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						1 Chronic Wasting Disease Workshop 5 pm, DJGM Empowered Filmmaker DJMG, 9 am - 5 pm
2 Chronic Wasting Disease Workshop 5 pm, DJGM Empowered Filmmaker DJMG, 9 am - 5 pm	3 Vaccine Day for ʔaqam Dogs and Cats	4 Chief and Council Meeting Ka kniłwi-tiyała Youth Tipi Pole L&C, 5-7 pm	5 Ka kniłwi-tiyała Renewal Admin Boardroom, 5-7:30 pm	6 Ktunaxa Land Stewardship Visioning DJMG	7 Celebrate ʔa-kaxapłi (Kootenai Falls) 10 am	8
9	10 Spirit of the Rockies Festival-Banner Making L&C, 1 pm	11	12	13	14 Spirit of the Rockies Festival-Float Decoration L&C, 3 pm	15
16	17	18 Chief and Council Meeting	19 Hoop Dance Workshop with Jay Genallie L&C, 5-8 pm	20 Indigenous Fashion Show DJMG, 6 pm	21	22
23	24	25	26 kitki çamnam - ʔaqam Community Awards L&C, 12-3 pm	27	28	29 Vaccine Boosters for ʔaqam Dogs and Cats
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 Language and Culture

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 ʔaqam Lands

COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Ka kniłwi-tiyała Youth Tipi Pole Meeting

 Tuesday, June 4, 2024
05.00 - 7.30 PM

 ʔaqam Language & Culture Centre or Arbour
Dinner & Door Prizes
bharvey@aqam.net
778.761.1120




Ka kniłwi-tiyała RENEWAL

 Wednesday, June 5, 2024
05.00 - 7.30 PM

 ʔaqam Boardroom or Arbour
Dinner & Door Prizes
bharvey@aqam.net
778.761.1120




We add content to our website regularly. Please, scan the QR Code to visit our News section

COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS


CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024

Info Session
5 pm - 7 pm | Dan Joe Memorial Gym

Join us for a presentation by the Province of BC, with time for questions and two-way information sharing.

Dinner will be served

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

Sample Collection Demonstration
10 am - 1 pm | Dan Joe Memorial Gym

15 spots available to ʔaqamnik hunters.
SIGN UP ASAP!

Lunch provided

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT:

Heather McMahon
✉ hcmahon@aqam.net





Scan the to learn more about CWD

Ktunaxa Land Stewardship Visioning

Community Dinners at 5 pm
Door Prizes!

The ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa Stewardship Plan is rooted in its ʔaqʔsmaknik. This is for all Ktunaxa voices!

YAQAN NUʔKIY JUNE 3, 2024 ROUNDHOUSE	ʔAKISQNUK JUNE 4, 2024 MURAL ROOM	KNC JUNE 5, 2024 KNGB GYM
ʔAQ'AM JUNE 6, 2024 DAN JOE MEMORIAL GYM	REGISTER: HTTPS://LANDSCOMMUNITYENGAGEMENT.EVENTBRITE.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION landscommunityengagement@ktunaxa.org	

A member of ʔaqam is interested in purchasing some Certificate of Possession land for the purpose of building a home for themselves and their horse.

If anyone is interested in transferring their CP Land to someone else, please contact Sarah Baines, Land Code Advisor, at:

✉ sbaines@aqam.net

☎ 236-302-1628

TRESPASSERS ON YOUR CERTIFICATE OF POSSESSION (CP) LANDS?

Rights of CP holders include:

- posting “no trespassing” signs on their privately held property
- asking people they no longer want on their CP lands to leave, even if the CP holder invited the people to the property in the first place

“NO TRESPASSING” SIGNS

can be picked up from Sarah Baines, Land Code Advisor, at the ʔaqam Administration building.

✉ sbaines@aqam.net

☎ (236) 302-1628




COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE

May 16th – July 31st | Nupqu Resources Limited Partnership will be onsite conducting Archeology Impact Assessments at the six wetland restoration sites: Stink Lake, Unnamed Wetland, Francis Lake, Long Lake, Airport Wetland and Twin Lakes.

