



DIM HUGAXAM-HLO'O NUUM

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**Nisga'a Nation Education Conference**

Laxgalts'ap Community Centre

September 21, 22, 2017





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September 21—22, 2017



Greetings Children & Youth of the Nisga'a Nation:

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our forefathers who set out before and after the Nisga'a Treaty to establish School District#92(Nisga'a). In doing so, Nisga'a children and youth did not have to travel afar and leave their home communities to obtain an education.

From nursery to headstart, kindergarten to grade twelve, into post-secondary, may your lifelong educational journey be filled with the mentors you need, dreams aimed high and your endeavors conquered.

As the President of the Nisga'a Nation, I will set out to ensure that education is a key priority amongst discussion in the Nisga'a Lisims Government Legislative Chambers.

I am very proud of all Nisga'a Students far and wide and I'd very much like to grasp the theme that comes from the students of Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School:

**"DIM HUGAXAM-HLO'O NUUM" "WE WALK TOGETHER"**

This is your time to shine, and shine brightly so the world can see who the Nisga'a Nation is. Good luck in your educational journey and all the best to those who reached success through our education programs.

In the Spirit of Sayt-K'ílim-Goot,

**NISGA'A LISIMS GOVERNMENT**

Eva Clayton  
President





PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

September 21–22, 2017

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Nisga'a Nation 2017 Education Conference.



One of our greatest responsibilities as a society is to help our children to achieve their full potential. This gathering brings together students, parents and educators to discuss best practices for the education system in the Nisga'a Nation.

I would like to commend the organizers for making this event both enjoyable and informative. I am sure that delegates will make the most of this opportunity to share their experiences and to explore ways in which to better serve students.

Please accept my best wishes for a productive meeting.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada





## A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER JOHN HORGAN

As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, it is my great pleasure to offer my greetings to the students of the Nisga'a Nation.

The knowledge attained through education can provide a platform of growth and transformation. Community and family also play an important role in your education, and I am glad that School District #92 rests within the heart of the Nisga'a Nation.

As you progress through your schooling, remember that all of your accomplishments help to make your home and our province a better place to live. You are our bright future, and I look forward to seeing the world you will help to create.

I wish you all the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Horgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

HONOURABLE JOHN HORGAN  
PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA





**Message from  
The Honourable Melanie Mark**

**Hli Haykwhl Wii Xsgaak**

**Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training**

***Nisga'a Nation Education Conference***

**September 21-22, 2017**

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It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this year's *Nisga'a Nation Education Conference*. This is an exciting opportunity for citizens to connect with each other, explore new opportunities and continue to strengthen the Nisga'a Nation.

Education can have an incredible transformative effect. It helped to shape who I am today and it is my hope advanced education can do the same for you.

Our new government is working hard to ensure all citizens are able to take advantage of amazing educational opportunities to help them thrive and reach their full potential.

On August 8, 2017, our government opened the door to opportunity for thousands of people by making Adult Basic Education programs tuition free. We will continue breaking down barriers by getting rid of interest on B.C. student loans, expanding the tuition fee waiver program for former youth in care, and creating a \$1,000 completion grant for graduates.

Our government is also committed to developing more degree and certificate programs to increase the number of skilled workers in B.C.'s forestry sector, focusing on growing innovation and the manufactured wood products sector.

The Nisga'a Nation leads the way in learning and ensuring education is a key priority to help its citizens find their passion, develop new skills and achieve their dreams.

I wish I could be there in person. I hope you enjoy the conference, keep reaching for the stars!

Sincerely,

Honourable Melanie Mark  
Hli Haykwhl Wii Xsgaak





Welcome to the 2017 Nisga'a Lisims Government Education Conference!

The incredible wisdom of Nisga'a Leadership never ceases to amaze me!

Imagine! The 1913 Petition Nisga'a leadership presentation to the Privy Council of England included education! The importance of education would have been part of leadership discussions since the mid 1850!

