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# SASKATCHEWAN NATIONAL EVENT JUNE 21-24, 2012 SASKATOON | PRAIRIELAND PARK PROGRAM



**IT'S ABOUT TRUTH** – A National Journey  
for Healing and Reconciliation

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## Message From The Commissioners



PHOTO L-R: Commissioner Marie Wilson, Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair and TRC Commissioner Chief Wilton Littlechild.

Welcome to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's (TRC) Saskatchewan National Event in Saskatoon from June 21-24, 2012.

We acknowledge the seven First Nation Member communities of the Saskatoon Tribal Council, whose traditional territory this event is taking place on.

TRC Events provide an important forum for those affected by the legacy of the Indian Residential School system to share their experiences with the Commission.

TRC Events also serve to educate and enrich the broader Canadian public about Canada's 130-year history of Residential Schools, and today's legacy both for Aboriginal communities and Canadian society in general.

In preparation of this event, the Commission held public Hearings in eight communities throughout Saskatchewan.

Since the Hearings began in January 2012, Survivors from across Saskatchewan and the adjacent communities shared their experiences with the Commission in public and private sessions. In each of these communities, the Commission

was welcomed into venues that were full to capacity with Survivors and witnesses. Additionally, people tuned into the webcast from all over the world.

During the Hearings in Saskatchewan, Survivors shared many personal and emotional stories, as well as hope for change and reconciliation.

The TRC National Event in Saskatoon continues in this spirit of open dialogue and will offer a unique experience for all Canadians, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, to hear first-hand the experiences of those who attended the schools and to bear witness to the legacy of the Residential School system.

This Event is an opportunity for everyone to learn more about residential schools, to learn from those who attended the schools and to celebrate Aboriginal culture.

The TRC National Event is free and open to everyone.

We welcome you to Saskatoon as we continue on this National Journey for Truth, Healing and Reconciliation.

With respect,

Justice Murray Sinclair  
CHAIR

Chief Wilton Littlechild  
COMMISSIONER

Marie Wilson  
COMMISSIONER

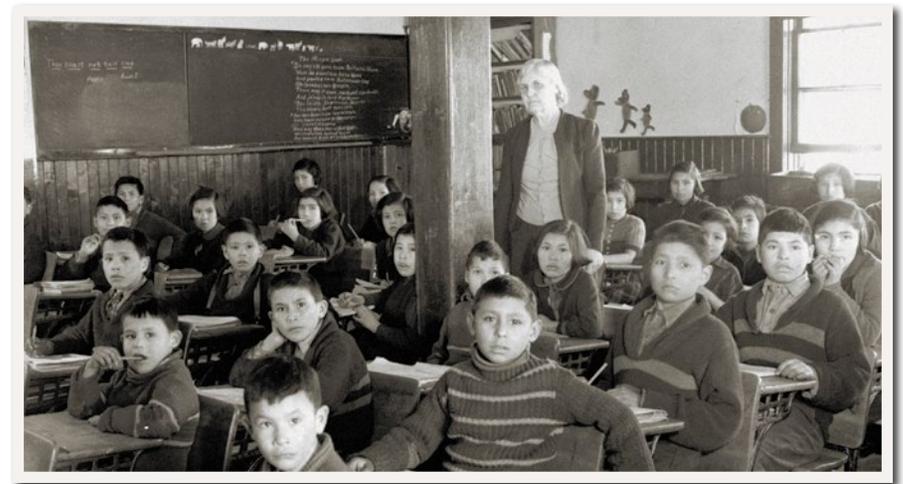


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# Bentwood Box

The TRC Bentwood Box reflects the strength and resilience of Residential School Survivors and their descendants, and honours those Survivors who are no longer living.

The Box will travel with the TRC to all of its seven National Events throughout Canada.



As the Box travels with the Commission to different provinces and territories, offerings will be made to it to commemorate personal journeys toward healing and reconciliation.

At the end of the TRC's mandate, it will be housed in the National Research Centre.

Throughout the TRC National Event, the Bentwood Box will be on site for the Commissioners Sharing Panels, Honourary Witness Ceremony and during the Expressions of Reconciliation.



Carved by Coast Salish artist Luke Marston, the TRC Bentwood Box is a lasting tribute to all Indian Residential School Survivors.

Steamed and bent from a single piece of red cedar, the carved panels represent the unique cultures of former First Nations, Inuit and Métis students. The artist pays respect to his own grandmother by depicting her residential schools experiences at Kuper Island in the carvings.

## Thursday, June 21, 2012

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Lighting of the Sacred Fire	Exhibition Park
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Sunrise and Pipe Ceremony	Exhibition Park
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Survivors Walk	Exhibition Park to Grandstand
9:30 am – 10:45 am	Welcome to the Territory and Opening Ceremonies	Grandstand
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	How to Share Your Truth Information Session	A3
3:15 pm – 4:45 pm	How to Share Your Truth Information Session	A3
6:00 pm – midnight	Round Dance	Hall E West



PHOTO: Anglican church archives P8801(207)

## Daily Programming

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Survivor Registration	Hall E east
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Private Statement Gathering	Hall B
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Treaty Annuity Payments	Hall D
10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Learning Place	Hall D
10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Displays and Artisans	Hall D
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Film Screening	Grandstand

### TRC Event T-shirts are now available!

Purchase near the Information Booth. \$20 (cash only).

Survivors will receive a \$10 off coupon for the purchase of one T-shirt with Registration.