June 10th– June 15th | Onsite Excavation at the six wetland restoration sites: Stink Lake, Unnamed Wetland, Francis Lake, Long Lake, Airport Wetland and Twin Lakes to do some deep hole tests. Rewilding Water and Earth (Wetland Restoration Consultants) will be onsite overseeing this work be completed.

May 27th – June 15th | Contractor onsite at the six wetland restoration sites: Stink Lake, Unnamed Wetland, Francis Lake, Long Lake, Airport Wetland and Twin Lakes to do a rare plant survey.

June 1st – August 20th | Goat grazing on Long Prairie and near Adrian Lake targeting Sulfur Cinquefoil.

June 1– August 12th | Nupqu Resources Limited Partnership will be onsite conducting Vegetation Inventories within the 2023 Prescribed Burn area and Wildfire area.

June 1– August 12th | Tannas Environmental will be onsite conducting Vegetation Inventories at the six wetland restoration sites: Stink Lake, Unnamed Wetland, Francis Lake, Long Lake, Airport Wetland and Twin Lakes.



INVITATION TO QUOTE WETLAND RESTORATION TEST HOLES JUNE 2024

Location

Kootenay IR No. 1 (see attached map).

Timeline

- Weather dependent, this work will be completed during the week of June 10th- June 14th 2024.

Deliverables

- We are requiring an excavator and skilled operator (minimum 200 series size) with digging bucket and clean up bucket to dig deep test holes at up to 6 wetland restoration sites on the Kootenay IR 1 (outlined in attached map);
- The excavator may be needed for up to 2-5 days, depending on the time required to test groundwater recharge at each site, and the time to walk between sites;
- The excavator will need to be cleaned (free of weed seed and soil) prior to bringing it on to the site;
- The work will be directed on behalf of ?aqam by Robin Annschild of Rewilding Water and Earth.

Insurance

The Contractor shall ensure that the proper licenses and insurance are carried as defined by local, provincial, or federal laws/regulations.

Bid Closing

All bids are to be submitted on the attached bid sheet, either by email (to snikkel@aqam.net) or in a sealed envelope marked "confidential" by 11:59 a.m. on Monday June 3rd 2024 to:

Skyler Nikkel, Lands and Resources Project Coordinator
7470 Mission Road
Cranbrook, B.C. V1C 7E5
snikkel@aqam.net
778-761-3171

*****Incomplete bids will not be accepted*****
THE BAND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY OR ALL BIDS. THE LOWEST BID WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE ACCEPTED AS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.

From June 10th-June 15th the wetland Specialist from Rewilding Water and Earth, Robin Annschild, will be onsite overseeing excavation work for doing deep hole tests to look at the ground water levels and the water recharging rates at possibly all six of our wetland restoration sites: Stink Lake, Unnamed Wetland, Francis Lake, Long Lake, Airport Wetland and Twin Lakes.



During this week we are hoping to hold a Wetland Information Session.

Please keep an eye on Facebook for more information or email Skyler in the Lands Department if you would like to be notified via email.

snikkel@aqam.net



SELF-CREATED Summer Employment Program

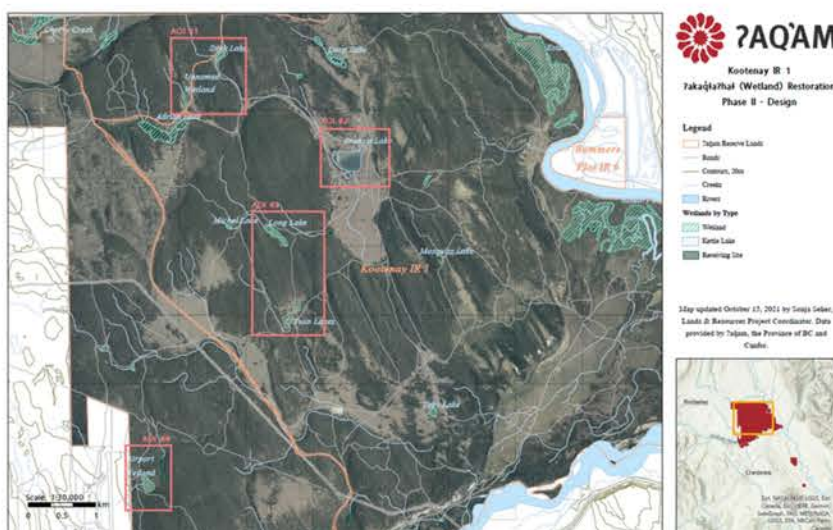
Summer job ideas? Bring em'!
Together we'll approach employers with a sweet deal: If they hire you? Your wages are covered. Yep. You gain experience, references, and \$\$\$.
Your new employer gains a superb summer employee ...at no cost to them.
The sky's the limit... bring in your ideas and we'll help you set this up.