"For more than twenty-five years, being convinced that the recognition of our aboriginal rights would be of very great material advantage to us and would open the way for the intellectual, social and industrial advance of our people, we have, in common with other Tribes of British Columbia, actively pressed our claims upon the Governments concerned. In recent years, being more than ever convinced of the advantages to be derived from such recognition and fearing that without such the advance of settlement would endanger our whole future, we have pressed these claims with greatly increased earnestness...

- The above statement was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Nisga Nation or Tribe of Indians held at Kincolith on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 1913."

I suggest the same leadership aspirations remain true today as Nisga'a Lisims Government continues its support of education through this convention, through Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a, through School District 92 (Nisga'a) and other initiatives. As past Nisga'a Educational leaders reiterated long standing Nisga'a wisdom of past elders,

"Ts'im gan wilaak'is wil luu sigihl gandidils" is the philosophical basis for Nisga'a education. Translated literally it means, "within the pursuit of knowledge, therein one will find the true meaning of life." For the Nisga'a, one of the main prerequisites to attaining the aspirations of Indian (Nisga'a) education is the involvement of all the Nisga'a people, children and adults, in the pursuit of quality education. Education is a total way of life."

- Alvin McKay and Bert McKay, Education is a total way of life: the Nisga'a experience, in Indian Education in Canada Vol. 2, 1987:64.

We welcome your input and advice toward higher educational success!

Enjoy the conference!

Warmly,  
Deanna L.E. Nyce PhD Candidate  
President and CEO  
Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute





*“The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.”*

**Sydney J. Harris (Journalist)**

I have always found this quote as a source of inspiration for me as I look to help our students become what they aspire to be. It reminds me, that if we only see ourselves, we have but one perspective on the world. If all that is reflected back to us is ourselves, we maintain a very narrow view of the world.

Through the window of education, we can open our eyes to a variety of perspectives, in essence see the world from many points of view. If we wish for a world where diversity is embraced, this is I believe, a moral imperative to instill in our children.

I believe opening the window to the world is a critical aspect for our system, as we move forward to try and prepare our students for a world that is not yet created, a world where change is the norm, not the exception.

Education needs to allow each and every person the opportunity to develop their passions and strengths, and to strengthen those skills that need improvement. Only then will we have our youth capable of adapting to the ever-changing landscape of work, life and play.

This means we need multiple pathways to Graduation, for the one path fits all, will never enable all our children to develop their gifts. Like any journey there are many paths to the destination, some take the long way, others the conventional, and for some the shortcut. All lead to where we want to go, all should be equally valued.

I welcome all to this conference as it gives us a wonderful look through the window at the community perspectives of our Nisga'a Nation, its gifts, strengths, values, beliefs, and highlights the degree to which it holds education as a path to self-determination. Come learn, grow and celebrate with us.

Respectfully,

Joe Rhodes

Superintendent





# Nisga'a Valley Health Authority

Dear Students/Adults, Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers

The James Samuel Gosnell Memorial Health Centre was designated a hospital under the BC Hospital Act in July 2011. Nisga'a Valley Health Authority (NVHA) provides health services that include Primary care/Physicians, Nursing Services, Public Health, X-rays, Ultrasound, Telemedicine, Specialist services both face to face and telemedicine and health prevention and promotion programs.

Primary care services include:

- Supporting people and families to manage chronic disease, like diabetes or high blood pressure
- Supporting people and families to take more active role in their own care
- Effective user of the expertise of all health care professionals
- Efficiency and coordination in service delivery

NVHA provides excellent physician and nursing services in each of the communities. NVHA employs 4 Nisga'a nurses, 2 from Gingolx and 2 from Gitlaxt'aamiks along with agency nursing. There is a definite need for more Nisga'a nurses. All lab work is done by the nurses, there is a need for X-ray/lab technician. The training is offered in Alberta.

