



HOBIYEE 2011

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THE NISGA'A NEW YEAR!!

The Simgigat-Nisga'a Chieftains- in past centuries studied the celestial heavens. They were knowledgeable in the behaviours of the stars in proximity to the moon which forecasted the weather patterns. They studied the astrology not from text books but by years of observing the heavens.

The Halayt- Simgigat {Spiritual Leader- Chief} Studied the "*Buxw-laks*" moon, The Moon of February. Over time, they observed that whenever the first crescent moon is in the shape of a "Hoobix"- The bowl of a Nisga'a wooden Spoon, thin shaped and the ends pointing upward- that in the following seasons the resources of our lands would be plentiful, the oolichan, salmon, berries and various other resources, bountiful.

Hobiyee is about the point in time when our "Gal-ha'ink" Cedar Bent Boxes of the Nisga'a are near empty of their winter provisions and they have begun to ration the last of their provisions. The Nisga'a are hoping and praying for a bountiful season of oolichans {saviour fish} and a fruitful year.

So the Nisga'a say, "*Hobiyee*" meaning, "*the spoon is full.*"

In the spirit of "Sayt K'il'im Goot" One Path, One Heart, One Nation! We welcome you to the Nisga'a Ts'amiks Edition of the Hobiyee Celebration!

THANK YOU!

Hobiyee would not be possible without our wonderful Volunteers!

The Community of Nisga'a Ts'amiks is so very fortunate to have our VIP's

As our "Volunteers are Important People"

A Very Special Thank you to our Committees

Cooks, Security, Stage Hands, Raffle, First Aide, T-Shirts Sales, Set-up & Clean up plus our MC's and Shuttle Drivers!!!

You are all wonderful, Thank you!

Hobiyee is a success because our volunteers!!!

Si'aamhl Huwilsim'

Hobiyee 2011 Committee

NISGA'A TS'AMIKS
HOBIYEE AGENDA
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2011

The Journey Home is an initiative of Nisga'a Ts'amiks!

A way of reconnecting our people from throughout the Nation. This is not just a trip to the Nass Valley, it is a Journey to *knowledge and identity*.

The Physical trip will occur in Autumn 2011 but the whole Journey is already underway! We as a community are learning, sharing, and teaching one another. We are truly creating community in Ts'amiks and we welcome you to join us on this Journey Home!

February 28, 2011 will be the last day to register/sign up for the Journey.

All Journey Home participants are expected to join in all events, meetings, workshops, etc. leading up to the physical Journey!

If you are interested in taking part in this historical event, please contact the Nisga'a Ts'amiks office for more details:
Sheldon, Millie or Kristy

are here to assist you in taking part in this journey.

We also encourage you to share this information with fellow Nisga'a friends and family.

Come join us on this Historic Journey!

Thank You,
Nisga'a Ts'amiks

3:00pm: Doors open for Feast

Traditional Nisga'a Seating

4:00pm: Dinner

Nisga'a Stew

5:30pm: Breakdown of Recreation Centre/
Prep for Ceremonies

6:00pm: *Gawaganii Ceremony-Peace Ceremony*
between Nisga'a Ts'amiks &
the Squamish Nation.



HOBIYEE AGENDA

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2011

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- 9:00am: Continental breakfast
 - 11:00am: **Grand Entrance** {All dance groups}
 - 12:00pm: Lunch and Announcements
 - 12:20pm: Kwa'kwa'kawakw Dance Group
 - 1:30pm: Git Maxmak'ay Dance Group
 - 2:15pm: Iswalh Lil'wat Dance Group
 - 3:00pm: Lax Kaien Ts'imshian Dance Group
 - 3:45pm: Squamish Nation Dancers
 - 4:30pm: Tu'ul Gandlen Xyaal Xaadaa Dance Group
 - 5:30pm: Git Hoan Dance Group
 - 6:30pm: Git Hayetsk Dance Group
 - 7:30pm: Gitmaxmak'ay Dance Group
 - 8:30pm: Kwhlii Gibaykw Traditional Dance Group
 - 9:15pm: Hobiye!!!!

Please note: There will be no breaks for meals; announcements will be made that the food is available. So we can continue with the Celebrations!

OUR JOURNEY HOME

AUTUMN 2011

Who: Residential School Survivors & Families of the Nisga'a Ts'amiks Community

What: A Journey of Healing, Reconnection & Reconciliation

Where: From Ts'amiks to Nisga'a Territory {with stops at Residential Schools/communities along the way.}

When: September 28, 2011 to October 11, 2011

The Journey Home is for our Elders who left home as children and return as grandparents. It is a Journey to heal and reconnect, a time to celebrate being Nisga'a!

This is a time to meet family, make new friends and rekindle old friendships.

The Journey will see our people welcomed back to the Nisga'a Territory, where we will feast for days, we will celebrate the home coming of so many of our people.

While in the Nass Valley we will feast one night in each of the respective Nisga'a communities.

This is an opportunity for our people to make history. A true home coming and celebration of one great nation!!

Si'aamhl Huwilsim'

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