

Wildcat Community

Highlights of Current & Upcoming Events

- A proposal for the Wildcat Community Center was submitted to the Ponhook Trust and voted on by the Acadia First Nation Membership in July 2012. The final votes were tallied and the proposal was passed.

In late August 2013 the ground work for the Wildcat Community Center started. By the date of this report, the reduced carpenter crew are installing the windows, doors and siding. Thank you, to all the AFN members who came out to vote at the meetings to make our Community Center a reality.



(August 26, 2013)



(September 24, 2013)



(October 31, 2013)

- For the past 6 years, Wildcat Community (with Todd Labrador's guidance) has participated in hatching Salmon Eggs and releasing them in the spring. This has always been done in conjunction with the students at North Queens School. This year we held a separate release for the children from Gold River and some teaching staff. Our last Salmon release was April 29, 2013 and we have been advised that we could not get any salmon eggs this year.
- Wildcat Community now has Blood Collection Services every three months for our community members. We also have a VON Wellness Clinic the last Thursday of each month.
- A Food Handlers Course was held in May with 5 successful participants.
- Wildcat Community hosted the Mi'kmaq Valley Youth Gathering in July 2013. There were 148 people in attendance and youth from across the province shared our naturally beautiful community. Thanks to all who made the day a success as sponsors; youth; Elders; volunteers; Chief & Council; Government Officials; AFN staff; Youth Gathering Committee members; Micmac Family & Children Services and to Todd Labrador and the Wildcat Community members for all their hard work preparing the sites and for the Demonstration Guiding Show.
- The families in Wildcat went to Prince Edward Island in August 2013 on their family trip. This is the first trip the families have ever been on as a group outside of our local area. Excellent trip and lots of fun!
- Wildcat Community holds monthly workshops; Parent & Tot Group; community meetings; potlucks; community brunch; Treaty Day Supper; Earth Day Clean-ups and other special events like our Easter Egg Hunt; pumpkin carving and wreath making, throughout the year. Our outdoor skating rink was a success last year as it was well used by the children in the community.
- Our monthly community newsletter, the *WILDCAT GAZETTE*, continues to keep the community members informed and share updates and reflect on our events and accomplishments.

UPCOMING

- Our annual Community Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December and we will be having a Santa Party for the children in the community in December as well.
- A community breakfast is scheduled for December

On behalf of the Wildcat Community, it has been a pleasure having Todd Labrador as a Councillor for the past 8 years and although we are sad to see him leave, we respect his decision. AFN Councillor Charmaine Stevens has been coming to the community and will be in Wildcat every second Monday starting November 18, 2013.