Talk to us by June 17, 2024
250-489-2464 (Just ask for "Education & Employment")

Email KNCee@ktunaxa.org

ELIGIBILITY

- Ktunananiñtik, and First Nations people living in ?amak?is Ktunaxa
- 15 years old, minimum
- Currently attending full-time studies*, and will be returning in the fall
- * Even if you aren't in full time studies, we can probably still help you in this program throughout ?amak?is Ktunaxa.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS

KTUNAXA KINBASKET CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- The KKCFS Board of Directors is comprised of 6 directors. The directors do not need to be an elected leader. They are appointed by the band through a band council resolution (BCR).
- The Director of the Social Sector from KNC is an ex-officio member of the board and is responsible for chairing all board meetings.
- The Board is a governance board and does not overstep into the practice of a delegated child welfare agency. The main functions of the board are to: approve annual budgets and workplans, approve long-term strategic plans and supervise their one employee, the CEO.
- Meetings take place on the second Friday of the month. Meetings start at 10am and are generally finished about 1pm. There is no meeting that takes place in August.
- The stipend is \$450.00 per meeting.

DESIRED ATTRIBUTES OF THE BOARD DIRECTOR

- Community/Band member
- An understanding of ʔaqam strategic goals and objectives in relation to Ka knikwi-tiyala
- Willing to review and follow the KKCFS constitution and bylaws and the Board of Directors handbook part 1 & 2
- Act with honesty and in good faith with/for ʔaqam
- Be in 'Good Standing' with ʔaqam
- Must be willing to abide by the Confidentiality agreement
- Be able to meet the second Friday of every month from 10 am to approximately 1pm

COMPOSITION

The KKCFS Board of Directors consists of 6 Directors and has representation from ʔaqam, ʔakisq̄nuk, yaqan nu7kiy, yaqit ʔa-knuqli 'it, Shuswap band, and a Metis representative.

Please submit a written expression of interest outlining your skills in relation to the board of directors desired attributes by the 31st of May, 2024.

Mike Frank
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
mfrank@aqam.net
(236) 302-1621

CELEBRATE ʔA-KAXAPQ̄I (KOOTENAI FALLS)

YA-KIʔ ʔITQAWXAXAMKI
20 24
YA-KIʔ SUKIʔ Q̄UKAMAʔ NAMKI

JUNE 7TH, 2024 AT 10AM (MST)

ALL KTUNAXANINTIK INVITED!

LUNCH PROVIDED - PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BARBARA FISHER, KTUNAXA LANGUAGE AND CULTURE MANAGER
YA Q̄IT ʔA-KNODQ̄IʔIT - 1-250-887-2451
ELDER ROOMS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST - CONTACT BRETT.CAPIL0@KTUNAXA.ORG
250-488-2464 EXT 4310

SPIRIT OF THE ROCKIES

Festival

Parade Float

June 10th 1pm
Get creative
Make banners

June 14th 3pm
Decorate
the floats!