## Friday, June 22, 2012

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Sunrise and Pipe Ceremonies	Exhibition Park
7:30 am – 9:00 am	Reconciliation Breakfast	Diefenbaker Park Food Tent
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Commissioners Welcome	Hall C
9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Education Day School groups only	Various locations throughout venue
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Honourary Witness Ceremony	Hall C
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel 1	Hall A Centre
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel 2	Hall C
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Circle of Reconciliation	Hall C
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel 1	Hall A Centre
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel 2	Hall C
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Sharing Circles with Survivor Committee 1	A3
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Sharing Circles with Survivor Committee 2	A4
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	<i>It Matters to Me</i> – A Town Hall on Reconciliation	Hall E West
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Call to Gather / Expressions of Reconciliation	Hall C
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Free Concert	Grandstand

## Daily Programming

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Survivor Registration	Hall E East
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Private Statement Gathering	Hall B
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Tipi Village Activities	Diefenbaker Park
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Learning Place	Hall D
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Displays and Artisans	Hall D
9:00 am – 2:30 pm	Film Screenings	A3
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Treaty Annuity Payments	Hall D

We would like to invite you to join us in celebrating some of Saskatchewan's most gifted performers.

# FREE CONCERT

featuring internationally renowned artist

## Buffy Sainte-Marie

with special guests

**Andrea Menard,  
Meewasin Oma,  
Teagan Littlechief,  
Jacob Pratt**  
and many more.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22 AT 8:00 pm AT THE GRANDSTAND**  
PrairieLand Park, Saskatoon Saskatchewan

Photo: Tony Finerly

## Saturday, June 23, 2012

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Sunrise and Pipe Ceremonies	<b>Exhibition Park</b>
7:30 am – 9:00 am	Reconciliation Breakfast	<b>Diefenbaker Park Food Tent</b>
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Honourary Witness Ceremony	<b>Hall C</b>
9:00 am – noon	Commissioners Sharing Panel 1	<b>Hall A Centre</b>
9:00 am – noon	Commissioners Sharing Panel 2	<b>Hall C</b>
9:00 am – noon	Sharing Circles with Survivor Committee 1	<b>A3</b>
9:00 am – noon	Sharing Circles with Survivor Committee 2	<b>A4</b>
11:30 am – 2:00 pm	Concert in the Park	<b>Diefenbaker Park</b>
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel 1	<b>Hall A Centre</b>
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel 2	<b>Hall C</b>
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Sharing Circles with Survivor Committee 1	<b>A3</b>
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Sharing Circles with Survivor Committee 2	<b>A4</b>
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Keynote – Robbie Waisman – <i>The Resiliency of the Human Spirit</i>	<b>Hall E West</b>
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	<i>It Matters to Me</i> – A Call to Action on Reconciliation	<b>Hall E West</b>
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Reconciliation Dinner	<b>Diefenbaker Park Food Tent</b>
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Call to Gather / Expressions of Reconciliation	<b>Hall C</b>

## Daily Programming

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Survivor Registration	<b>Hall E East</b>
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Private Statement Gathering	<b>Hall B</b>
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Tipi Village Activities	<b>Diefenbaker Park</b>
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Learning Place	<b>Hall D</b>
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Displays and Artisans	<b>Hall D</b>
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Film Screenings	<b>Grandstand</b>



PHOTO: Saskatchewan Archives Board.

## Sunday, June 24, 2012

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Sunrise and Pipe Ceremonies	Exhibition Park
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Expressions of Reconciliation	Hall C
10:00 am – noon	Commissioners Sharing Panel 1	Hall A Centre
10:00 am – noon	Commissioners Sharing Panel 2	Hall C
10:00 am – noon	Sharing Circles with Survivor Committee 1	A3
10:00 am – noon	Sharing Circles with Survivor Committee 2	A4
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel 1	Hall A Centre
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel 2	Hall C
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Sharing Circles with Survivor Committee 1	A3
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Sharing Circles with Survivor Committee 2	A4
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Call to Gather	Hall C
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Closing Remarks	Hall C
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Survivor Birthday Celebration	Hall C

## Daily Programming

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Survivor Registration	Hall E East
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Private Statement Gathering	Hall B
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Learning Place	Hall D
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Displays and Artisans	Hall D
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Film Screenings	Grandstand



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# SHARE YOUR TRUTH

The TRC National Event offers many ways for you to share your truth with the Commission.

**COMMISSIONERS SHARING PANEL** Similar to the Saskatchewan Hearings, these Panels allow Survivors, Intergenerational Survivors, former teachers, those who worked in the schools or anyone who has information on the schools to share their truth with the Commissioners of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

\* Registration is located in Hall E East

\* Members of the public and the media may witness.

DATE: **June 22-24**

LOCATION: **Hall C and Hall A Centre**

BEGINS: **See Program at a Glance**

## SHARING CIRCLES WITH SURVIVOR COMMITTEE

Facilitated by members of the TRC Indian Residential School Survivors Committee (IRSSC), these Circles provide opportunity for Survivors, their family members and former staff who worked in the schools to share their truth in a public setting.

\* Registration is located in Hall E East

\* Members of the public and the media may witness.

DATE: **June 22-24**

LOCATION: **A3 & A4**

BEGINS: **See Program at a Glance**

**PRIVATE STATEMENT GATHERING** Those wishing to share their experiences with the TRC in a private and confidential setting can do so. This area has individual rooms where you will have the option of providing a video recorded or audio recorded statement. Health Supports will be available.

\* Registration is located in Hall E East

DATE: **June 21-24**

LOCATION: **Hall B**

HOURS: **See Program at a Glance**

## HOW TO SHARE YOUR TRUTH INFORMATION SESSION

Your statement is very important and can help Canadians understand the legacy of Residential Schools. Those that lived, attended and worked at the schools will finally be given a voice through the statement gathering process.

This workshop will provide information on how you can share your experience. Discussed will be the options of Private Statement Gathering, the Commissioner's Sharing Panels, and Sharing Circles with the Survivors Committee. Health Supports will also be discussed.

DATE: **June 21**

LOCATION: **A3**

BEGINS: **See Program at a Glance**



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# SACRED FIRE



PHOTO: Colleen Patterson

The Sacred Fire is an important part of TRC National Events. The Lighting of the Sacred Fire in June 2010 at the first National Event in Winnipeg was an emotional beginning to a landmark event and served as a symbol of strength and warmth for all who participated.

At the conclusion of the National Event in Winnipeg, John Banksland and Terry Brown, members of the Indian Residential School Survivor Committee (IRSSC) accepted the responsibility of transferring the ashes to the Sacred Fire at the Northern National Event in Inuvik in June 2011.

Once again, the Sacred Fire was lit and without ever being asked or prompted, people tended to this fire throughout the entire event. This fire stayed lit because of the dedication and belief of the people there to be a witness to simple truths; that we will carry on. The Sacred Fire at the Northern Event became a fire of resilience.

On July 1, 2011, Survivor Committee member Lottie May Johnson came forward to receive the responsibility of taking the ashes to the Sacred Fire that was lit in Halifax on Wednesday October 26, 2011 for the Atlantic National Event.

The Firekeeper for the Atlantic National Event was Earl Sack from Indian Brook First Nation, Shubenacadie.

On October 29, 2011, Survivor Committee member Eugene Arcand came forward and accepted the ashes that will be transferred to the Sacred Fire that will be lit in at the Saskatchewan National Event in Saskatoon.

**DATE: Thursday June 21, 2012**

**LOCATION: Exhibition Park**

**BEGINS: 7:00 am**

## PLEASE HELP US RESPECT THE PROTOCOLS OF THE SACRED FIRE

- The Firekeeper has been entrusted with tending to this flame and deserves the utmost respect.
- Traditionally, it is the responsibility of the men to ensure the Fire burns all day and all night.
- A Sacred Fire is separate from a cooking or camp fire; please do not throw garbage or cigarette butts into the Sacred Fire.
- Please refrain from using drugs or alcohol near the Sacred Fire and for the duration of the TRC Saskatchewan National Event.

## IF YOU WISH TO MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE SACRED FIRE

- If you wish to share a prayer or offering, please ask the Firekeeper about the protocols.
- Offerings to the Sacred Fire can include herbs, medicines such as tobacco, sweet grass, cedar or sage, bundles or food.
- During the Event, Health Support Workers will be collecting tissues of tears for an offering to the Sacred Fire. Those who may wish to offer their own 'tissues of tears' to the Sacred Fire for healing are welcome to do so.

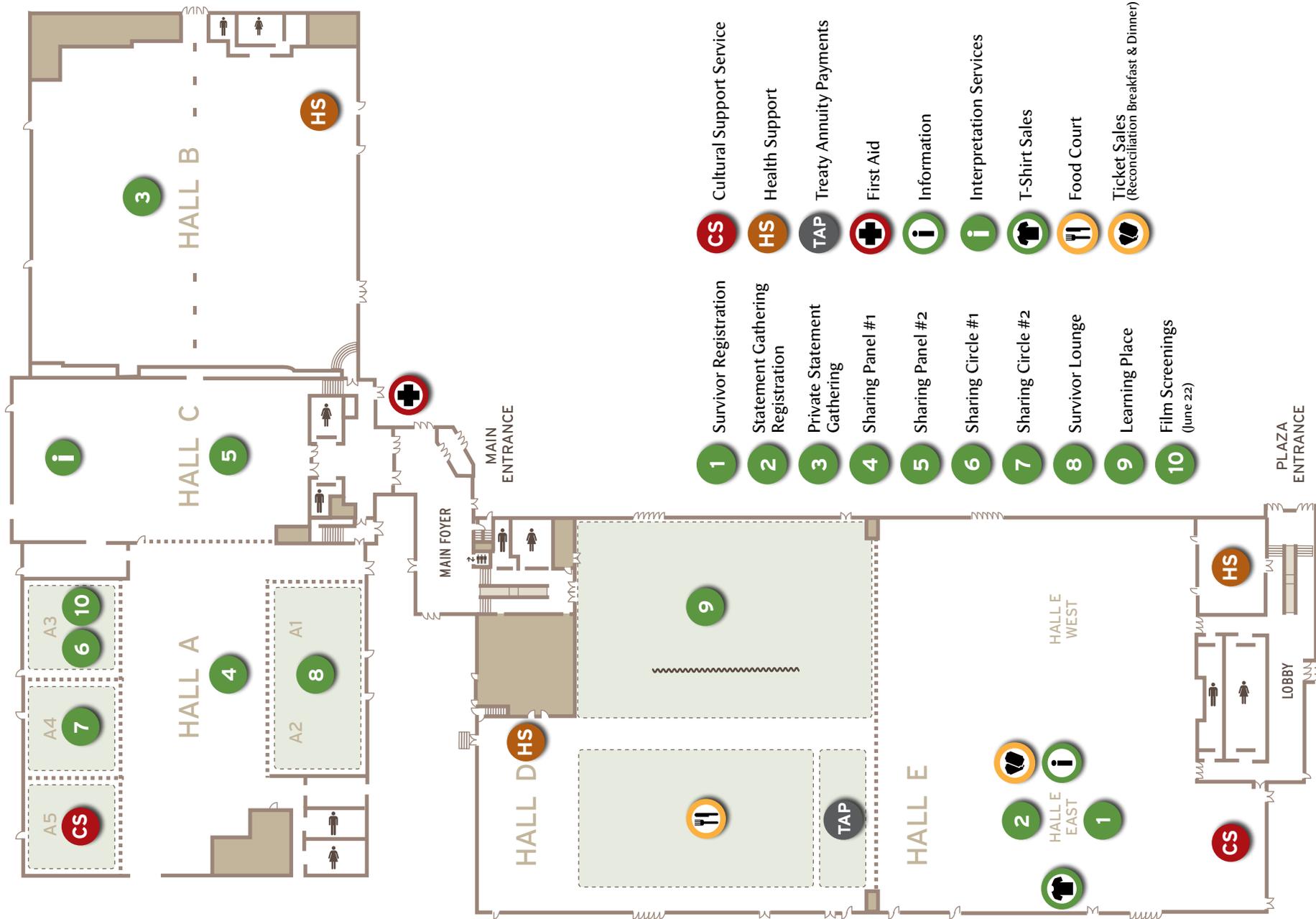
The Lighting of the Sacred Fire happens before we begin each Event to ensure that it is the Spirits and the Teachings that guide us and protect us while the Commission does its work.

