



11<sup>th</sup>

# First Nations Great Gathering

## Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Uashassitsh Site

1514, Ouiatchouan street

10:00 am-3:00 pm **YOUTH DAY (FREE)**

- Clown Statik
- Bubble foot
- Inflatable bouncy games
- Free dance on stage
- Face painting

2:00 pm Symbolic arrival of Wemontaci Indigenous Inter-Band Games participants and address by Chief Clifford Moar

2:30 pm Opening of the entry desk (cash only)

4:00-9:00 pm Opening of artisan and restaurant kiosks

6:30 pm **Opening ceremony of the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the First Nations Great Gathering**

**Welcoming of the participants of the traditional canoeing descent to the sound of the «teuhikan» with Charles Api Bellefleur**

**Medal of Honor award**

### Opening Shows

7:30 pm **Chorale Gospel Novi**



9:00 pm **Sakay Ottawa**



Presented by **RioTinto**

## Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Uashassitsh Site

1514, Ouiatchouan street

8:00 am Canoe and triathlon registrations

9:30 am **Canoe races**

- Mixed 2,9 km
- Men 5,5 km
- Women 4,4 km
- Medal ceremony on main stage

Presented by



9:00 am-11:00 pm Opening of artisan and restaurant kiosks

1:00 pm-5:00pm **Pow-Wow and teuhikan-accompanied chants**

**Host-Drum : Eastern Eagle  
Head female dancer : Ivany Aubin-Malo  
Head male dancer : David Aashkabee White**

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2:30 pm Traditional triathlon registrations

3:00 pm-5:00 pm First Nations cinema under the tent (cancelled in case of rain)

5:30 pm **Traditional triathlon** starts (sand bags portage, canoe race and canoe portage)

- Female category
- Male category
- Prizes on main stage

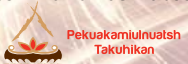
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7:45 pm **Pow-Wow and teuhikan-accompanied chants**

**Host-Drum : Eastern Eagle  
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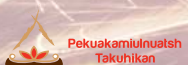
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9:00 pm Hand drum competition

10:00 pm **Fireworks with music**

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10:15 pm **Meshikamau**

Presented by **RioTinto**



## Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Amishkuisht Arena

77, Uapakalu street

8:00 am Registrations for Portage Competition

9:30 am **Portage Competition starts**

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- Speed races
  - 100 lb women
  - 200 lb men
- Endurance races
  - 200 lb women
  - 300 lb men
- Heavy weights races
  - Women start at 500 lbs
  - Men start at 600 lbs
- Medal ceremony

### Uashassitsh Site

1514, Ouiatchouan street

8:30 am Newborns ceremony

9:00 am Traditional meat cooking

9:00 am-4:00 pm Opening of artisan and restaurant kiosks

10:30 am-12:00 Tales and legends (second stage)  
In collaboration with Festival Atalukan



12:00 **Pow-Wow and teuhikan-accompanied chants**

**Host-Drum : Eastern Eagle  
Head female dancer : Ivany Aubin-Malo  
Head male dancer : David Aashkabee White**

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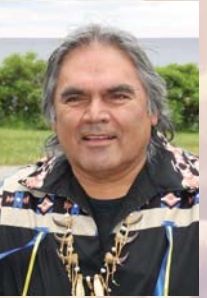
5:00 pm Traditional meal (10 \$ per person)

Presented by



6:00 pm Closing ceremonies  
with Charles Api Bellefleur

## Word of the Chief



Kuei! We are already at the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the First Nations Great Gathering. It is an honor and a pride every year for the community of Mashteuatsh to welcome neighbors and friends for this great event that unfolds its colors and gives us lots to see.

The First Nations Great Gathering perpetuates a tradition that is truly important in our culture and reflects our identity, that of the summer gathering of families on the edge of the Pekuakami. In the summer, our ancestors have always known how to take advantage of these great opportunities and encounters to showcase their talents and to forge links, share and exchange in a festive and joyful atmosphere.

Even today, whether by singing, dancing, sporting competitions, cultural activities or meetings, our gathering promotes exchanges and sharing, in the same spirit as what existed in the days of our ancestors.

The beauty of the Pekuakami and the warmth of the people who take part in the party with us make this summer moment truly magical.

I wish all of you this year a memorable First Nation Great Gathering. Let us celebrate and share with friends and ensure that the relationships we are about to bring are joyful and happy, and also optimistic for months and years to come.

We are very proud this year to present you a quality programming and a unique event in Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean. Thank you for your presence in Mashteuatsh and thank you to all our partners and volunteers who are contributing to this 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the First Nations Great Gathering.

Have a great time at the gathering and in Mashteuatsh !

Clifford Moar  
Pekuakamiulnuatsh  
Chief of the Pekuakamiulnuatsh