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NIKANI AWTIKEN APPLICATION

For Participants And Parents/Guardians

Nikani Awtiken, a Mi'kmaq phrase that means "trail blazing" or "creating a new path", is an eight-day long summer camp for Mi'kmaq high school students that will provide you with hands-on opportunities in natural resource management and traditional perspectives of sustainability. It is hosted by the Mi'kmaq Environmental Learning Centre and Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources.

Nikani Awtiken is at Camp Rankin, near St. Peters, from August 8 to 15.

The main goals of Nikani Awtiken are:

1. To gain hands-on experience in local natural resource management
2. To provide opportunities to explore careers in natural resource management
3. To help youth re-connect with nature
4. To help youth re-connect with traditional Mi'kmaq values and practices

You will share the camp with 28 young men and women from across Nova Scotia, four camp counselors, and a camp cook. Everyone will remain at the camp for the duration of the entire camp, from August 8–15.

As a camp participant, you will participate in workshops and field trips, with resource experts and Mi'kmaq Elders, who will provide training in a wide range of skills through the perspective of traditional Mi'kmaq knowledge. These skills include, but are not limited to, forest management, native species and medicinal plant identification, natural resource management, first aid, boating certification, archery, traditional eel spearing, and more.

The Nikani Awtiken position can be challenging and demands maturity, flexibility and a good nature. It is free for all participants, but participants are responsible for all necessary items required (see list.)

Participants must be 15 to 18 years old (as of August 1, 2017), and be enrolled in school, or a recent graduate.

Please complete the forms and return them (by mail, fax, or email) to the Camp Director:

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NIKANI AWTIKEN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

For Participants And Parents/Guardians

Name _____

Birthdate _____

Gender (Please circle): Female / Male

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email _____ (Please let us know if this is the participant's email or a parent's email)

School _____

Grade (for September 2017) _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Contact Number(s) _____

Emergency Contact (Other than parent/guardians...can be a grandparent or a neighbor)

Name _____

Relationship to Camp Participant _____

Contact Number _____

Best Way to Reach Parent _____





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NIKANI AWTIKEN PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE A

For Participants

1. How did you hear about the program?

2. Why do you want to come to Nikani Awtiken?
What aspect of camp are you looking forward to the most?

3. Do you have any long-term goals for the future?
Do you think being a camp participant will help you meet those goals? If so, how?

4. What do you like to do during your free time?
What outdoor activities do you enjoy?

5. Have you ever been camping? Yes or No?





For Participants

6. What's the longest you've ever been away from home/your family?
How do you feel about being in a camp for eight days?
7. Is there any reason you would be unable to stay at camp for the full session?
(i.e. wedding, sporting event, etc.)





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NIKANI AWTIKEN WAIVER RELEASE

For Parents/Guardians

I hereby authorize my son/daughter to participate in the Nikani Awtiken program.

Although every precaution has been taken to protect the safety of my son/daughter,

I hereby release Mi'kmaq Environmental Learning Centre and the Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources, its Directors and Staff and contract employees, as well as other organizations that may provide training instructors for the program, from and against any liability arising through participation in the program.

Name of Nikani Awtiken Participant: _____

Signature of Nikani Awtiken Participant: _____

Name of Parent / Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____





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NIKANI AWTIKEN MEDICAL OVERVIEW

For Parents/Guardians

Participant's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Nikani Awtiken camp can be challenging and requires this individual to be in good physical condition. They will be living in a camp for eight days, which may include some heavy lifting, long hikes, and regular canoeing, swimming and other outdoor activities.

Please respond to all questions. If the answer is "NO", please write NO".

Name, Address and Phone Number of Family Doctor (Please print):

Is this individual currently taking any medication?

Does he/she have any allergies? Use of EpiPen?

Does he/she follow a special diet?

Does he/she have any physical problems that could restrict their participation?

Does he/she have a chronic health condition we should be aware of?

Do you think he/she is physically able to participate in the program? Yes / No



Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____



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NIKANI AWTIKEN INFORMATION

For Participants And Parents/Guardians

Drop off time is 11:00 am on Tuesday, August 8, 2017.

Participants are responsible for getting to camp. If you can not arrange a drive, please contact the Camp Coordinator 902-379-3854 and they will help connect you with other participants in your area for carpooling.

Directions to Camp: In St. Peters, turn at the Cosy Corner Restaurant, onto Pepperell Street. Drive 12 km, and you'll see Camp Rankin on your right.

Pick up time is between noon and 1:00 pm on Monday, August 15.
We will have a celebratory BBQ lunch at noon with families. Please join us!

If you would like any more information about the camp, or if you need to get in touch with the participant during the week, please contact the Camp Coordinator at 902-379-3854.

PACKING CHECKLIST

Please bring the following things with you:

- sleeping bag and pillow (some campers also bring a single air mattress)
- rubber boots, running shoes, hiking boots, comfortable sandals
- clothing for eight days (laundry on site)
- hat, rain gear, warm clothing for cool weather
- toiletries—toothbrush, shampoo, etc. Plan to bring enough for eight days.
- towels for shower and beach
- flashlight
- water bottle, sunglasses, sunscreen
- fishing gear (optional)
- sporting equipment (optional)
- musical instruments (optional)

You can bring a cell phone—there is limited cellular reception at the camp, however, you will not be allowed to use these during sessions.
Cameras, i-Pods and other devices should be brought at your own risk.
MELC/UINR is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

