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## FORT MCKAY HOCKEY WEEK ATTRACTS HUNDREDS

Hundreds of people gathered during Fort McKay Hockey Week to share their passion for hockey and all things associated with the game. From May 6th to the 10th, participants enjoyed a speaking engagement with Jordin Tootoo, an auction fundraiser, a charity game with NHL stars and 2 days of 'Greater Strides' Hockey School.

On May the 6th, over 750 youth from the region attended the Jordin Tootoo Speaker Series at Syncrude Sport and Wellness centre. Jordin John Kudluk Tootoo is a well known Canadian NHL hockey player who currently plays for the New Jersey Devils. He has

also played for the Nashville Predators and the Detroit Red Wings. Tootoo is the first player of Inuk decent from Nunavut to participate in the NHL. Tootoo shared his life story with all of those attending. "When Jordin talked in front of the youth, you could hear a pin drop as the kids were focused on what he had to say," explained Simon Adams, Community Services Director. At the end of the presentation, everyone walked out with copies his new book called "All the Way: My Life On Ice".

The event was followed by a dinner at the Sawridge Hotel, which  
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Hockey players who participated in Fort McKay's Charity Hockey Game.





# CREEBURN LAKE LODGE RE-OPENS

Creeburn Lake Lodge is a premier lodge owned by Fort McKay First Nation in partnership with ATCO Structures and Logistics. Operating since 2007, the lodge was closed last December for renovations to modernize and revitalize the facility. With the renovations complete the lodge was reopened this month and is almost fully booked with guests.



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Located down the road from the Industrial Park, the lodge includes a number of exceptional facilities such as a driving range for golfers, a fitness room, and lounge/restaurant for guests. In the future the Nation will be looking to host events at the lodge to showcase it to the community and the outside

public. Availability permitting, community members could potentially host some of their own events at the lodge.

During this year's Treaty Days, there will be a formal re-opening ceremony for the lodge that community members will be invited to.



100 youth in total participated in the Greater Strides Hockey Academy camp.



# HOCKEY WEEK CONT'D

was part of the Mental Health Awareness week. Money raised will go towards mental health programs for the surrounding First-Nation communities.

The following night, the Fort McKay Hockey Society hosted an Auction night for Fort McKay Hockey Academy at the East Village Pub and Eatery in Fort McMurray. Auction items for bid included signed jerseys from legendary NHL players such as Jordin Tootoo, Wayne Gretzky, Mark Messier, Jonathan Toews and Steve Yzerman. In attendance were Jordin Tootoo, Chris Simon, Sandy McCarthy, Brantt Mhyres, and Mel Angelstad. During the auction, an astonishing \$45,000 was raised for the Hockey Academy. The Team Tootoo Foundation also donated \$5000 to Canadian Mental Health Association.

On Friday, over 300 people attended a charity hockey game which included NHL players Chris Simon, Sandy McCarthy, Brantt Mhyres, and Mel Angelstad. Shay Laurent, (former Junior Oil Barons Hockey player from Fort McKay), was also on the ice as well as 32 other players from Fort Chipewyan, Janvier, Fort McMurray and Fort McKay. Proceeds from this event went to the Fort McKay Hockey Academy.

Saturday and Sunday were all about the youth. More than 100 youth between the age of 5 and 17 participated in the Greater Strides Hockey Camp. The Camp was attended by youth from all over



**The hardworking Fort McKay Hockey Society Board and Volunteers pose with Jordin Tootoo. From left to right: Brad Fabian, Candice Fabian, BJ Fitzpatrick, Brandy Fitzpatrick, Jordin Tootoo, Dennis Shott, Lolita Shott, Deanna Shott, and Sheldon Shott.**

the Wood Buffalo Region.

The Fort McKay Hockey Society would like to thank all the sponsors for making this event happen and become a reality for the communities in our region. Simon Adams, the Fort McKay Community Services Director, expressed his gratitude to: "Petrina Fudge (Bouchier Group) who coordinated the banquet and was also the main reason the event was a success, Elisa Whiteknife for coordinating the event with the schools, Nate Bedford (Keyano Huskies) for allowing us to use the Syncrude Sport and Wellness Centre, and Jerry Neville from the Municipality of Wood Buffalo for looking after the video, emceeing and announcing at the Charity Game. This event would also not have happened without the leader-

ship of David and Nicole Bouchier. We are very thankful to have had so much help and support from so many."

