

Branches of Native Development Presents:



NATIONAL



ABORIGINAL DAYS

Building Bridges ~ Bridging Cultures

June 19 - 21, 2009

Noon to Dusk

Sunrise Ceremony at 7:00 am

Gage Park

Hamilton, Ontario

Sunday

*Celebrating Métis culture
with the
Centre Français Hamilton*



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DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT ~ PLEASE RESPECT

Hamilton Regional Indian Centre, Urban Native Homes Inc., Sacajawea Non-Profit Housing, Niwasa Head Start Preschool, Métis Nation of Ontario, Métis Women's Circle, McMaster Indigenous Studies Program, De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre, Mohawk College – Aboriginal Student Services, Native Women's Centre, Grand River Employment and Training, O-GI, Canadian Heritage, Protecting Mother Earth, Ministry of Education

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Schedule of Events

Friday, June 19, 2009

- 7 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony
- Noon Niwasa Head Start Preschool Graduation
- 1-3 p.m. Children's Cultural Program
- Dance and drum presentation
 - Traditional story telling
 - Iroquois language circle
 - Recreational games
 - Ring and stick make-and-take
 - Little People's Parade with regalia
- Lacrosse Demonstration
Martial Arts Demonstration (band shell)
Prize Bingo at Seniors' Tent
- 2-4 p.m. Drumming workshop for youth & adults
led by Brenda MacIntyre, Medicine Song Woman
www.brendamacintyre.com
- 3-5 p.m. Crafts at Seniors' Tent
- 3:30 p.m. *Seno General* Hip-Hop (band shell)
Wisdom Keepers' teachings
- 4:30 p.m. Sisters in Spirit Memorial Circle
- 5:00 p.m. *Crooked Trail Band* (band shell)
- 7-9 p.m. Drumming workshop, *led by Rod Nettagog*
Traditional teachings, *led by Dave Labbe*

Saturday, June 20

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony
- 10:30 a.m. Kitty Joseph Walk for Change
- Noon Opening Ceremony & Prayer
- 12:30 p.m. Drumming & Dance Demonstrations until 4 p.m.
Free BBQ at BOND food tent until 2:30 p.m.
Children's Activity Tent open until 3:30 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. Lacrosse Demonstration
Martial Arts Demonstration
Prize Bingo at Seniors' Tent
- 2 p.m. Joseph Starman Cultural Presentation

- 3 p.m. Ruth and Fred May Singers (band shell)
Story-telling *with Norma General*
- 4 p.m. Aztec Dancers
- 5-8 p.m. Aboriginal Idol
(Show off your karaoke talent for prizes
at the band shell!)

Sunday, June 21

- 7 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony
- 11 a.m. Opening Ceremonies & Prayer
- 12:00 Métis Women's Drum Circle
- 12:30 Entertainment at the band shell
(shared with *Franco-Fête '09*)
- Dubai Singers
 - CM Dancing
 - Les Bons Riants
 - Olivine Bousquet Métis Dancers
 - Métis Fiddler Quartet
- Activities for children on the grass
Wisdom Keepers
- 5:30 pm Closing Ceremonies

On-going

- * Canoe-building workshop from June 17-20
- * Firekeepers are on hand at all times to speak to you
and answer questions
- * Food and souvenir vendors