



8th Annual Independent First Nations Youth Conference

*“Leadership, Empowerment, Awareness, Determination”
(LEAD)*

*Blue Mountain Ski Resort
The Blue Mountains, Ontario
February 5-10, 2023*

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Independent First Nations (IFN) is pleased to announce that we have registration officially open for the 8th Annual IFN Conference “LEAD”.

BRIEF CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Independent First Nations 8th Annual Youth Conference “LEAD” will provide Youth with skills to use their diversity to make an impact within the conference and their communities, with relevant discussions about Indigenous Youths Mental Health and Wellness. Youth will gain knowledge and tips around Indigenous empowerment, health and wellness that can be used in everyday life.

Throughout our conference youth will hear from a variety of diverse Indigenous speakers who have experienced and specialize in Youth Empowerment and Leadership, Mental Health and Wellness Activists, Community Elders and Cultural Artist. During the conference youth can expect to receive Racism training. Youth will also work together to create a visual presentation to share their stories and impactful messages around Youth Empowerment and Mental Wellbeing.

CONFERENCE DATES AND LOCATION

This year’s event will take place from February 5-10, 2023, with accommodations being at the Blue Mountain INN, Ski Resort. And Event location at Blue Mountain Village Conference Centre. The attached links may provide you with some more information about our venue and what to expect <https://www.bluemountain.ca/plan-your-trip/lodging/blue-mountain-inn>.

TRAVEL DATES

Delegates will begin their travel on February 5, 2023, however, for some of you traveling from further distances (e.g., Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Sioux Lookout etc.) your travel may start as early as February 4, 2023. Conference organizers will arrange all travel details (flights, buses etc.) for registered delegates. Travel home will begin on the afternoon of February 10, 2023, with most of you arriving back to your destination before the end of the day.

BEFORE COMPLETING REGISTRATION PACKAGE

Those interested in registering **must be** from one of the IFN communities (listed below). Youth should be between the ages of **18-29 years**.

IFN COMMUNITIES	
Akwesasne	Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek	Iskatewizaagegan #39
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug	Neyaashiinigmiing
Saugeen	Shawanaga
Temagami	Walpole Island
Wabaseemoong	Whitesand

Due to space restrictions each IFN community only has (4) seats available (any additional applications from that community will be waitlisted until the FINAL registration deadline closes). Once final registration has closed the waitlisted applications will be considered (if space still remains).

Early Bird Registration deadline is **January 18, 2022** (all applicants in by this deadline will be entered into a draw).

Final Registration deadline will be **January 25, 2023**

***All travel, accommodation, meals, flights etc. will be covered for registered delegates and coordinated by the IFN Organizers. However, it is important to note that any change(s) made to confirmed travel plans and the costs associated (e.g. flight changes), will be the responsibility of the participant. So please be sure of your travel plans when you make them (special considerations may be made (e.g., in case of emergencies).

If you are selected as a delegate, you will be contacted by the phone number and/or email provided to complete your travel details. If you have any further questions about the registration process before completing the application, please feel free to contact IFN organizer Angeline Kimewon, by email angeline@ifnc.ca

All completed registration forms and essays can also be sent to the above-mentioned email address (PREFERRED) or by mail to:

Subject: 8th Annual IFN Youth Conference

Attention: Angeline Kimewon
50 Generations Dr. Box #8
Ohsweken, ON
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NOTE: Some IFN's have chosen to implement their own selection process to choose applicants that will representing their Nations. If your community is one of these, your completed application (sent to IFN) will be forwarded on to the appropriate person(s)/channels in your community for consideration. If selected by your community to attend, you will be notified by them once their selection has been made.



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ESSAY & REGISTRATION FORM

1st step: All applicants must submit prepare a brief essay (250 max) words on, the importance of mental health and youth empowerment.

2nd step: Complete the registration form below.

3rd step: Submit your completed registration form and essay to angeline@ifnc.ca,

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please include your full name as it appears on your Identification						
<input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	First Name:					
	Middle Name(s):					
	Last Name:					
Pronoun: she he them they	Birthdate (Day/Month/Year):				Age:	
Other:						
Address:						
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:		Work Phone (if applicable):		
Email:						
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION						
Name:						
Relationship to you:						
Address:						
Home phone		Cell Phone		Work Phone		
Email:						
MEDICAL/ALLERGY INFORMATION						
Any special medical conditions/concerns/issues we should be aware of:						
Please provide your health card number:						
PROMOTIONAL CLOTHING SIZES – Unisex						
	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	XXL	XXXL
Shirt						
GAUNTLET KITS – Unisex						
	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large		
Mitt Size						

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Travel Dates: **February 5, 2022** & **February 10, 2023**. Please identify the location of:

Departure Address:

Return Address:

Note: All delegates will receive a travel stipend for all expenses associated with travel and meals not included in event offerings. This incidental for each night of accommodations for your stay. All delegates will also be eligible for compensation for costs related to taxis, airport parking, and baggage fees. ALL ORIGINAL RECEIPTS REQUIRED.

CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

Description: There will be a photographer/videographer present at the "IFN Youth Conference" and publications/promotions may be created as part of conference proceedings/outcomes.

Please sign this portion (if in agreement); I agree and consent to the use of my image, voice and/or other captions/depictions of me; being shared and/or used for the production of materials, promotion, publications etc. at the conference or beyond the conference. I also understand that the promotions, publications and materials created may be shared with the IFN communities and potentially even a wider audience.

I am over the age of 18 and I consent to the use of audio/visual materials containing my image and/or voice.

Signature:

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 18, 2022

FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 25, 2023

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