The Fort McKay community thanks Simon Adams for his role in organizing hockey week, and for helping to revitalize the sport of hockey in Fort McKay!





# 1899 TREATY 8 SIGNED IN FORT McMURRAY

On Aug. 4, 1899, representatives of the Government of Canada and "The Chipewyan and Cree Indians of Fort McMurray" agreed to the terms of Treaty 8 in Fort McMurray. Adam Boucher of Fort McKay signed the treaty on behalf of the Chipewyan people while Seapotakimum Cree of Gregoire Lake signed on behalf of the Cree people.

In giving up their rights to their land, the people who agreed to the treaty were provided with reserves on the basis of 1 square mile per family of 5. Among other things, every person received a payment of 12 dollars on the day the

treaty was signed and were promised a payment of 5 dollars every year thereafter forever. Also, the government agreed "to pay the salaries of such teachers to instruct the children...."

The people of Fort McKay received their promised land 16 years later in 1915 (reserves across the river from the community, Moose Lake and Buffalo Lake) and their promised school 51 years later in 1950.

The Fort McKay First Nation became an independent band in 1960.

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The Chipewyan and  
Cree Indians of Fort Mc Murray  
and the country thereto have  
ing out at Fort Mc Murray on  
this fourth day of August in  
this present year 1899 Her  
Majesty's Commissioner, James  
Andrew Joseph Mc Kenna, Esquire  
and having had explained to  
them the terms of the Treaty  
into which <sup>the</sup> Chief and Headmen  
of the Indians of Lesser Slave  
Lake and adjacent country set  
their hands on the twenty-first  
day of June in the year herein  
first above written do join in  
the assent made by the said  
Treaty and agree to adhere to the  
terms thereof in consideration of  
the undertakings made therein.

On Witness whereof Her  
Majesty's said Commissioner and  
the Headmen of the said Chipewyan  
and Cree Indians have hereunto  
set their hands at Fort Mc Murray  
on this fourth day of August in  
the year herein first above  
written.

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written.

Signed by the  
parties thereto in  
the presence of the  
undersigned witnesses  
after the same had  
been read and ex-  
plained to the  
Indians by the Rev.  
Father Lacombe and  
P. M. Clark, Interpreters.

A. Lacombe  
P. M. Clark

Agnes Lema  
Chief Commissioner

Adam Boucher  
his mark  
Chipewyan Headman

Seapotakimum  
his mark  
Cree Headman

Arthur J. Warwick  
J. M. Clarke  
J. H. Martin  
J. J. Gerald  
W. Vernon  
H. J. Vernon



# DID YOU KNOW??

## *Fort McKay's First Logo*



Fort McKay's logo first appeared in the early 1980's during Treaty Days when former Chief Dorothy McDonald contracted an artist to paint a design on a tipis for the celebration. The painting was thought to represent the community so well that it was adopted as Fort McKay's official logo ever since.

## *A Message From the Family of Margaret MacDonald*

*The children of Margaret MacDonald would like to thank all the family & friends who supported us after the loss of our mom. All the food, cards, wreaths, and flowers, the kindness and sympathy were greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who attended the wake and the funeral. A very special thank you to Father Reddy for the beautiful service and touching tribute to mom. She was a good, strong, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We miss her everyday.*







**FORT MCKAY**  
FIRST NATION

# Fort McKay First Nation Treaty Days

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Inspired by our past, Invested in our future

<http://www.fortmckay.com>

Thursday June, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Time	Event	Location
<b>Entry Fee charge:</b> \$300 / team (non-McKay members) \$100 / team (McKay members)	4 – 9:30 pm	<b>Baseball Tournament</b>	Behind School
<b>Entry Fee charge:</b> \$20 (non-McKay member, adults) \$10 (non-McKay youth, 11 to 15 yrs) \$10 (McKay member, adults & youth) \$5 (all kids, up to 10 yrs)	4:30 – 9 pm	<b>Ft. McKay Idol Jigging Contest</b>	Amphitheater
Friday June, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Time	Event	Location
	8 – 9 am	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	Band Hall
	9 am – 5 pm	<b>Information &amp; Merchandise</b>	Gazebo
	9 am – 6 pm	<b>Baseball Tournament</b>	Behind School
	9:45 – 10 am	<b>Kids Bike Parade</b>	Fire Hall to Wellness Center
	10 – 11 am	<b>Main Parade</b>	Starts at north end
	11:30 am – 1 pm	<b>Opening Ceremonies</b>	Amphitheater
	12:30 – 3:30 pm	<b>INAC Treaty Payout</b>	Band Hall
	1 – 2 pm	<b>BBQ</b>	Behind Band Hall
	1:30 – 3 pm	<b>Corporate Tug-of-war</b>	Behind Band Hall
	2 – 6 pm	<b>Hand Games</b>	Beside Upper Arbour
<b>Charge for traditional meal:</b> \$10 (non-McKay member) Free (McKay members)	2 – 6 pm	<b>Cultural Village</b>	Cultural Village Area
	2 – 6 pm	<b>Kids Activities</b>	Arena
	2 – 6 pm	<b>Petting Zoo &amp; Pony Rides</b>	Outside Arena
	6 pm – Midnight	<b>Traditional Evening</b> Traditional Dance Exhibition Moose & Duck Calling Contest Giveaway Round Dance	Upper Arbour