Health services staff include:

- 1 X-ray technician and 1 Ultra sound technician from Vancouver.
- Environmental Health services (EHO) is contracted with FNHA.
- Dental services closed because of increasing costs for travel from Vancouver.
- Home Support and Resident Care is provided by all qualified Nisga'a personnel. The care is given in the home and at each health center.
- The Community Cultural Health Representatives provide prevention and promotion programs under the supervision of the public health nurse.
- The mental health and community wellness program includes the:
  - Alcohol Drug counsellors
  - Nisga'a Crisis Response Team – recruit volunteers
  - Counselling and treatment center referrals
  - The Nisga'a culture/language is implemented in the prevention and promotion programs

NVHA's vision is to improve health outcomes through education, prevention, acute services and research. The Nisga'a nation is welcome to visit the health centers.

Sincerely

Julia Adams, NVHA CEO



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Day 1 September 21, 2017

8:15am—5:00pm

8:15 am  
8:45 am  
9:00 am  
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10:15 am  
10:30 am  
11:00 am  
12:00 pm  
1:00 pm

Registration

Council of Elders Presentation of the Ganim Siwilye'enskw

Welcome Address – Madam President Eva Clayton

Key note – Dr. Vanessa Lapointe

Nutrition Break

Nisga'a Education - Dr. Joseph Gosnell

Ts'ak Video Series - Peter McKay

Luncheon

**Concurrent Session 1—Choose from one of the four, A, B, C or D. Rooms: TBA**

A — Dr. Vanessa Lapointe – Room to be announced

Facilitating session - Lisims Early Learning Program, Liza Haldane

B — Dr Airini – Room to be announced

Facilitating session School District 92, Alvin Azak

C — Panel Role Models Panel 1

Facilitating session - Education Administrator, Art Azak - Gitwinkishlkw

D — Role Models Panel 2

Facilitating session - Education Administrator, Phyllis Clark – Laxgalts'ap

2:00 pm

**Concurrent Session 2—Choose from one of the four, A, B, C or D. Rooms: TBA**

A — Dr. Vanessa Lapointe

B — Dr Airini

C — Role Models Panel 1

Nicole Cross

Robin Casey

Facilitating session - Education Administrator, Camellia Swift –

Gitlaxt'aamiks

D — Role Models Panel 2

Lena Griffin

Marcia Dennis

Education Administrator, Renee Garner - Gingolx

3:00 pm

Nutrition Break

3:15 - 4:00

Reporting:

- Lisims Early Learning Partnership

- School District#92(Nisga'a)

- Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute

4:15 pm

Question period

5:00 pm

Closing



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Day 2 September 21, 2017

8:30am—3:00pm

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| 8:30 am  | Registration                                                                                                               |
| 9:00 am  | Welcome Address: Laxgalts'ap Chief Councillor, Henry Moore                                                                 |
| 9:15 am  | Pro-D Day—NTU President, Rich Hotson                                                                                       |
| 9:30 am  | Keynote speaker— Dr. Airini                                                                                                |
| 10:15 am | Nutrition Break                                                                                                            |
| 10:45 am | Beverly Holmes—Mindfulness Project                                                                                         |
| 11:30 am | Student Panel                                                                                                              |
| 12:00 pm | Luncheon                                                                                                                   |
| 1:00 pm  | <b>Concurrent Session 3 – Choose from one of the four, A, B, C or D. Rooms: TBA</b>                                        |
|          | A — Dr. Vanessa Lapointe<br>Facilitating session – Lisims Early Learning Program Coordinator, Liza Haldane                 |
|          | B — Dr. Airini<br>Facilitating session – School District 92 Board Representative, Alvin Azak                               |
|          | C — Literacy and Numeracy in School District 92<br>Facilitating session – Nisga'a Teachers Union President, Richard Hotson |
|          | D — New School Curriculum<br>Facilitating session – School District 92 Superintendent of Schools, Joe Rhodes               |
| 2:00 pm  | Deputy Director of Programs and Services                                                                                   |
| 2:15 pm  | Closing Statements - Members of Programs and Services Committee                                                            |
| 2:45 pm  | Closing Ceremony - Council of Elders return of the Ganim Siwilye'enskw                                                     |





