

Elders and Youth Activities

This program bridges the gap between our Elders and our Youth through different types of cultural activities. There will be on-going events for this program throughout the months. Please check the calendar for the most up to date information.

Some of our activities and events include:

- Canning Salmon
- Quilting
- Cedar Weaving
- Arts+Crafts
- Workshops
- Afternoon Tea



Our Mission

Our Mission is to bridge the gap between Aboriginal Youth and connecting them to various supportive programs that enhance and nurture the young population. We do this through healthy living activities and do so in a non judgmental and safe environment.



Meet the Youth Program Staff

Youth Coordinator

"What is the meaning of life? Whatever you want it to be, so do what you have to do today, so you can do what you want to do tomorrow.

-Anonymous

Youth and Elders Coordinator

"Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You."

-Dr. Seuss

Youth Worker

"Anyone can give up, it's the easiest thing to do. But to hold it together when everyone else would understand if you fell apart, that's true strength."

- Anonymous

Leaders of the Future

Mission Friendship Centre
Society

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Who Are We?

The Leaders of the Future Youth centre is part of the Mission Friendship Centre Society. We provide various programs, workshops, activities and outings that are pro-active, encouraging and good influences in the lives of youth ages 10-24 yrs old within our community as well as surrounding communities. We work towards assisting young people in building friendships with their peers.

Through our programming we have committed ourselves to our mandate which is to build sustainability and hope for our Future Leaders.

Youth also have an opportunity to become involved by means of the Youth Counsel, Dance Committee and Newsletter committee.



Program Components

Daily Sharing Circle

Everyday before programming, we sit together and ask the Youth how they are doing, to share about their day, and events in their lives. This is a key component to our programming, giving us the opportunity to build strong relationships and hear first hand from our Youth the types of activities, workshops and events they would like to participate in. We also have recently implemented a daily theme to our circle time which allows us to get the youth's perspective on certain virtues and topics.

Incentive and Reward Programs

Incentive and Rewards are offered on a daily basis. Youth have the opportunity as individuals and as part of a team to work towards fun opportunities. This allows the Youth to build team values, and encourages healthy participation.

Boys and Girls Club

Gender specific activities and workshops are offered in our boys and girls club. This program gives Youth the opportunity to ask questions in a safe and welcoming environment. This programs content runs entirely off the ideas, needs and desires of our Youth. Elders and Guest Speakers are brought in from time to time to assist in program delivery.

Workshops

Weekly/bi-weekly we will be offering the opportunity for Youth to learn, and gain new skills and knowledge. Workshops will be facilitated by Youth Staff as well as special guests from time to time. *There is a Youth Suggestion box for workshop ideas in the centre.

Events and Outings

In recent our Youth have been seen:

- Bowling
- Swimming
- Waterslides
- PNE/Playland
- Camping
- The beach
- And much much more!



Family Culture Night

Calling all members of the family!! Family Culture Night gives the entire family an opportunity to come together and participate in Cultural Activities such as: Drumming, Signing, Crafts, and Cooking to name a few. At present time, a Drum Group is being formed. Dinner is provided to all who attend.

Healthy Eats

On an on-going basis, Leaders of the Future provides Youth with a "Healthy" afternoon snack on a daily basis. Youth are invited to participate in preparing meals for other Youth in the program, as well as participants at the Mission Friendship Centre. The Traditional Kitchen heats up monthly and invites all who are interested to take part.

Homework Club

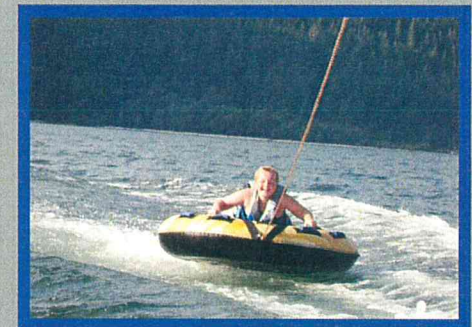
Throughout the school year, Leaders of the future offers a safe and quiet environment for Youth to do their homework. We also have tutors stop in for one on one and group homework assistance.

We believe that all of the initiatives noted above are vital to the success of the Youth in our community. We believe our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects are being nurtured

Youth Dance

The last Saturday of every month, The Mission Friendship Centre Society has a "Family" Dance. Come out and get on the dance floor! "Dj Wheels" spins all the greatest hits from 7:00pm-11:00pm. Concession is offered throughout the night.

*If you are interested in sitting on the "Youth Dance Committee" please contact the Youth Program staff for meeting dates and times.



Monthly Newsletters and Program Calendars are available at the Youth Centre and contain Programming Hours of Operation and the latest Event Information