# SASKATCHEWAN NATIONAL EVENT SITE



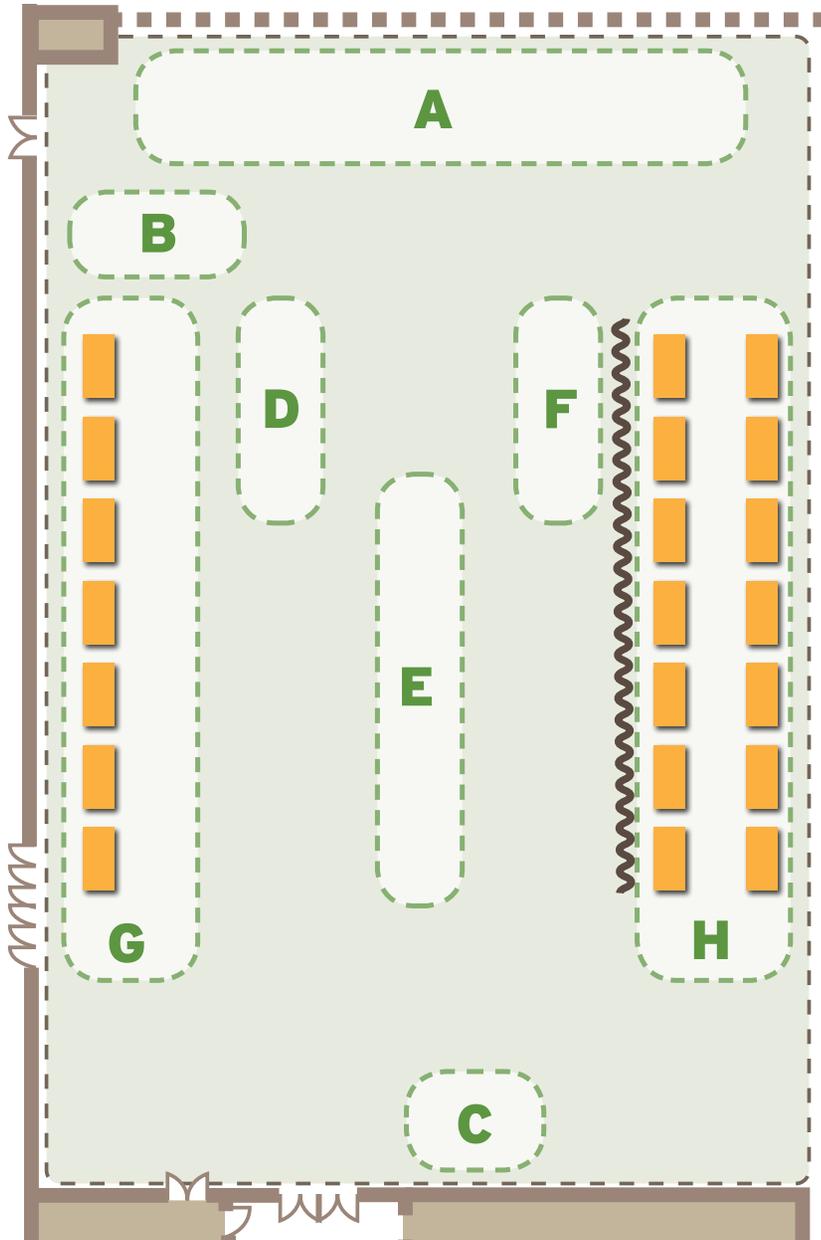
- 1 Sacred Fire
- 2 Ceremonial Tipi
- 3 TRC Tipi
- 4 Round Dance Fire (June 21 only)
- 5 Tipi Village (June 22, 23)
- 6 Main Tent / Community Stage
- 7 Film Screenings (June 21, 23 & 24)
- 8 Opening Ceremonies
- 9 Education Day Student Drop Off
- i Information
- 🍴 Food Vendors
- 🚌 Shuttle Bus Stop
- P Parking
- 🏥 First Aid
- S Survivor Shuttle

# PRAIRIELAND PARK



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|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|--|
| <b>1</b>  | Survivor Registration            | <b>CS</b>  | Cultural Support Service                         |
| <b>2</b>  | Statement Gathering Registration | <b>HS</b>  | Health Support                                   |
| <b>3</b>  | Private Statement Gathering      | <b>TAP</b> | Treaty Annuity Payments                          |
| <b>4</b>  | Sharing Panel #1                 | <b>+</b>   | First Aid  |
| <b>5</b>  | Sharing Panel #2                 | <b>i</b>   | Information                                      |
| <b>6</b>  | Sharing Circle #1                | <b>i</b>   | Interpretation Services                          |
| <b>7</b>  | Sharing Circle #2                | <b>👕</b>   | T-Shirt Sales                                    |
| <b>8</b>  | Survivor Lounge                  | <b>🍴</b>   | Food Court                                       |
| <b>9</b>  | Learning Place                   | <b>🎟</b>   | Ticket Sales (Reconciliation Breakfast & Dinner) |
| <b>10</b> | Film Screenings (June 22)        |            |  |

# THE LEARNING PLACE



**A** Churches Listening to Survivors Area

**B** Missing Children Project

**C** Independent Assessment Process (IAP)

**D** TRC Research Area

**E** Legacy of Hope Display

**F** Church Archives

**G** Educational Displays

- Canadian Human Rights Commission
- Project of Hope
- Canadian Museum of Human Rights
- First Nations University of Canada
- Leading Thunderbird Lodge
- National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation

**H** Vendors

- Kanatan Aski
- Silversmith Craft
- Alpaca & Natural Fibers
- Little Bear Trading
- Indianheart Creations
- Craig Stephens

- Office of the Treaty Commissioner
- KAIROS
- Government of Canada
- Health Canada
- Returning to Spirit
- Correctional Service of Canada – Victim Services Unit

- Etchiboy
- Black Eagle Products
- West Coast Design
- Swirling Wind Design
- Dora Durocher

Daily Programming

## At The Learning Place

**LEARNING PLACE** Through posters, photographs and videos, you can explore the history of residential schools in Canada, with a particular focus on the experience from Saskatchewan. The TRC Research team, Archivists from the Anglican, United, Presbyterian and Catholic churches, and Library and Archives Canada will be on site to share information and collections.

### Programming includes:

**CHURCHES LISTENING TO SURVIVORS AREA** Churches Listening to Survivors Area - a supportive place where survivors and their family members can share their experience with church representatives (Anglican, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and United) in sharing circles or one-on-one conversations, and receive a personal apology.

**100 YEARS OF LOSS DISPLAY** Developed by the Legacy of Hope Foundation these educational products are intended to raise awareness about the history and legacy of residential schools. This display is intended to sensitize and educate young Canadians including Aboriginal, non-Aboriginal and new Canadians, challenge stereotypes and contribute to shifting opinions that foster inquiry, dialogue, and action.

**THE MISSING CHILDREN PROJECT** The Missing Children Project will gather information from many sources. It is hoped that families, friends and communities can use this information to determine what happened to loved ones who did not come home.

If you have information you would like to share about a death or disappearance of a student at a residential school, please visit the Missing Children display area.

Health Canada Health Support Workers are available on site.

**DATE:** June 21-24  
**HOURS:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Hall D

**VENDORS** Located in Hall D, Arts & Craft Vendors will have items for sale.

**DATE:** June 21-24  
**HOURS:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Hall D

**DISPLAYS** This is a place for sharing information and resources.

**EXHIBITORS** See page 23 for a complete list.

**DATE:** June 21-24  
**HOURS:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Hall D

**FILM SCREENINGS** A Selection of relevant films will be shown. For a list of films and the times they will be showing a schedule will be set up at the Main Lobby Entrance

**DATE:** June 21-24  
**HOURS:** See Schedule at a Glance

**LOCATION:** See Schedule at a Glance



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## Daily Programming

## At Diefenbaker Park

**THE TIPI VILLAGE** The Tipi Village is an opportunity for the public to gain awareness of, engage in, and learn about the different cultural and linguistic groups of Aboriginal peoples in Saskatchewan.

Each tipi in the Tipi Village will have a cultural interpreter who will be sharing the knowledge, items and artwork of their respective Aboriginal cultural group.

Sessions to engage in the Tipi Village will be scheduled on June 23 at 10:00 pm, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm.

**DATE:** June 22-23

**LOCATION:** Diefenbaker Park

**HOURS:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**WORLD GYM ACTIVITIES** No need to wear fancy workout clothes, just come as you are and our instructors will provide first-rate activities such as Zumba to reenergize and refresh you!!!

The Saskatoon Police Service & World Gym recognizes and supports the importance of the TRC's Saskatchewan National Event.

They understand that while it is important for residential school Survivors to speak their truth, this process will invariably evoke some very painful memories.

It is extremely important that this healing process be honored and perhaps further enhanced by the inclusion of physical activity.

Exercise can be a safe & fun way to let go!!!

**DATE:** June 21 Kick Activity from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

June 22 Zumba from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Diefenbaker Park

**CONCERT IN THE PARK** Please join us for a concert in the park, June 23rd from 11:30 - 2:00 pm featuring exciting performances by Andrea Menard, Ekwol, Connie Mike, White Buffalo Drum Group and more!!

**DATES:** June 23

**LOCATION:** Diefenbaker Park

**BEGINS:** 11:30 am

## Thursday, June 21

WELCOME TO THE TERRITORY  
AND OPENING CEREMONIES

Join First Nations and Métis leaders and City Officials who, as hosts, welcome Survivors and all Canadians to Saskatoon for the Saskatchewan National Event.

