

'Back To Batoche Days' - 1986

Batoche, settlement above the South Saskatchewan River, was where the Metis dream of nationhood and self-determination was defended in battle. Today, even though Louis 'David' Riel, Gabriel Dumont and their fellow patriots and defenders of that dream have long since left to claim their eternal reward, their song of Metis nationhood continues to sing in the heart of every Metis and Metis supporter.

Nowhere is that song sung sweeter or heard more distinctly than in the ever restless wind that whistles from the banks of the South Saskatchewan River, as it settles over Batoche where it call its people, the Metis, home to Batoche.

And they come. From all corners of the world, they return each and every year to celebrate their distinct culture, rekindle their proud heritage, and renew their common dream of a Metis Nation. They come as one to again feel the 'Metis Spirit' that is Batoche.

'Back to Batoche Days' is an annual Metis Cultural Festival which is fast becoming the one attraction you don't want to miss during Saskatchewan's busy tourist season. It is hosted by the Association of Metis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan with the generous support of the following organizations:

- AMNSIS Western Region II
- Metis National Council
- Saskatchewan Native Recreation Corporation
- Saskatchewan Native Alcohol Council Corporation
- Saskatchewan Native Communications Corporation
- Batoche Centenary Corporation
- Gabriel Dumont Institute
- All AMNSIS Areas and Locals

The Metis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan are proud to offer you the unique opportunity and honor of sharing their culture this and every year at **Batoche**.

For more information, contact Saskatchewan Native Communication Corporation at 210-2505-11th Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan or phone 525-9501.



**The Metis and Non-Status
Indians of Saskatchewan**

Welcome You To

**'Back To Batoche Days'
July 25, 26, 27, 1986**

Schedule of Events:

Friday, July 25

- 8:00 p.m.** Opening Ceremonies
Master of Ceremonies - Ray Fox
Opening Prayers: Medric McDougall and Julie Pitzel
Guest Speakers: Jim Sinclair, AMNSIS President
Merril Fiddler, BCC Chairman
- 9:30 p.m.** Dance-RCA Recording Artists 'The C-Weed Band'
(Admission \$5.00. Children 14 and under free)

Saturday, July 26

- 9:00 a.m.** Fastball Tournament begins (Sponsored by Saskatchewan Native Recreation Corporation)
- 10:00 a.m.** Children's Activities begin in Main Tent (View "Tales of Wesakechak," make puppets and clay necklaces)
(Co-ordinated by Marla Dufour)
Horseshoe Tournament begins (Sponsored by Saskatchewan Native Recreation Corporation)
- 12:00 p.m.** Cultural Competitions begin (Sponsored by Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research)
Noon - Fiddling
2:00 - Jigging
 Bannock Baking
4:00 - Square Dancing
- 1:30 p.m.** Children's Outdoor Events Begin (face painting, races, bottle sucking contest, animal sound contest, paper airplane contest)
- 2:00 p.m.** Bannock Baking (Co-ordinated by Mrs. Rose Boyer)
- 5:00 p.m.** Tug-of-War - 1st round eliminations (Sponsored by Saskatchewan Native Recreation Corporation)
- 6:00 p.m.** Amateur Native Talent Show (Sponsored by Saskatchewan Native Communications Wehtamatowin Corporation)
- 9:30 p.m.** Announcement of Mr. and Ms. Batoche (Sponsored by Saskatchewan Native Alcohol Council)
Dance-RCA Recording Artists 'C-Weed Band'
(Admission \$5.00. Children 14 and under free)

Sunday, July 27

- 10:00 a.m.** Procession to Mass Gravesite begins at Main Gate
- 11:00 a.m.** Memorial Service at Mass Gravesite
- 1:00 p.m.** Fastball Tournament Finals
Horseshoe Tournament Finals
- 2:00 p.m.** Cultural Competition Finals Begin
2:00 - Fiddling
 Bannock Baking
3:00 - Jigging
4:00 - Square Dancing

Ground Rules:

- Absolutely No Alcohol
- No Unauthorized Vehicles In Tenting Area
- 8 KPH Speed Limit Enforced Throughout Site
- Restricted and Enforced Vehicle Use on Site
- Absolutely No Firearms Permitted On Site

Concession Booths:

Concession stands will be provided by AMNSIS Locals selling a variety of different food.

Memorial Service:

Sunday, July 27, 11:00 a.m. at Mass gravesite
Everyone is urged to come and give tribute to our heroes of the past. Together we will remember those who fought and gave their lives for a way of life, for a culture, for the pride and dignity of the Metis Nation.

Native Entertainment:

Top Native entertainment will be provided for the dances on Friday and Saturday evenings, featuring The C-Weed Band. Fiddle champion, Reg Bouvette, will provide backup music for the cultural competitions.

Registration:

Registration for all events will take place at the information booth. (Co-ordinated by Saskatchewan Native Alcohol Council)

