

# NEWSLETTER



*Our mission is to deliver information to our community members about events taking place throughout the community and to provide this in a way that is easy to find and digest the information important to you.*

## NEWS

### Join the 2016 Harvest Feast Planning and Preparation Committee

Anyone wishing to join the planning and preparation committee for the upcoming October 8th Harvest Feast in Yarmouth please contact Amanda at (902) 742-0257

## AFN 2016 DAY CAMP SUMMER GAMES

The Summer Day Camp program held by the AFN Youth Centre located in Yarmouth, NS held a Summer Games event for the children who attend the day camp. The event provided the children



with an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful summer sun while participating in several activities taking place in the field behind the Yarmouth Administrative building. Some of the activities available to the youth were baseball, soccer, an obstacle course and a ring toss game amongst others.



The event was coordinated by the Physical Activity Strategy Coordinator Cathy Leblanc. She was accompanied by Tom Fahie, Youth Development and Healthy Athletics Coordinator for Special Olympics Nova Scotia and Jillian Griffin, Active Living Coordinator for Yarmouth Recreation.

As the children participated in the activity stations set around the field, the smiles on their faces made it apparent that this year's Summer Games was a great success. Events like these are what make great memories for our children as they mature and grow into adulthood. Remembering similar events held over the summer on the Yarmouth reserve often cause me to look back on those days fondly. With the success of this year's games, I can not wait to see what next year has in store for the children.

## POWWOW Volunteers

To help pull off an amazing event like the 2016 Acadia First Nation POWWOW, many volunteers are needed. We are looking for lots of help to make this year great. Areas needed:

- Canteen
- Cookhouse feast prep
- BBQ operators
- Salmon pit
- Grounds clean up
- Grounds set up & tear down
- Runners
- Host / Hostess
- Kitchen help

If interested, call the Gold Nugget (902 627-1265), Gold Reserves (902 627-1189) or call the Yarmouth office (902 742-0257) and provide your contact information. All volunteers receive a follow up call.

# THE 140TH SHELBURNE EXHIBITION



The Shelburne Exhibition kicked off it's 140<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition on August 9, 2016. To help celebrate this occasion, the AFN Shelburne Recreation Committee entered a float for this year's Shelburne Exhibition Parade. The team

showed off their pride in their culture and their heritage with the hard work they put into the float, paying off their effort when the float took second place overall. It took a great team of volunteers to put it all together. We had community members Councillor Darlene Coulton, Councillor Rachel Falls, Carol Morash, June Coulton, Bill Acker, Doris Hanson, Jeanette Nickerson, Dawn and Brittney Hammond all volunteer their time to make this a success. Volunteers Twyla Ross and Kayleigh Varner from outside of the community jumped on board to give a hand with the float. On behalf of Acadia First Nation I would like to thank all of the volunteers for their time in making the float a great success and a symbol of our pride for our community.

On board the float, the AFN Shelburne Recreation Committee was joined by several youths from the community. Some of the youth on board included Isaac Hammond, Logan Hammond, Kayden

Varner, Kyria Varner and Jayson Surette. Some of the youths wore traditional Mi'kmaq garments while riding on the float during the parade and shared huge smiles when the float was awarded second place overall.

The 140th Shelburne Exhibition also seen a member of our community compete in the Little Miss Exhibition Pageant. Our representative for the 2016 Little Miss Exhibition Pageant was Skyla Hammond. Skyla did a great job representing our community and did exceptional in all the events she attended during the Shelburne Exhibition. Great Job Skyla! Thanks for representing our community!



# ACADIA FIRST NATION 2016 POWWOW

We are getting prepared for the 2016 Acadia First Nation POWWOW being held on September 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> in Gold River. Everyone is welcome to come out and celebrate our culture at this important annual event. This event gives our community a chance to come together and bond with each other over our common culture and experience the traditional ceremonies that our ancestors took part in. The POWWOW gives our community a venue where we can show pride in our heritage.



The event will include workshops and activities for the youth that will allow the youth to show off some of their artistic and creative skills and build their self confidence by taking pride in their creations. There will be plenty of artisans and vendors on site to provide their wares to those in attendance that wish to take advantage of the various booths/stations set up. All vendors in attendance are only asked for a donation towards the giveaway blanket as a fee for their attendance. Anyone interested in vending for the event can contact [chadandterri@gmail.com](mailto:chadandterri@gmail.com) for details.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY	EVENT	DETAILS/LOCATION	DATES
Acadia First Nation	Moose Hunting Trip	The annual Youth Moose Hunting Trip (ages 14 - 19) to Cape Breton is now accepting participants. If interested please contact Amanda at (902) 742-0257	September 24 - October 1
	Annual General Meeting	AFN Band Members are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting with Chief and Council held at the Comfort Hotel Bayers Lake	October 15 at 1:00 pm
Yarmouth	Harvest Feast	The annual Harvest Feast will take place behind the Yarmouth Administrative building. More details will be provided as they become available.	October 8
Wildcat	Community Conservation Plan	Meeting to discuss a Community Conservation Plan for the Eastern Ribbonsnakes on AFN reserve lands. Come help conserve this protected species.	August 30