**DATE:** June 21

**LOCATION:** Grandstand

**BEGINS:** 9:30 am

## ROUND DANCE

The Northern Saskatchewan Regional Aboriginal Peoples' Circle (RAPC) of the Public Services Alliance of Canada (PSAC) is proud to give back to the community by hosting a Round Dance in honour of Survivors who have passed and the young people who continue to experience the impacts of residential schools.

The theme of the Round Dance is "Miyo Ohpikinawasewin", which means good parenting or good child rearing. The residential schools had major impacts on parenting amongst Aboriginal families and we are encouraging people to learn about Miyo Ohpikinawasewin by talking to and asking our Elders about it.

**DATE:** June 21

**LOCATION:** Hall E West

**BEGINS:** 6:00 pm



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## Friday, June 22

**TRC HONOURARY WITNESS CEREMONIES** The TRC will welcome key individuals who will serve as Honourary Witnesses. They will be inducted on the mornings of June 22 and 23. For more information see page 38-39.

**DATE:** June 22 - 10:00 am  
June 23 - 8:45 am

**LOCATION:** Hall C

**CIRCLE OF RECONCILIATION** Survivors and Representatives of the Settlement Agreement will come together to discuss the importance of reconciliation. Each of the participants has been asked to answer the following questions: How do communities reconcile? How can we advance reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples? And what are you as an individual and/or organization doing to advance reconciliation?

**DATES:** June 22  
**BEGINS:** 1:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Hall C

## RECONCILIATION BREAKFAST

Church sponsors have come together to provide this complimentary breakfast for Survivors.

All Survivors who register for the TRC National Event will receive a complimentary ticket for this Breakfast. Simply provide your ticket at the door and you will be able to enjoy your meal.

For those who are not Survivors, but would like to participate in the Breakfast, tickets may be purchased near the information booth in Hall E East for \$5.00 (cash only).

**DATES:** Friday, June 22 - 7:30 am – 9:00 am  
Saturday, June 23 - 7:30 am – 9:00 am

**LOCATION:** Diefenbaker Park Food Tent

## IT MATTERS TO ME — A TOWN HALL ON RECONCILIATION

The act of witnessing holds significant meaning for many peoples – this forum will allow the public an opportunity to speak about what they have witnessed over the course of the first day and the need for reconciliation.

To start the dialogue, moderator Shelagh Rogers, will call upon a few individuals, pre-selected, to speak about what they have witnessed and the need for reconciliation. After which the floor will be open for all those in attendance to speak.

A TRC Commissioner will be in attendance to receive the statements and provide opening remarks.

**DATE:** June 22  
**BEGINS:** 3:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Hall E West

**CALL TO GATHER** A summary of the day's activities will be provided, which includes the sharing of experiences by the Honourary Witnesses for that day. National Event announcements will be made. This is also the venue for today's Expressions of Reconciliation.

**DATES:** June 22  
**BEGINS:** 6:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Hall C

**EXPRESSIONS OF RECONCILIATION** Individuals, organizations and representatives of the parties to the Residential Schools Settlement Agreement will make statements, presentations, or apologies directly to Survivors.

**DATES:** June 22  
**BEGINS:** 7:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Hall C  
**(Call to Gather)**

**FREE CONCERT** Join us for a presentation that pays tribute to Saskatchewan cultures and traditions. Performances include drummers, singers and contemporary artists including Buffy Sainte-Marie, Teegan Littlechief, Jacob Pratt, Stephen Kakfwi, Andrea Menard, Robert Watt, John Arcand and more.

**DATES:** June 22  
**BEGINS:** 8:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Grandstand

## Saturday, June 23

**RECONCILIATION BREAKFAST** Church sponsors have come together to provide with complimentary breakfast for Survivors. See page 28 for more info.

DATE: **June 23**  
BEGINS: **7:30 am**

LOCATION: **Diefenbaker Park Food Tent**

### KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:

**THE RESILIENCY OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT** As a teenager, Robert Waisman survived the horrors of the Buchenwald concentration camp. As a community leader and a dedicated educator, he has been working for the past year to increase awareness about the similarities between Holocaust Survivors and Residential School Survivors.

DATE: **June 23**  
BEGINS: **2:30 pm**

LOCATION: **Hall E West**

### IT MATTERS TO ME – A CALL TO ACTION ON RECONCILIATION

This moderated dialogue provides an opportunity for individuals, groups, government, churches, or institutions to talk about what they are doing to advance reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples. The forum will serve to inspire people to join in the reconciliation movement.

To start the dialogue, moderator Shelagh Rogers will call upon a few pre-selected individuals to speak after which the floor will be open for all those in attendance to speak.

A TRC Commissioner will be in attendance to receive the statements and provide opening remarks.

DATE: **June 23**  
BEGINS: **3:30 pm**

LOCATION: **Hall E West**

**CALL TO GATHER** A summary of the day's activities will be provided, which includes the sharing of experiences by the Honourary Witnesses for that day. National Event announcements will be made.

DATES: **June 23**  
BEGINS: **6:30 pm**

LOCATION: **Hall C**

**EXPRESSIONS OF RECONCILIATION** Individuals, organizations and representatives of the parties to the Residential Schools Settlement Agreement will make statements, presentations, or apologies directly to Survivors.

DATES: **June 23**  
BEGINS: **7:00 pm**

LOCATION: **Hall C**

**TALENT SHOW** Calling all performers, share your gifts! Bring your drum, song and your voice to the stage for an evening of laughter, sharing and inspiration. Registration takes place at the Registration Desk.