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## January

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## NISGA'A YOUTH RESOURCE

### **Nisga'a Lisims Government:** [NISGAANATION.CA](http://NISGAANATION.CA)

|                                             |                |                     |                |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Nisga'a Lisims Government                   | D 250 633 3000 | TF 1 866 633 0888   | F 250 633 2367 |
| Programs & Services                         | D 250 633 3054 | TF 1 866 633 3018   | F 250 633 2751 |
| Ayuukhl Nisga'a Department                  | D 250 633 3022 | TF 1 866 633 3018   | F 250 633 2751 |
| Enrolment & Eligibility                     | D 250 633 3026 | TF 1 888 311 9457   | F 250 633 2751 |
| Access to Justice Department                | D 250 633 3070 | TF 1 866 633 3018   | F 250 633 2751 |
| Child and Family Services Court Coordinator | D 250 635 8050 | E kristyw@nsgaa.net | F 250 635 5257 |
| NCFS Gitlaxt'aamiks                         | D 250 633 2603 | TF 1 888 633 2603   | F 250 633 2609 |
| NCFS Terrace                                | D 250 635 3008 | TF 1 877 635 3008   | F 250 635 3040 |
| NCFS Prince Rupert                          | D 250 627 4141 | TF 1 266 624 4141   | F 250 627 4151 |
| Child & Family Therapist                    | D 250 633 2603 | TF 1 888 633 2603   | F 250 633 2609 |
| Social Development                          | D 250 633 3000 | TF 1 866 633 0888   | F 250 633 3086 |
| Post Secondary Education                    | D 250 633 3000 | TF 1 866 633 0888   | F 250 633 2751 |
| Administration Executive Assistant          | D 250 633 3002 | TF 1 866 633 0888   | F 250 633 3035 |
| Communications Department                   | D 250 633 3069 | TF 1 866 633 0888   | F 250 633 2367 |
| Human Resources Department                  | D 250 633 3067 | TF 1 866 633 0888   | F 250 633 2751 |
| Lands & Resource Department                 | D 250 633 3072 | TF 1 866 633 0888   | F 250 633 2751 |
| Nisga'a Fisheries & Wildlife                | D 250 633 2617 | TF 1 866 633 2145   | F 250 633 2971 |
| Nisga'a Economic Development                | D 250 633 3066 | TF 1 866 633 0888   | F 250 633 2367 |
| NPVL/ Lisims Mobility                       | D 250 633 5150 | E nfo@npvl.ca       | W www.npvl.ca  |
| Nisga'a Elections                           | D 250 633 2715 | TF 1 866 633 2715   | F 250 633 2719 |

### **Nisga'a Employment Skills & Training:** [nest360.ca](http://nest360.ca) & [nsgaaworks.ca](http://nsgaaworks.ca)

|                     |                |                      |                |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| NEST Gitlaxt'aamiks | D 250 633 2210 | TF 1 844 633 2210    | F 250 633 2247 |
| NEST Terrace        | D 250 635 8050 | E nest@nsgaa.net     | F 250 635 5257 |
| NEST Prince Rupert  | D 250 627 1595 | E info@nsgaaworks.ca | F 250 627 1557 |

### **School District No.92 (Nisga'a) & Schools:** [www.nsgaa.bc.ca](http://www.nsgaa.bc.ca)

|                                     |                |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| School District No.92 (Nisga'a)     | D 250 633 2228 | F 250 633 2425 |
| Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School | D 250-633-2225 | F 250-633-2669 |
| Gitwinksihlkw Elementary School     | D 250-633-2688 | F 250-633-2916 |
| Alvin A. McKay Elementary School    | D 250-621-3277 | F 250-621-3220 |
| Nathan Barton Elementary School     | D 250-326-4206 | F 250-326-4252 |



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### **Nisga'a Village Governments & Urban Locals:**

