

SECWÉPEMC FIELD SCHOOL

JUNE 30-JULY 31, 2025



WEEK 2 UPDATE



Above: Students help raise the museum tent (before the storm...)

Bottom: Dylana, Valerie, Denee, Annabelle, Tyler and Hunter at archery night!

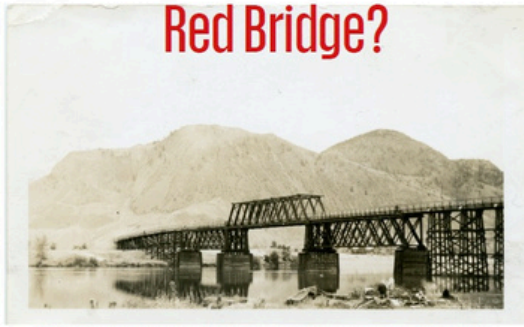
A Week of Engagement and Learning

The University of Alberta Secwépemc History Field School had a very productive second week in Tk'emlúps! The students spent the majority of their week in the Secwépemc and Kamloops archives, attending community events, and interacting with community members.

Several students helped with preparations for the grand re-opening of the Secwépemc Museum, which will take place on July 24, from 5-7 p.m. Shout out to Kendall and Kristiana, who have dedicated a substantial portion of their time to the museum, and to Kendall's husband Owen, who stopped by to volunteer for a day.

Several students took part in archery on July 16 and many attended the Secwépemc song sharing on July 15!

Red Bridge?



(Photo courtesy of Kamloops Museum and Archive
(KMA 3269 - The Red Bridge in 1939))

My name is Dylana Twitney and I'm a University of Alberta student in the Tk'emlúps History Field School. For the field school my classmates and I are researching matters of interest identified by the community. I'm researching the Red Bridge and I'm interested in finding out more about the community's knowledge, stories, and memories of the Red Bridge! If you are interested in sharing please scan the QR code to fill out a Google form or email twitney@ualberta.ca. If you have any questions reach out to twitney@ualberta.ca.



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Co-operation Pays Off!

Thanks to the generous advertisement on the TteS Facebook page, Dylana was able to interview with CBC Radio about her project on the Red Bridge!

Activities

- Students research activities intensified this week, as many split their time between the Secwépemc and Kamloops archives. Many students also conducted interviews with band members and staff members from the Secwépemc museum and the Language & Culture department.
- Research projects for the course include the history of the Mika Nika Association; Oral histories; History of Tk'emlúps; Museum Display at the Secwépemc Museum; Land Based Stories of Movement and Land Formation; Traditional Resource Sites and Species; Hunting Histories and Protocols; History of the Red Bridge and Fur Trade; KIRS Histories for Le Estwicwey; Our Songs, Our Stories; and the Secwépemc Cultural Education Society.
- If you are interested in speaking with the students about any of these projects, please feel free to reach out! Snickell@ualberta.ca



Annabelle Ouellet, Valerie Wood, Amanda Johnson, and Dylana Twitney enjoying the Song Sharing put on by the Language & Culture Dept. Thanks to Laura Saul for a great event!



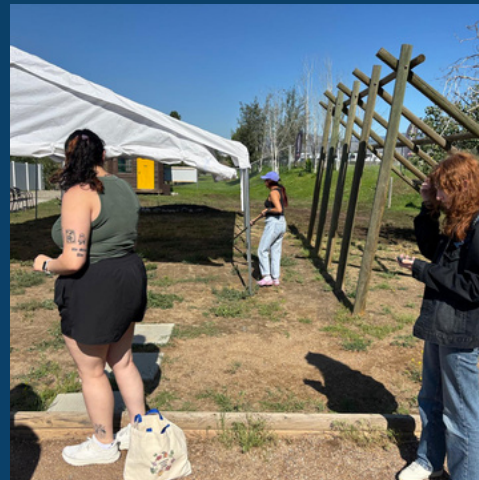
Archery for all ages!

Valerie Wood enjoying archery with Tyler and Hunter, the sons of field school student Denee Reansbury.

Team Effort!



Building



Many of the students working with staff members from the Secwépemc Museum, constructing a tent and helping with preparations ahead of the big re-opening!

We'd like to thank you!

UALBERTA FIELD SCHOOL RESEARCH SHOWCASE & THANK-YOU FEAST

July 28, 2025

CLC Assembly Hall | 4-7pm

TteS Staff and Band Members Welcome!

DOOR PRIZES!!

Come view the research completed for
TteS by the UAlberta students and stay
for dinner at 5pm.

Please RSVP to Sarah Nickel for catering purposes—

snickel1@ualberta.ca

We'd like to acknowledge the financial support for the field school activities from UAlberta and the Canadian Research Chair Program. These funds enabled us to come and do research for TteS. Thanks to TteS for providing classroom space and access to museum and archive spaces!