

2026 Secwépemc **CALENDAR**





Secwépemc woman using a hide scraper. Photo by Harlan I. Smith.



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Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstéstq̓t SATURDAY
December 2025 SMTWTFS 123456 78910111213 14151617181920 21222324252627 28293031	February SMTWTFS 1234567 891011121314 15161718192021 22232425262728			1 New Year's Day	2 Wrestling Day WL	3 ☉
4	5 First Day Back Ribbon Skirt Awareness Day	6	7	8 2SMMIWG Stolen Sisters Luncheon	9	10 ☾ Round Dance KAM
11	12	13	14	15 2SMMIWG Stolen Sisters Luncheon KAM	16	17
18 ☀	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 ☾	26	27	28	29 Secwépemc Language KAM	30	31

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Kamloops site, Shuswap village. Stones seen in the foreground became cracked after being heated to boil water.



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CACHE PIT OR CELLAR PIT MONTH

February

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstéstq̓t SATURDAY
January SMTWTFS 123 45678910 11121314151617 18192021222324 25262728293031	March SMTWTFS 1234567 891011121314 15161718192021 22232425262728 293031					
8		10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Family Day (BC, AB, SK, ON), Louis Riel Day (MB)	TRU reading break				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					Secwépemc Language: Greetings KAM	

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Fish trap, Enderby Bridge, 1912.



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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Indigenous Awareness Week						
	Secwépemc Welcome	Elders Luncheon KAM			Silkmew'és (Learn to play Lahel – stick game) WL	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				2SMMIWG Stolen Sisters Luncheon KAM		TRU Pow Wow KAM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				2SMMIWG Stolen Sisters Luncheon KAM		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Secwépemc Language: Greetings KAM		
29	30	31			February SMTWTFSS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	April SMTWTFSS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
		Trans Visibility Calls to Justice				

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Beaver pelts on drying rack, Shuswap Lake.



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March SMTWTFS 1234567 891011121314 15161718192021 22232425262728 293031	May SMTWTFS 12 3456789 10111213141516 17181920212223 24252627282930 31		☉ 1 Final Soup Circle and Year-End Celebration KAM	2	3 Good Friday	4
5	6 Easter Monday	7	8 Indigenous Student Year-End Celebration KAM	☾ 9	10	11
12	13	14 Last Day of Classes	15	16 2SMMIWG Stolen Sisters Luncheon KAM	☀ 17	18
19	20	21	22	☾ 23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Last Day of Exams	30 Secwépemc Language: Greetings KAM		



Traditional Spear Dance, Barnhartville.



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DIGGING ROOTS MONTH

May

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstéstq̓t SATURDAY
April SMTWTFS 1234 567891011 12131415161718 19202122232425 2627282930	June SMTWTFS 123456 78910111213 14151617181920 21222324252627 282930				☉ 1	2
3	4	5 MMIWG National Day of Action	6	7 Inuit Calls to Justice	8	9 ☾
10	11	12	13	14	15 Moosehide Campaign	16 ●
17	18 Victoria Day	19	20	21	22 Le Estcwicwéy (The Missing) KAM	23 ☾
24	25	26	27	28 Secwépemc Language KAM	29 Commencement WL	30
☉ 31						

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Cottonwood canoe, Kamloops, 1903.



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Pelltspántsik MID-SUMMER MONTH

June

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstéstq̓t SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Convocation KAM				
		Kamloops Indigenous Grad				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				Welcome New Employees KAM		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
National Indigenous Peoples Day Summer Solstice					Kamloopa Pow Wow	
				Secwépemc Language KAM		
28	29	30			May S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	
Kamloopa Pow Wow					July S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

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National Indigenous History Month

June (TBA) – WLFN Father's Day Pow Wow



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Chief Louis at the Centennial Day parade, 1915.



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GETTING RIPE MONTH

July

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June SMTWTFS 123456 78910111213 14151617181920 21222324252627 282930	August SMTWTFS 1 2345678 9101112131415 16171819202122 23242526272829 3031		1	2	3	4
5	6	☾ 7	Canada Day 8	9	10	11
12	13	● 14	15	16	17	18
19	20	☾ 21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	☼ 29	30	31	
	Indigenous Summer Science KAM					

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Andrew Bob at horse races, Skeetchestn Lemonade Flats.



