



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW

ORGANIZATION: Mountain Metis Association – