

SECWÉPEMC FIELD SCHOOL

JUNE 30-JULY 31, 2025

WEEK 3 UPDATE



A Week of Engagement and Learning

The University of Alberta Secwépemc History Field School was extremely busy during our third week in Tk'emlúps! Students continued their research, but also took part in several large projects and tours.

On Monday we were treated to an extensive cultural tour by Drs. Ron and Marianne Ignace.

On Thursday, many students attended the re-opening ceremony of the Secwépemc Museum.

And, of course, everyone worked hard on their projects, with the Research Showcase and Thank You Feast just around the corner! **Keep reading for a list of all the projects!**

We cannot thank you enough for allowing us to work and study on your land and engage with your incredible community for these last few weeks!

Above: Students gather in the classroom before heading out on a cultural tour.
Bottom: Kristiana Green and Kendall Acker handing out surveys at the grand re-opening of the Secwépemc Museum!





Cultural Tour

On Monday the class was treated to a tour of important Secwépemc cultural sites by Ron and Marianna Ignace. Pictured here are Field School students Lucinda Paul, Bug Sylvestre, and Simone Paul.

Activities

- Students spend their final, full week in Tk'emlúps jam-packed with activities and community engagement.
- We were treated to a lovely cultural tour, attended the grand re-opening of the Secwépemc Museum, and attended song sharing.
- The bulk of time was spent wrapping up their research. Students continued to spend considerable time in the Secwépemc and Kamloops archives, spoke with Knowledge Keepers, and interviewed community members.
- We hope to see many of you at the Thank You Feast and Research Showcase on Monday, July 28 from 4-7 pm. The students are excited to show you all of the work they have been doing over the past month!



Tirza Lanza-Bosch, Bug Sylvestre, and Amanda Johnson enjoy the company of Ron and Marianne's cat



Secwépemc Museum Re-opening

Dylana Twitney fills out a survey during the grand re-opening of the Secwépemc Museum.

All visitors were encouraged to share their thoughts with the museum staff and the field school.

Learning



Puppets!



Many students attended the re-opening, toured the new exhibits, shared their thoughts on the museum, and put on a puppet show.

UALBERTA FIELD SCHOOL RESEARCH SHOWCASE

Students will have tables to showcase their research and are happy to share outcomes and data with you!

Projects include:

- Nikki Fraser: Seasonal round, Fishing and Hunting: Oral Histories & Stewardship of fishing & hunting practices & protocols in Secwepemcúl'ecw
- Valerie Wood: Voices of the Land: Traditional Songs of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc
- Dylana Twitney: Social History of the Red Bridge
- Bug Sylvestre: Mika Nika Association History
- Denée Reansbury: From Promise to Practice: How the Secwépemc People United to Protect Their Language, Culture, and History
- Annabelle Ouellet: The Land Remembers: Secwépemec Stories and Songs of Coyote Rocks, Territorial Markers, and Sacred Sites
- Danielle Lapatack: Traditional Harvesting Practice: Plant Roots as Food and Fashion Sovereignty

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- Tirza Lanza-Bosch: Archival Futures: Indigenous Reclamation, Sovereignty, and Storytelling
- Amanda Johnson: Growth for Good: Exploring the Impacts of Development on Traditional Harvesting Sites in Tkemlúps te Secwépemc
- Rayna John: Oral Histories of the Travels of the Tlli7sa Brothers: The Former Cliffside at the Mouth of Hat Creek
- Hailey Hamelin-Wilson: Understanding the Reciprocal Relationship between Stswéksten and the Secwépemc People
- Kristiana Green: Overcoming Barriers to Integrate Secwépemc Voices at the Secwépemc Museum and Heritage Park
- Iona Chelsea: Our Songs, Our Stories: Revitalizing of Secwépemc Language and Cultural Practices through songs and stories
- Kendall Acker: N7élye te Secwépemc (It Belongs to the People): Reframing Museum Practice Through Community Voice

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- Jessica Owen: The Timeline and History of the Secwépemc Cultural Education Society
- Natasha McConnell: Dr. Mary Thomas: Seeds of Wisdom
- Lydia Kinasewich: History of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc: Early Villages and Legacy of Research Creation
- Ashley Churchill: History of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc: Early Families
- Simone Paul: Archives and Le Estwicwey
- Lucinda Paul: Archives and Le Estwicwey
- Dr. Sarah Nickel: Updating Aboriginal Heroes of the Kamloops Indian Band (2002) to From the Ground Up: Stories of the 13 Grassroots Families of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

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—

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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!