorse by email [rdodginghorse@canderel.com](mailto:rdodginghorse@canderel.com).

## TAZA INFORMATION SESSIONS

Taza invites the Tsuut'ina Nation community members to attend information sessions for updates on Taza Development. Each session will have a door prize valued at \$200 that each participant can enter.

**WHO:** Young Adults (ages 18-35) and Elders (60+ yrs)

**WHEN:** April 15, 11 am to noon, Young Adults Session  
May 15, 11 am to noon, Elders Session  
June 12, 11 am to noon, Young Adults Session  
July 15, 11 am to noon, Elders Session

**WHERE:** The Taza Experience Centre located at the 7 Chiefs Sportsplex

**WHY:** The information sessions are designed to share important details about the residential development plans for Taza Park, aiming to build strong community advocacy and support.

**HOW:** Information sessions will be a maximum of five (5) per group

Contact Randy Dodginghorse at [rdodginghorse@canderel.com](mailto:rdodginghorse@canderel.com) to register or stop by the Experience Centre on Tuesday or Thursday at 7 Chiefs Sportplex to sign up.





# EMPLOYMENT

## **FAMILY HOME VISITOR:**

REF# 564. FULL TIME. CLOSING: MAR. 13/24

DEPARTMENT: TSUUT'INA HEALTH + WELLNESS CENTRE

## **GLADUE AFTERCARE WORKER:**

REF# 559. FULL TIME. CLOSING: MAR. 11/24

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF THE PEACEMAKER

## **CHILDCARE WORKER:**

REF# 560. FULL TIME.. 3 VACANCIES CLOSING: MAR. 11/24

DEPARTMENT: TSUUT'INA NATION DAYCARE

## **RECEPTIONIST/EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT:**

REF# 558. FULL TIME. CLOSING: MAR. 11/24

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF THE PEACEMAKER





## **GRADE 5 TEACHER:**

REF# 563. FULL TIME. CLOSING: MAR. 11/24

DEPARTMENT: TSUUT'INA EDUCATION

## **GRADE 6 TEACHER:**

REF# 562. FULL TIME. CLOSING: MAR. 11/24

DEPARTMENT: TSUUT'INA EDUCATION

## **COOK:**

REF# 561. FULL TIME. CLOSING: MAR. 11/24

DEPARTMENT: TSUUT'INA EDUCATION

## **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT:**

REF# 553. PART TIME. 90 DAYS. 2 VACANCIES.. CLOSING: MAR. 8/24

DEPARTMENT: TSUUT'INA EDUCATION



