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Tkemlúps te Secwépemc and Partners Present Unprecedented National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration

Tkemlúps te Secwépemc, in collaboration with the Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society, ASK Wellness Society, Two Rivers Métis Society, Lii Michif Otipemisiwak, and the City of Kamloops, is proud to host the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration on June 21, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Tkemlúps Arbour.

Event Highlights:

- **Cultural Performances:** Experience the power and beauty of Indigenous music, drumming, jigging, fiddlers, and dance.
- Traditional Art and Craft Displays & Vendors: View and purchase handcrafted works from talented Indigenous artisans.
- Educational Workshops: Engage in storytelling, language sessions, and cultural teachings led by respected Knowledge Keepers.
- **Delicious Indigenous Cuisine:** Savor traditional and contemporary Indigenous dishes that celebrate the richness of Indigenous culinary traditions.
- Interactive Activities: Participate in hands-on cultural experiences, including traditional games and demonstrations.

"This is a momentous occasion for our community, as we come together to showcase and celebrate the incredible resilience, culture, and spirit of Indigenous Peoples," said Kúkpi7 Rosanne Casimir, Tkemlúps te Secwépemc. "We invite everyone to join us in this important celebration of identity, unity, and cultural appreciation."

"The City of Kamloops is honoured to join Tkemlúps te Secwépemc and valued community partners in presenting the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration," said Deputy Mayor Mike O'Reilly. "We are proud to support this meaningful gathering that fosters understanding, a vibrant local economy, and reconciliation. Through art, storytelling, and shared experiences, we can deepen our understanding and appreciation of the rich heritage that strengthens our collective community."

This **free**, **family-friendly event** is open to the public, welcoming all community members to take part in the festivities and learn more about the deep-rooted traditions that make this day so significant.

Join us on June 21st to celebrate, learn, and connect as we honour the past, present, and future of Indigenous cultures.

Event link: tkemlups.ca/event/nipd/

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