DATE: **June 23**  
BEGINS: **8:00 pm**

LOCATION: **Grandstand**

## RECONCILIATION DINNER

Sponsors have come together to provide a complimentary meal to Survivors.

All Survivors who register for the TRC National Event will receive a complimentary ticket for the Reconciliation Dinner. Simply provide your ticket at the door and you will be able to enjoy your meal.

For those who are not Survivors, but would like to participate in the Reconciliation Dinner, tickets may be purchased near the information booth in Hall E East for \$15.00 (cash only).

DATES: **June 23**  
TIME: **5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
LOCATION: **Diefenbaker Park Food Tent**

## Sunday, June 24

**EXPRESSIONS OF RECONCILIATION** Individuals, organizations and representatives of the parties to the Residential Schools Settlement Agreement will make statements, presentations, or apologies directly to Survivors.

**DATES:** June 24  
**BEGINS:** 8:30 am

**LOCATION:** Hall C

**CALL TO GATHER** A summary of the day's activities will be provided, which includes the sharing of experiences by the Honourary Witnesses for that day. National Event announcements will be made.

**DATES:** June 24  
**BEGINS:** 4:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Hall C

**CLOSING REMARKS** Join the TRC Commissioners, Honourary Witnesses and representatives from the Indian Residential School Survivor Committee for reflections on the National Event.

**DATES:** June 24  
**BEGINS:** 5:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Hall C

**SURVIVOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** This celebration will acknowledge all of the Survivors who were never able to celebrate their birthdays while attending residential school. The TRC and special guests would like to wish you all a Happy Birthday.

**DATE:** June 24  
**BEGINS:** 6:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Hall C

*“One of the things the TRC is attempting to do is to establish a national memory about residential schools, so that in four or five generations, no one can say ‘this never happened’.*

*The TRC offers the opportunity to Survivors to have their experiences recorded. This record will be housed in a National Research Centre so that future generations will have a resource they can go to in order to understand and explain the Aboriginal perspective of this history.”*

-Justice Murray Sinclair, TRC Chair



# STAY CONNECTED

If you are interested in staying connected with the work of the TRC through social media, visit us at [trc.ca](http://trc.ca)

**OR...**



Follow us on Twitter [@TRC\\_en](https://twitter.com/TRC_en) for all news, events and opportunities for Reconciliation. **HASHTAG ALERT!** We'll be live-tweeting from the Saskatchewan National Event... find us under **#SNE**.



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Watch TRC videos on YouTube ([TheTRCCanada](https://www.youtube.com/TheTRCCanada)) and Vimeo. Visit our website and click on the icons.

## Friday, June 22

# EDUCATION DAY

The TRC is pleased to welcome to Education Day grade 7 and 8 students from the Saskatoon Public School Division, Saskatoon Catholic School Division and First Nations Schools throughout the Province of Saskatchewan. The almost 2000 students will participate in educational activities about residential schools.

On June 22, the Tipi Village sessions will be dedicated to the Education Day students at: 11:40 am and 1:40 pm. All other visitors are asked to plan their visits accordingly on this day.

Students will be given priority access to locations listed below for Education Day activities.

DATE: **June 22**

HOURS: **9:30 am - 2:30 pm**

LOCATIONS: **Grandstand, Diefenbaker Park, Learning Place, Hall E West.**

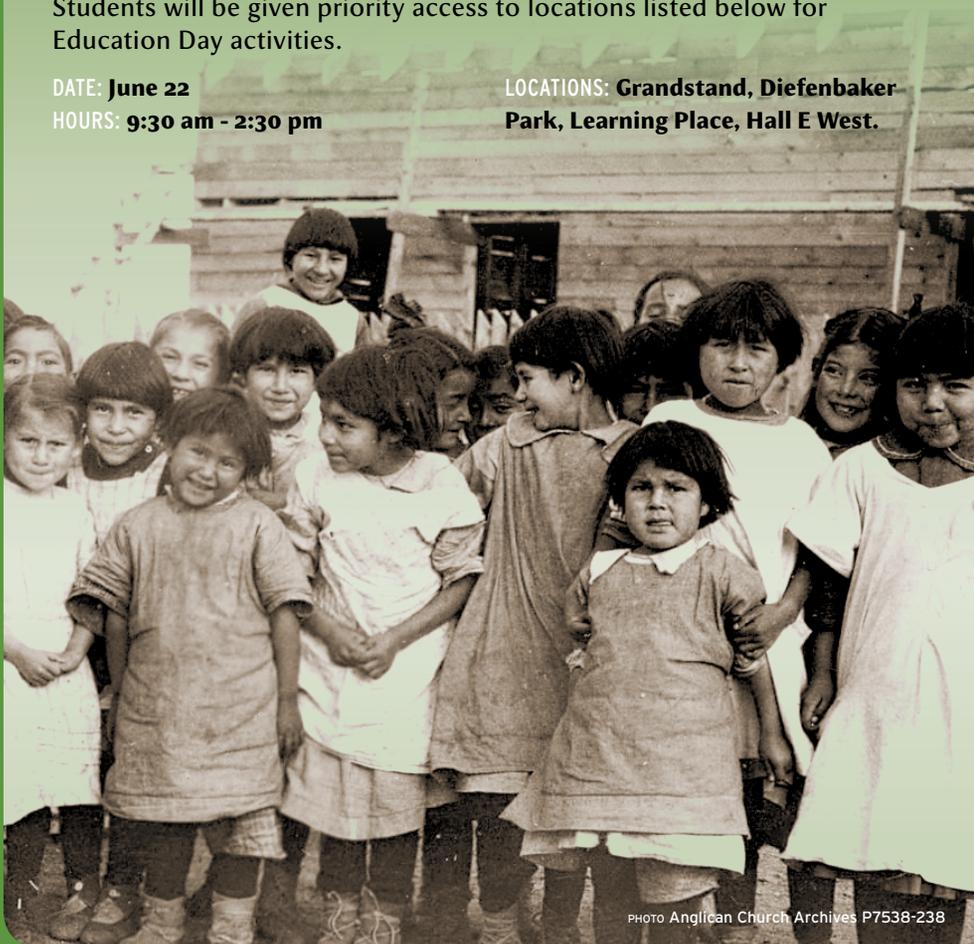


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## TRC Indian Residential School Survivor Committee (IRSSC)

This committee serves as an advisory body to the TRC.