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government | D 250 633 3100 | TF 1 877 588 2388 | F 250 633 2271 |
| Gitwinksihlkw Village Government  | D 250 633 2294 | F 250 633 2539    |                |
| Laxgalts'ap Village Government    | D 250 621 3212 | TF 1 877 447 0077 | F 250 621 3320 |
| Gingolx Village Government        | D 250 326 4212 | TF 1 800 736 5511 | F 250 326 4208 |
| Terrace Nisga'a Office            | D 250 635 8050 |                   | F 250 635 5257 |
| Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a              | D 250 627 1595 | TF 1 866 627 1590 | F 250 627 1575 |
| Nisga'a Ts'amiks                  | D 604 646 4944 | TF 1 866 646 4944 | F 604 646 4955 |

### **Nass Valley RCMP:** [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en/d/228](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en/d/228)

Nass Valley Detachment,                      Non Emergency 250 633 2222                      Emergency: 911    F 250 633 2409

### **Fire:**

|                                |                            |                        |
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| Gitlaxt'aamiks Fire Department | Non Emergency 250 633 2263 | Emergency 250 633 2232 |
| Gitwinksihlkw Fire Department  | Non Emergency 250 633 2294 | Emergency 250 633 2626 |
| Laxgalts'ap Fire Department    | Non Emergency 250 621 3366 | Emergency 250 621 3331 |
| Gingolx Fire Department        | Non Emergency 250 326 4212 | Emergency 250 326 4238 |

### **Nisga'a Valley Health Authority:** [www.nisgaahealth.bc.ca](http://www.nisgaahealth.bc.ca)

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| Gitlaxt'aamiks NVHA | Non Emergency 250 633 5000 | TF 1 888 233 2212 | Emergency 250 633 2298 |
| Gitwinksihlkw NVHA  | Non Emergency 250 633 2611 | TF 1-800 993 3513 | Emergency 250 633 2298 |
| Laxgalts'ap NVHA    | Non Emergency 250 621 3274 | TF 1 800 991 5667 | Emergency 250 621 3274 |
| Gingolx NVHA        | Non Emergency 250 326 4258 | TF 1 800 991 5671 | Emergency 250 326 2345 |
| Nurses Help Line    | TF 811                     |                   |                        |

### **NVHA Medical Programs:** [www.nisgaahealth.bc.ca](http://www.nisgaahealth.bc.ca)

|                                  |                |                   |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| NVHA Non-Insured Health Benefits | D 250 633 2611 | TF 1 800 993 3513 |
| Pharmasave Gitlaxt'aamiks        | D 250 633 2757 | F 250 633 2579    |

### **NVHA Medical Bus:** [www.nisgaahealth.bc.ca](http://www.nisgaahealth.bc.ca)

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Gitlaxt'aamiks | TF 1 888 233 2212 |
| Gitwinksihlkw  | TF 1 800 993 3513 |
| Laxgalts'ap    | TF 1 800 991 5667 |
| Gingolx        | TF 1 800 991 5671 |





## NISGA'A YOUTH RESOURCE

**Crisis Lines:** [www.nisgahealth.bc.ca](http://www.nisgahealth.bc.ca)

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Victim Services       | D 250 633 2575    |
| Suicide Distress Line | TF 1 800 784 2433 |
| Crisis Line           | TF 1 888 562 1214 |
| Teen Crisis Line      | TF 1 888 564 8336 |
| Victim Link Line      | TF 1 800 563 0808 |

**Additional Crisis Lines:** [www.nisgahealth.bc.ca](http://www.nisgahealth.bc.ca)

|                                                           |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| BC Mental Health Information Line                         | TF 1 800 661 2121 |
| BC Alcohol and Drug Information and Referral Service      | TF 1 800 889 1441 |
| Problem Gambling Help Line                                | TF 1 888 795 6111 |
| Credit Counselling Society                                | TF 1 888 527 8999 |
| Mood Disorders Association of BC                          | D 604 873 0103    |
| Early Psychosis Intervention Program                      | TF 1 866 870 7847 |
| Griefworks BC                                             | TF 1 877 234 3322 |
| Legal Services Society                                    | TF 1 866 577 2525 |
| SAFER (Suicide Attempt Follow-Up, Education and Research) | D 604-879-9251    |
| Vancouver Crisis Centre                                   | TF 1 866 661 3311 |