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July SMTWTFS 1234 567891011 12131415161718 19202122232425 262728293031	September SMTWTFS 12345 6789101112 13141516171819 20212223242526 27282930					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	BC Day					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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Teepee, 1903.



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Pelltemllík SPAWNED OUT SALMON

September

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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Kamloops Indigenous Film Festival (TBA)



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Tk'emlúps



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Pesliwélsten ABANDONING MONTH

October

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Thanksgiving		Soup Circle KAM			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Soup Circle KAM			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			Soup Circle KAM	Secwépemc Language Session KAM		



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Pithouse, Merritt.



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Pellc7ell7úllcwteñ ENTERING THE PIT HOUSES MONTH

November

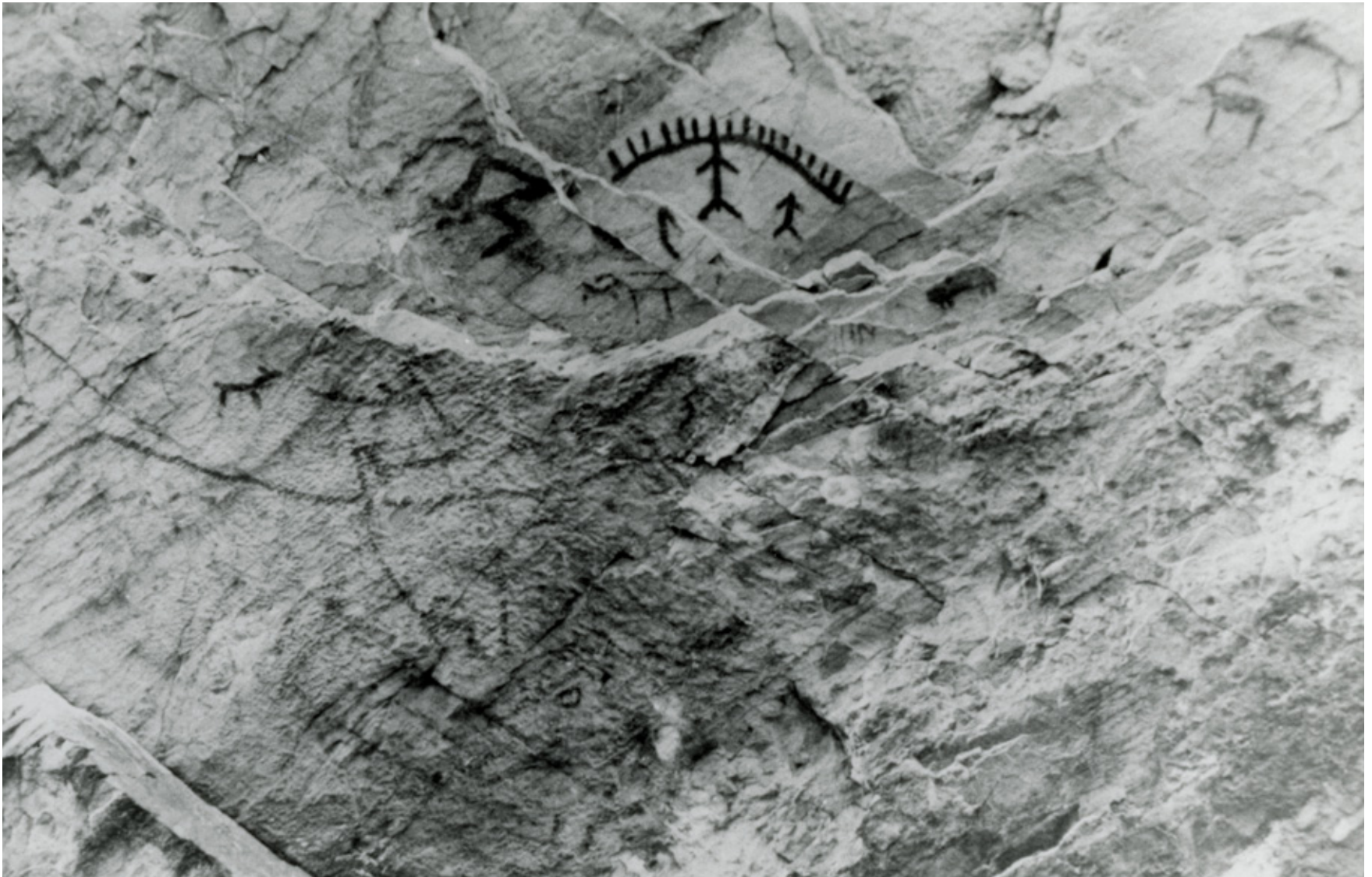
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 1	2	3	4 Soup Circle KAM	5	6	7
8 ●	9	10	11	12	13	14
Rock Your Mocs Week						
TRU Indigenous Veterans Day		TRU Remembrance Day Event	Remembrance Day			
15	16	 17	18	19	20	21
National Addictions Awareness Week						
		Louis Riel Day	Soup Circle KAM			
22	23	 24	25 Soup Circle KAM	26 Secwépemc Language Session KAM	27	28
29	 30				October SMTWTFS 123 45678910 11121314151617 18192021222324 25262728293031	December SMTWTFS 12345 6789101112 13141516171819 20212223242526 2728293031