BACK ROW L-R: John Banksland, John Morrisseau, Eugene Arcand, Madeleine Basile, Lottie May Johnson, Rebekah Uqi Williams

FRONT ROW L-R: TRC Commissioner Chief Wilton Littlechild, Doris Young, Barney Williams Jr., Gordon Williams, Terri Brown



**The shape of the TRC logo** - a circle - reflects the Circle of Life. In the Circle, we join together to share truth.

The flames sustain life in the Circle and provide safety and sustenance. Most importantly, the flames shed light on what needs to be shared in the Circle - the experiences of those affected by Indian Residential Schools.

The seven flames that make up the circle represent the seven sacred teachings: love, respect, courage, honesty, wisdom, humility and truth. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission draws on each of those teachings in the work of truth-gathering, truth-telling, and reconciliation.

## Important Information About Services

**SURVIVOR LOUNGE** This is a space where Survivors are welcome to rest and relax. It is open all day.

**DATES:** June 21-24

**LOCATION:** A1 & A2

**HOURS:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**CS CULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICE AREA** This is a designated area for event participants that provides access to Elders who can provide cultural support services.

**DATES:** June 21-24

**LOCATION:** A5 & Hall E East

**HOURS:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**HS HEALTH SUPPORT ON SITE** Health Canada Health Support Workers are available on site and are wearing red vests and blue vests. They are here to provide immediate support. Support is provided through individual or family counselling, cultural supports such as Elders or Aboriginal health support workers who will listen and provide information.

### **+** FIRST AID AND PARAMEDICS

**HOURS:**

**Thursday June 21: 8:00 am - 12:00 am**

**Saturday June 23: 8:00 am - 9:00 pm**

**Friday June 22: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm**

**Sunday June 24: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**LOCATION:** Prairieland Park Main Entrance

**i INFORMATION BOOTH** TRC Staff and Volunteers will be on site to assist you with any questions you may have. Also located here is Transportation information and the Lost and Found.

**HOURS:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Hall E East  
(next to Registration Desk)

**i INTERPRETATION SERVICES** All activities that take place in Hall C from June 22-24 will offer interpretation services in the following languages: **Dene, Saulteaux, Plains Cree, Woodland Cree, French, English**

**HOURS:** See program at a glance

**LOCATION:** Hall C

## SHUTTLE SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS

**S Golf Carts** - For those Survivors with mobility concerns, golf carts will run on a loop between the main entrance to Prairieland Park and the activities in Diefenbaker Park.

**DATES:** June 21-24

**HOURS:** For the duration of the Event

**LOCATION:** Look for the **S** icon on the map on pages 18-19 for the pick up/drop off location

**Vans** will operate on a loop between Prairieland Park and the various accommodation locations affiliated with the TRC National Event.

**DATES:** June 21-24

**HOURS:** For the duration of the Event

**LOCATION:** Look for the **V** icon on the map on pages 18-19 for the pick up/drop off location

### **||** FOOD VENDORS

**DATES:** June 21-23

**HOURS:** Open for lunches and dinners

**LOCATIONS:** Diefenbaker Park (outdoors)  
Look for the **||** icon on pages 18-19

### FOOD COURT

**DATES:** June 21-24

**HOURS:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**LOCATIONS:** Hall D (indoors)  
Look for the **||** icon on pages 20-21

To get more information about available health supports call toll free:

**Health Canada Saskatchewan Region**  
Telephone (toll-free): 1-866-250-1529  
Teletypewriter: 1-800-267-1245 (Health Canada)

The 24-HOUR NATIONAL CRISIS LINE  
is also available to provide immediate  
emotional assistance:

**1-866-925-4419**

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*“Reconciliation begins with individual acts of courage to listen, and patience to honour and reflect on the stories told by Survivors, former staff, and teachers of residential schools. Now is the time for us to respectfully bear witness.”*

– Dr. Andrea Walsh



**Honourary Witnesses are called upon to be the keepers of history when an event of historic significance occurs.**

Bearing witness to the thought provoking stories of residential school Survivors helps to validate the survivor experience.

Honourary Witnesses are then asked to store and care for the history they have witnessed and most importantly, to share it with their own community when they return home.



*“ I call on all Canadians – elders and youth, Aboriginal or not – to commit to reconciliation and breaking down the wall of indifference. This is not just a dream, it is a collective responsibility.”*

–Michaëlle Jean, former Governor General of Canada, is the TRC's first Honourary Witness.

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Special thanks to all Survivors who traveled from near and far to share their truth and to everyone who has come to witness this important occasion.

On behalf of the Survivors and the TRC, we would like to thank all those who supported and contributed to the success of the National Event.

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We would also like to express our appreciation to the volunteers that contributed to the success of the TRC National Event.

For a complete listing of those that contributed visit [trc.ca](http://trc.ca)