Language and Culture building
dbirdstone@aqam.net for more info

Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society

Vaccine Day for Aq'am Cats and Dogs

June 3rd

with a follow-up vaccine boosters on June 29th

The vaccines are:

- Canine DAPP or Core Vaccine (Canine Distemper Virus, Canine Adenovirus types 1 & 2, Canine Parainfluenza Virus, & Canine Parvovirus)
- Feline FVRCP or Core Vaccine (Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Feline Calicivirus, Feline Panleukopenia)
- Rabies (Canine and Feline)
- Leptospirosis (Canine)

Only 1 animal per Aq'am household
Limited space, so sign up asap
ntaron@aqam.net for more info and registration form

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Indigenous Fashion Show
 June 20th, 2024
 6pm @ Dan Joe Memorial Gym
 Theme: Past, Present, Future
 Interested in having your design showcased?
 Submit a minimum of three original designs to walk the runway.



Register by May 31st
 Chrystal Williams cwilliams@aqam.net

Hoop Dance Workshop with Jay Genaille
 June 19th
 5:00-8:00pm
 Aq'am Culture Centre
 Registration due date May 31st
 To register contact Chrystal Williams
cwilliams@aqam.net 250-426-5717

Jay Genaille is Cree, Salteaux and Ojibway. A professional hoop dancer and storyteller mentored by 3x World Champion Dallas Arcand Sr.

He has attended the World Championship Hoop Dancing Competition in Phoenix, AZ.

His hope is to inspire others with his workshops and performances.

ATTENTION ALL POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

If you are an 7aqam post-secondary student, regardless of how you are funded, you are eligible to apply for an 7aqam scholarship. We have three to offer:

- ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000 FOR FULL-TIME STUDIES - \$500 FOR PART-TIME STUDIES**
 If you took at least one Post-Secondary course this year and received an average GPA of 80% (A-) or better, submit your grades to Karen Smith at education@aqam.net on or before June 1st.
- HERMAN ALPINE STRATEGIC STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP - \$3,500**
 If you are entering your final year of studies, please apply for this financial opportunity!
 Students must apply for this scholarship on or before June 1st by: Submitting a 300-500 word essay to the 7aqam Education Committee explaining how your chosen academic and career path will contribute toward the goals of 7aqam, as stated in ka knilwi-tiyala - our strategic plan.
- AGNES MCCOY MEMORIAL PERSEVERANCE AWARD - \$500.00**
 If you maintained a 72% (B) average or better, and encountered obstacles throughout your studies, please apply!
 Submit a 300-500 personal essay to the 7aqam Education Committee, outlining any obstacles encountered while completing your studies, and how you triumphed to achieve success. Any personal or academic achievements made should be highlighted.

DEADLINE FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 1ST.

If you wish to apply for Post-Secondary Funding (tuition, books and/or Living Allowance), please complete and submit an application to education@aqam.net by June 1st. More details on our scholarship and a fillable application is available at:
www.aqam.net/services/education-services/post-secondary-education

If you require assistance with your application, contact Karen Smith to arrange an appointment.
ksmith@aqam.net
 778-761-0709

KITKI-QAMNAM
 PLEASE JOIN US
 2024 7AQAM COMMUNITY AWARDS CELEBRATION
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH 2024
 12:00-3:00
 DAN JOE MEMORIAL GYM
 LUNCH FOLLOWED BY 7AQAMNIK & KTUNAXA STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

If you need to update your mailing address or don't want to receive the 7aqam Newsletter, please send an email to:
receptionist@aqam.net

COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS
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Fernanda Fernandez	Receptionist	Administration	(778) 761-1068	receptionist@aqam.net
Heather McMahon	Director of Lands & NR	Lands	(236) 703-9540	hcmahon@aqam.net
Sarah Baines	Land Code Advisor	Lands	(236) 302-1628	sbaines@aqam.net
Will Kaufman	Forestry Manager	Lands	(236) 703-9542	wkaufman@aqam.net
Skylar Nikkel	L & NR Project Coord.	Lands	(778) 761-3171	snikkel@aqam.net
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Michael Bishop	Principal ʔaqamnik ES	Education	(778) 761-0770	mbishop@aqam.net
Kelli Dalziel	Daycare Manager	Education	(778) 761-0882	kdalziel@aqam.net