

Community

In-SHUCK-ch Days Update



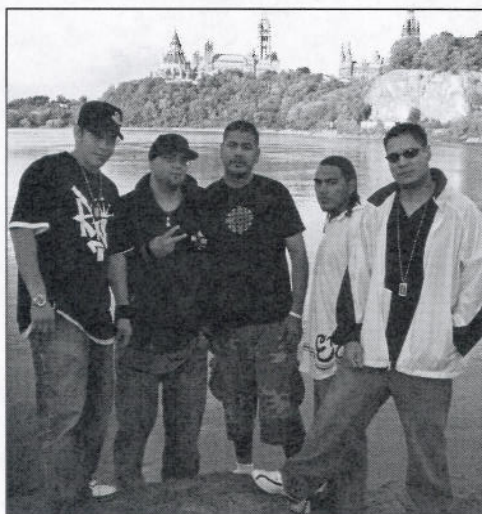
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We are continuing to prepare for the In-SHUCK-ch days, which will be held on August 23rd and 24th at the Head of the Lake School in Skatin. We are calling for more volunteers to help, even if it's just for one of those days; it will be much appreciated! If you don't have a ride, I'm sure we can figure something out. You get a free In-SHUCK-ch days t-shirt for volunteering as well!

We are proud to say that Canadian Heritage has given us the biggest contribution for In-SHUCK-ch Days ever! We also recently received a contribution from the Hamber Foundation. Some of these funds will be used towards events at In-SHUCK-ch days. We have Magnus Turner for the MC, Gerald Gabriel instructing the siq'uta dancers, as well as running the xúsum ice-cream making and Bone Game events, and Tara Peters to do the cedar weaving activities. We have Kalisa Peters to do the Language Bingo and to help with the Kid's Zone. We are continuing to raise funds for the In-SHUCK-ch days.

For entertainment in the evening, we have hired a Native band called ReddNation. This hip-hop, rap group is comprised of Sean Beaver, Ill Logikal, Phenom, Madjikal and Rayne representing Edmonton, Alberta and Regina, Saskatchewan. ReddNation was established in the year 2000, and they have received a



Above: A photo of ReddNation from their website: www.reddrecords.com/rn/.

number of important awards! Most recently, they received the best group or duo award at the Aboriginal Peoples Choice Awards. You can check them out on Facebook to see their webpage and videos.

We are providing tables for vendors to set up; free to members of the community at In-SHUCK-ch days. This makes In-SHUCK-ch Days 2008 the perfect time to participate and make some extra bucks! Merchandising traditional products is preferable, and your product can't be unsuitable for a family event. Let us know as soon as possible if you want a table as space is limited! If you have any questions or want to get involved in volunteering or vending, contact Rozina Charlie or Simon Rear by phone at: 604-820-6873, or email us at: research@inshuckch.com

Siq'úta Workshops Update



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As we mentioned before, we are providing traditional siq'úta dancing workshops, which are taught by Gerald Gabriel. Gerald invites everyone to come to dance at these workshops, from young children to Elders.

For youth aged 13-25 years traditional dance clothing of cedar bark and buckskin (or something similar) will be provided in time for the 'Standing Up' ceremony scheduled to take place at In-SHUCK-ch Days. The fittings and manufacture of the clothing will be arranged in the early summer. To prepare for the 'Standing Up' ceremony at In-SHUCK-ch Days (August 23rd-24th), the new dancers will have a chance to participate in drumming and dancing at the workshops. To be recognized, each dancer will ask witnesses to be present at the ceremony, so that these witnesses will go out and tell the community about the dancer's, "Standing Up" ceremony.

Snack and drinks will be provided for the attendees of the workshops. We are still looking for volunteers to help sew the clothing, and also to volunteer to drum and sing at the workshops for the dancers. If you are interested in drumming or singing at the workshops, or need transportation to go to the workshops, please call Kerry Giesbrecht at: 604-820-6873.