Or for other info please contact: Fred McDonald Email: [fredm@fortmckay.com](mailto:fredm@fortmckay.com) Cellular: 780-370-8374







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Saturday June, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Time	Event	Location
	8:30 – 10 am	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	Band Hall
	9 – 5 pm	<b>Information &amp; Merchandise</b>	Gazebo Near Band Hall
	9 am – 6 pm	<b>Baseball Tournament</b>	Behind School
	Noon – 5 pm	<b>Cultural Village</b>	Cultural Village Area
	Noon – 5 pm	<b>Kids Activities</b>	Arena
<b>Entry Fee charge:</b> \$20 (non-McKay member) \$10 (McKay member) Free (elders - 55 yrs +)	1 – 3 pm	<b>Community Bingo</b> Adults only (18 yrs +)	Band Hall
	1 – 5 pm	<b>Petting Zoo &amp; Pony Rides</b>	Outside Arena
<b>Entry Fee day-charge:</b> \$20 (adult) \$5 (youth, 11 to 15 yrs old) Free (kids, up to 10 yrs old) Free (McKay members)	2:15 – 3:15 pm 3:30 – 4:45 pm	<b>Afternoon Entertainment</b> AB Original Carly Rivers Band	Amphitheater
	5 – 6:30 pm	<b>Supper</b>	Band Hall
<b>Entry Fee day-charge:</b> \$20 (adult) \$5 (youth, 11 to 15 yrs old) Free (kids, up to 10 yrs old) Free (McKay members)	7 - 8:15 8:30 – 9:45 pm 10 – 11:30 pm	<b>Evening Entertainment</b> Stephanie Harpe Experience Nicely Put Together Main event: The Stampeders	Amphitheater
	Midnight-ish	<b>Fireworks</b>	Athabasca River
Sunday June, 21 <sup>st</sup>	Time	Event	Location
	10 am – 7 pm	<b>Baseball Tournament</b>	Behind School

Go to [fortmckay.com](http://fortmckay.com) for more information, including concession applications

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# WINNERS OF THE FORT MCKAY 4 WEEK FITNESS CHALLENGE

Last month, The Fort McKay Recreation team organized a 4-week fitness challenge to encourage people to hit the gym and work a good sweat. The prolonged competition included a number of different goals giving everyone the opportunity to focus on the various components relating to health and fitness. We would like to congratulate everyone for their efforts and especially all of the winners who worked very hard to win the following weekly challenges:

1st week - Katherine Durocher (most steps in 10 days) won a \$25 gift card to Garage

2nd week - Terry Fontaine (most steps in 10 days) won a \$25 gift card to Canadian Tire

3rd week - Heather Richards (clean eating) won a \$25 gift card to BP with the \*smart eating menu\*

4th week - Doris Young (3 day cleanse) won a \$25 gift card to Starbucks



Our overall winners were Katherine Durocher who lost the most inches during the challenge and Terry Fontaine who lost the most weight. Both winners received a \$100 gift certificate from Sport Check.

## THANK YOU!!!

"The Fort McKay Wellness Center would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped with our Casino held on May 21st and 22nd. This is a very important fundraiser that only happens every 18 months and we are so thankful to have so much support this year!

We would like to thank the following volunteers for helping us out this year: Melinda Stewart, Candice L'Hommecourt, Bobbi Sprague, Shawna Janvier, Simon Adams, Audrey Redcrow, Deanna Shott, Janice Richards, Star Grandjambe, Hilda Orr-Desjarlais, Jennifer Coutourelle, Didi Grandjambe, Kia Torreville, Deanna Goodyear, Stefany Guillen-Garces, Steven Grau, Ken Saunderson and Karen Saunderson

Without each and every one of you, we would not have been able to participate! THANK YOU!"

## ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS:

If you are planning to attend school in September 2015, please note that the deadline for post-secondary funding applications is June 15, 2015 for both, Fort McKay First Nation and Athabasca Tribal Council.

For more information, please contact: Marie McDonald at: 780-828-2430





**Everybody is  
Welcome!**



**FORT MCKAY MÉTIS**

**DAYS**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Camping Starts Thursday, July 2 - 5, 2015**  
Please contact Dwayne Roth for more info 587-646-2545

**Baseball Starts Friday, July 3 - 5, 2015**  
Please contact Peter Powder for more info 780-263-3001

**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

Opening Ceremonies: 2:00 pm Arena  
Supper (Bertini): 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm Arena  
Kids Bouncy: 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Baseball: 6:00 pm  
Competitions: 3:00 pm & 9:00 pm  
Jigging Contest & Talent Show

18 & up  
1) \$2000  
2) \$1000  
3) \$500

13 & 17  
1) \$500  
2) \$300  
3) \$200

**Jigging Prizes**

8 & 12  
1) \$300  
2) \$200  
3) \$100

1 to 7  
1) \$100  
2) \$75  
3) \$50

Golden Age 55 & Up  
1) \$1000  
2) \$500  
3) \$250

18 & up  
1) \$3000  
2) \$2000  
3) \$1000

13 & 17  
1) \$500  
2) \$300  
3) \$200

**Talent Show Prizes**

8 & 12  
1) \$300  
2) \$200  
3) \$100

1 to 7  
1) \$100  
2) \$75  
3) \$50

Golden Age 55 & Up  
1) \$1500  
2) \$1000  
3) \$500

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Breakfast: 8:00 am to 10:00 am  
Competitions: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm ~ Kids Bouncy Castles: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Workshops: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Bannock Making, Metis History, Jigging Lessons  
Lunch (Bertini): 12:00 pm Arbor  
Events: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Log Sawing, Egg Toss, Sack Race,  
2 Legged Race - Cash Prizes  
Traditional Supper: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm Band Office

Beer Gardens: 3:00 pm to 1:00 am  
Evening Entertainment:  
Nicely Put Together 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
Northern Half Breeds 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Ernest Monias 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
Donny Parenteau 10:00 pm to 2:00 am

**Square Dancing Prizes**

Professional  
1) \$4000  
2) \$3000  
3) \$2000

Amateur  
1) \$3000  
2) \$1500  
3) \$750

18 & Up  
1) \$1000  
2) \$750  
3) \$500

**Fiddling Prizes**

17 & Under  
1) \$500  
2) \$300  
3) \$200

Golden Age 55 & Up  
1) \$1000  
2) \$750  
3) 500

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Finals in Baseball**  
BBQ to follow from McKay Metis  
Energy Service






# Being Good neighbours

You are invited to meet key industry representatives and discuss projects, employment and other related topics that affect you in your community.



Fort McKay Sustainability  
Department in conjunction  
with Industry Partners  
are hosting an informational

## tradeshow and community BBQ



JUNE 4  
11am–3pm  
fort mckay arena

For more information  
please contact:

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Community Liason,

Fort McKay Sustainability Department

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# SYMBOLISM OF THE EAGLE FEATHER

## ~A Lumber Legend~



*photograph taken by Charles McDonald*

In the beginning, the Great Spirit above gave to the animals and birds wisdom and knowledge and the power to talk to men. He sent these creatures to tell man that he showed himself through them. They would teach a chosen man sacred songs and dance, as well as much ritual and lore.

The creature most loved by the Great Spirit was the eagle, for he tells the story of life. The Eagle, as you know, has only two eggs, and all living things in the world are divided into two. Here is man and woman, male and female and this is true with animals, birds, trees, flowers and so on. All things have children of two kinds so that life may continue. Man has two eyes, two hands, two feet and he has a body and soul, substance and shadow.

Through his eyes, he sees pleasant and unpleasant scenes, through his nostrils he smells good and bad odors, with his ears he hears joyful news and words that make him sad. His mind is divided between good and evil. His right hand he may often use for evil, such as war or striking a person in anger. But his left hand, which is near his heart, is always full of kindness. His right foot may lead him in the wrong path, but his left foot always leads him the right way, and so it goes; he has day-

light and darkness, summer and winter, peace and war, and life and death.

