



5th Annual
Building
Reconciliation
Forum



PRE-FORUM AGENDA

October 8 2019

“Working Together to Advance Healing & Reconciliation”

Wiji-nookiimding wii-noojmoweng, dibaajmotaading, doodamowin miinwaa debwe’endaagziwin – wii-ni-niigaaniing

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6:45 a.m. **SHUTTLE BUSES START ROTATION TO BELLEVUE PARK FROM CONFERENCE HOTELS**

7:00 a.m. **SUNRISE CEREMONY AT BELLEVUE PARK**

8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m. **WELCOME SONG**
Bear Creek

8:00 a.m. **VISITORS GREETED AT WATER’S EDGE**

GRAND ENTRY

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **OPENING PRAYER AT THE PAVILION**
James Roach, Cultural/Spiritual Advisor

8:45 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. **WELCOME REMARKS**
Asima Vezina, President and Vice-Chancellor, Algoma University
Della Anaquod, President and Academic Dean, Shingwauk Kinooomaage Gamig

CHIEFS & MAYORAL WELCOME
Chief Dean Sayers, Batchewana First Nation
Chief Andy Rickard, Garden River First Nation
Mayor Christian Provenzano, City of Sault Ste. Marie

9:10 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **CULTURAL GUIDANCE**
James Roach, Cultural/Spiritual Advisor

EMCEE CLOSING
Isadore Day, former Ontario Regional Chief and Vera Houle, Director of Community Relations, APTN

9:30 a.m. **SHUTTLE SERVICE TO ALGOMA UNIVERSITY**

9:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **HEALING & RECONCILIATION THROUGH EDUCATION IN THE LODGE**
Trina Cooper-Bolam, Doctoral Candidate, Cultural Mediations, Carleton University
Krista McCracken, Researcher/Curator, Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre
Jay Jones, President, Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association

10:00 a.m. – Noon **RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVOR EXPERIENCES**

Participants should be prepared to be outdoors, with appropriate footwear and clothing. Participants will be divided into two groups. After the lunch hour the groups will alternate experiences.

Group 1 will tour Shingwauk grounds with a Child of Shingwauk Hall and learn firsthand about the sacred grounds and their experience while at Shingwauk Hall. Group 1 will be further divided into sub-groups allowing for a more intimate discussion with their guides.

Group 2 will participate in a hands-on cultural and land based activity.



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GROUP 1:

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Location 3: Archives Centre with *Irene Barbeau and Jackie Fletcher, Children of Shingwauk*

Location 4: Crying Rock with *Daisy Kostus, Children of Shingwauk*

Location 5: Front Door with *John Saylor, Children of Shingwauk*

GROUP 2:

Land- and Culture-based Experiences. Participants will rotate through three experiences;

Workshop 1: Anishinaabe Material Culture in the Academy

Anishinaabe historian and Shingwauk Kinooaage Gamig alumni, Noodin Shawanda, will present his research on Anishinaabe material culture and the way his research was shaped, informed and supported by traditional Anishinaabe research methodologies, combined with western research practices.

Location: Tipi near SKG Building

Facilitator: Noodin Shawanda

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Location: SKG Boardroom

Facilitator: Samantha Case

Workshop 3: Baagadowewin - Traditional Games

Games traditionally were taught long ago to engage the mind, body and spirit. These games are often followed with a lesson to ensure that our way of life is never forgotten, and they emphasize the importance of ‘healthy bodies~healthy minds’ within our culture.

Location: Front Lawn

Facilitator: Miisheen Miigwaan Shawanda

NOON – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH



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RECEPTION IN LODGE



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3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FILM – 1ST GENERATION OUT: HEALING JOURNEY HOME

Algoma University Shingwauk Auditorium: A short documentary about the Missanabie Cree First Nation. ‘The Healing Journey Home’ explores the path of healing and more importantly the success that healing brings to individuals and communities.

Talking Circle and Q&A

Facilitators: *Elder Mike Cachagee*

Jackie Fletcher, Shingwauk Indian Residential School Survivor
& Co-Director of Healing Journey Home

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SHUTTLE BUSES TO HOTELS

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

‘BEARS, STARS AND TREE’S & OMEN’

An optional complementary, and complimentary evening activity: presented by the Algoma Fall Festival

Location: White Pines Community Theatre,
1007 Trunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie

Shuttle Services available from hotels to theatre

Bears, Stars, and Tree’s & Omen, a story told through both ancient and western movement is interwoven with the traditional Seven Grandfather Teachings. Symbol, dance and sound create a backdrop for a connection with newly discovered wisdom within a place of destruction and danger.

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