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Slave Lake, Alberta

Celebrating Métis Week at Northern Lakes College

Northern Lakes College is celebrating Métis Week, November 10 – 16, with a variety of events and presentations across the NLC service region.

The Métis Nation of Alberta has declared the week surrounding November 16, which is the date of The Right Honourable Louis Riel's death, as Métis Week. Métis people pay tribute to Riel and his visions. These visions include recognition of Métis people as a distinct group and nation, along with fairness and equality for all.

In conjunction with Regions 5 and 6 of the Métis Nation of Alberta, flag raising ceremonies will be held on Wednesday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. at Rene Hall Plaza in Slave Lake and the Main Street Circle in Peace River. The event in Peace River will be followed by an Open House at the Métis Nation Region 6 office, featuring a free stew and bannock lunch, Métis Awareness presentation, and a Kinley Paul fiddle performance.

On Thursday, November 14, *The Colours of the Métis Sash: Stories of Identity, Culture, and Reconnection*, will be released to the public at 9:30 a.m. on the College's YouTube channel, *YourfutureNLC*. This informational video, produced in partnership with Rupertsland Institute: Métis Centre of Excellence, discusses aspects of Métis heritage and identity. Community members in Gift Lake, Fort Vermilion, and Peavine are invited to attend a free Lunch & Learn at 11:30 at the NLC campus, where there will be a viewing of the video. Those in attendance at the Region 6 Open House will have an opportunity to preview the video a day prior to its public launch.

In partnership with NLC, on Friday, November 15, Métis Nation Region 5 is hosting a free luncheon and performance by the Edmonton Métis Dancers at the Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All members of the public are invited to attend and enjoy a meal and entertainment.

NLC is sponsoring public swim times in a number of communities. On November 13, a free public swim is sponsored at the Peace Regional Pool from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. On November 16, swims are sponsored at the High Prairie Regional Aquatic Centre from 1:15 to 3:00 p.m., the Northern Lights Aquatic Centre in Slave Lake from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., the R.E. Walter Aquatic Centre in High Level from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Wabasca Water World from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Students, staff, and community members are encouraged to check the NLC Facebook page for announcements regarding other scheduled Métis Week events and for further details on the events above.



Northern Lakes College (NLC), located in northern Alberta, provides quality programs through distributed learning to over 6,000 students annually. NLC offers certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences and Allied Health, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies, and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with partners to offer degree completion opportunities, including a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Social Work. NLC provides professional accreditation and certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department.

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