In order to remember this lesson of life, look to the great eagle, the favorite bird of the Great Spirit. The eagle feather is divided into two parts, part light, and part dark. This represents daylight and darkness, summer and winter, peace and war, and life and death. So that you may remember what I have told you, look well on the eagle, for his feathers, too, tell the story of life.

Look at the feathers I wear upon my hand, the one on the right is large and perfect and is decorated; this represents man. The one on my left is small and plain; this represents woman. The eagle feather is divided into two parts, dark and white. This represents daylight and darkness, summer and winter. For the white tells of summer, when all is bright and the dark represents the dark days of winter.

My children, remember what I tell you. For it is YOU who will choose the path in life you will follow -- the good way, or the wrong way.

*excerpts taken from: <http://www.firstpeople.us/>*

## QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

**Fort McKay - Tuesday, June 2nd**  
Band Hall @ 6:30 pm  
**Ft. McMurray - Wednesday, June 3rd**  
Stonebridge Hotel @ 6:30 pm  
**Edmonton - Thursday, June 4th**  
Chateau Nova Hotel @ 7:00 pm

All members of the Fort McKay First Nation  
are welcome to attend.



# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

## RECREATIONAL CENTRE

### Fitness Classes

**Yoga:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12-1pm

### Relay for Life

Will be held at the Casman Centre on June 19th from 7pm to June 20th 7am. Our Fort McKay team is called Fort McKay Walkers for Life. We are still doing fundraisers on the following dates:

**June 7th** Community Garage sale; buy a table for \$10 at the Band Hall from 11-3pm

**June 16th** Lunch at the Band Hall 12pm

## WELLNESS CENTRE

**780-828-4312**

### Monday to Thursday:

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM After school activities (Ages 6-17)  
5:00-6:00 PM Supper Program (Ages 6-17)

### Mondays:

June 1st & 22nd - Playground Games (Ages 10+)

6:00PM-8:00PM

June 8th - Outdoor Fitness (Ages 10+)

6:00PM-8:00PM

June 22nd - MESSTIVAL (Ages 10+)

6:00PM-8:00PM

### Tuesdays:

June 2nd & 8th - Soccer

(Ages 10+)

6:00PM-8:00PM

June 16th & 23rd - Softball

(Ages 10+)

6:00PM-8:00PM

### Wednesdays:

June 3rd - Survivor (Ages 10+)

6:00PM-8:00PM

June 10th - Video Scavenger Hunt (Ages 10+)

6:00PM-8:00PM

June 17th -

Treat Days Bike Decorating

6:00pm-8:00pm

(All Ages)

June 24th - The Amazing Race (Ages 10+)

6:00PM-8:00PM

### Thursdays:

6:00-8:00 pm Board Game Nights (Ages 10+)

\*Closed on June 18th @ 5pm for Fort McKay Idol

### Fridays:

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM (Ages 6-17)

4:30 PM to 5:30 PM Supper Program (Ages 6-17)

### Pre Teen Night Trip

June 5th

\*Permission slip required

Bus leaves at 5:30 pm

Bus Returns at 10:00 PM

Ages 6-9 ONLY

### Teen Night Trip

June 12th

\*Permission slip required

Bus leaves at 5:30 pm

Bus Returns at 10:00 PM

Ages 10-17 ONLY

\*\*All kids ages 9 and under MUST be picked up by 5:30 PM

**Summer Camp begin June 29th**

\*The Wellness Center will be closed on June 19th and July 1st.

## FORT MCKAY FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

**780-828-4048**

### Mondays

ATC Child & Family Services – Foster Program & Family Enhancement.

Alcohol Anonymous (AA)

Meeting 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

Last Monday of month-probation/ parole Services.

### Tuesdays

Women's Sharing Circle 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

### Wednesdays

Victim services – Victims of Crime support, Narcotics.

Anonymous (NA) Meeting 7:30pm – 8:30pm.

### Thursdays

NEAFAN – Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Assessments.

Karaoke – 7:00pm– 9:00pm.

### Saturdays

Sweat Lodge – 1:00pm.

## EMPLOYMENT CENTRE

**780-828-2478**

Drop ins welcome! We will assist you on a first come first serve basis.

## HEALTH CENTRE

**780-828-2450**

### Mondays-Wednesdays

The Doctor is in

### Tuesdays and Thursdays

Physiotherapy & Dr. Taiwo

\*please call in advance to verify

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