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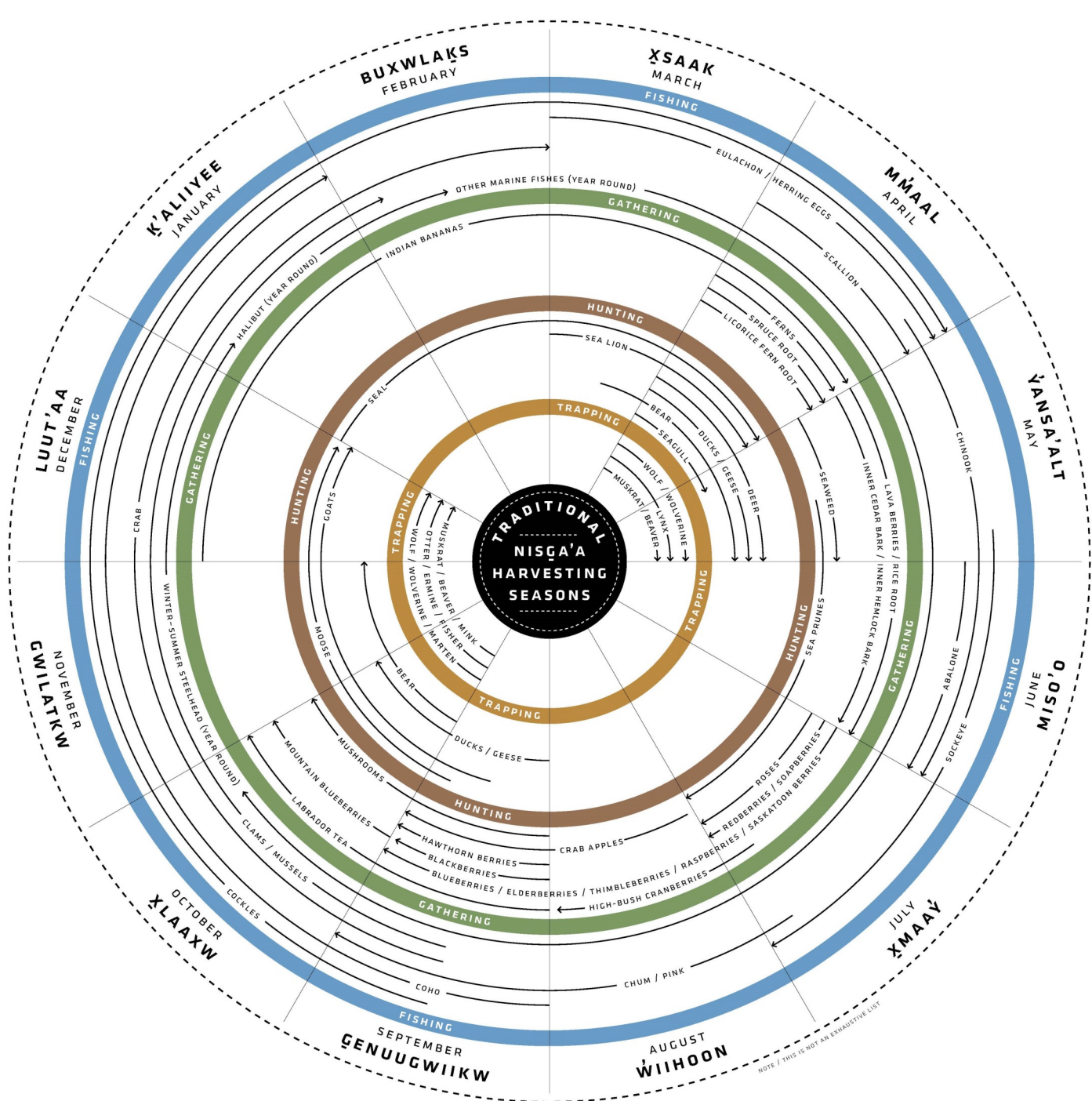
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