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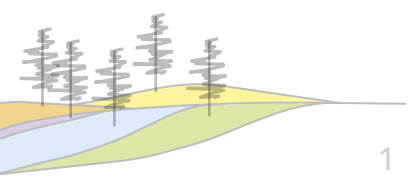
FIVE NATIONS GATHERING

AUGUST 24-26, 2022

COMING TOGETHER IN CELEBRATION OF OUR SHARED HOMELANDS

Last month, **Fox Lake Cree Nation** hosted a gathering for the Five Inninew Nations at their Culture Camp in support of protecting our shared homelands through the **Kitaskenan Kawekanawaynichikatek** and **Mamow Katoskatamuk Aski Alliance** projects.

There were participants of all ages from War Lake First Nation, Tataskweyak Cree Nation, York Factory First Nation, and Fox Lake Cree Nation. Participants spent three days eating together, sharing stories, and participating in land-based activities.

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THE LAND WE WANT TO PROTECT

Kitaskenan Kawekanawaynichikatek - The Land we want to Protect, is an initiative that brings together our five Inninewuk Nations to talk about protecting our shared homelands, by establishing an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA). The IPCA would be Inninewuk-led and guided by our own traditional laws.

MAMOW KATOSKATAMUK ASKI ALLIANCE

The Mamow Katoskatamuk Aski Alliance represents a commitment of the five Nations to work collaboratively, and with equal representation, as true stewards of Mother Earth to manage and protect Aski for future generations.

Activities included boat excursions; medicine walks; bus tours of the area; visits to historical sites; fishing; storytelling; cooking sturgeon and bannock over the fire; holding sweat lodges; and making crafts including beading, painting, and caribou tufting.

This gathering represented an important milestone for the Kitaskenan Kawekanawayn-ichikatek project, as we now hope to bring the Five Nations together to adopt the vision of protecting our ancestral lands through an Indigenous-led protected area. Elders and youth alike told us how much they enjoyed the gathering and wanted to know when the next one will be! A big thank you to Fox Lake Cree Nation for hosting this special gathering. We hope that this is just one gathering of many more to come!