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Pictograph, Secwepemcúl'ecw.



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6	7 ●	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 ◐	17 Secwépemc Language Session	18	19
20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23 ◑	24	25 TRU Winter Break (University Closed)	26
27	28	29	30 ◑	31 Christmas Day		
TRU Winter Break (University Closed Dec 25–Jan 1)						

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OUR MISSION

Preserving Secwépemc Heritage and Sharing Cultural Wisdom

Welcome to the Secwépemc Museum and Heritage Park, a sacred space dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the Secwépemc people. Nestled within the breathtaking landscapes of the traditional Secwépemc territory, our museum and heritage park serve as a bridge connecting the past, present, and future generations.

At the core of our mission is the preservation and protection of Secwépemc heritage. We strive to safeguard, enhance, perpetuate and revitalize the wisdom, traditions, and stories passed down through countless generations. Our dedicated team works closely with Secwépemc elders, knowledge keepers, and community members to ensure that our cultural treasures are respected, valued, and shared authentically.

Through dynamic exhibits, engaging programs, and immersive experiences, we invite visitors from all walks of life to embark on a transformative journey. Step into our museum and be captivated by the vibrant displays that depict the intricate tapestry of Secwépemc history, art, language, and spirituality. Explore our heritage park, where you can discover the living landscapes that have sustained the Secwépemc people for centuries.

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Fostering Understanding, Respect, and Appreciation

Our commitment goes beyond preserving belongings (artifacts) and showcasing historical narratives. We actively seek to foster understanding, respect, and appreciation for the Secwépemc way of life. Engage with our knowledgeable staff, participate in cultural workshops, and witness traditional ceremonies that reflect the enduring spirit and resilience of the Secwépemc people.

Education lies at the heart of our mission. We strive to inspire learners of all ages, from schoolchildren to researchers, to delve into the richness of Secwépemc culture. Through interactive learning experiences, we aim to empower individuals with a deeper understanding of the Secwépemc people's contributions, challenges, and aspirations.

We believe that cultural heritage is a living entity, continuously evolving and adapting to the changing world. We actively engage with our Secwépemc communities and collaborate with indigenous nations, scholars, and partners to ensure the authenticity, relevance, and vitality of our exhibits and programs.

Join us on this transformative journey of discovery, understanding, and celebration. By visiting the Secwépemc Museum and Heritage Park, you contribute to the preservation and revitalization of our cultural heritage. Together, let us honor the past, celebrate the present, and inspire a future deeply rooted in the wisdom and teachings of the Secwépemc people.

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NOTES



Temporary teepee, South Thompson River

On the cover



Chief Louis at the Centennial Day parade, 1915.

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The Indigenous Education image shows Sk'elép (Creator, Trickster, teacher) on his educational journey at TRU. This image is synonymous with Indigenization and represents working in partnership and supporting one another.

Meaning of colours in the image:

Dark blue represents Séwllkwe (Water)
Green represents Specéc (Air)
Brown represents the Tmicw (Land)
Orange represents the Skwék'w7es (Sun)
Yellow represents the Mégcen (Moon)



TRU is proud to be the university of choice hosting the highest numbers of Indigenous students of any B.C. post-secondary with 10 per cent at the Kamloops campus, 37 per cent Williams Lake campus and seven per cent Open Learning. The TRU service area also includes the St'át'imc, Nlaka'pamux, Nuxalk, Tsilhqot'in, Dakelh, and Syilx nations.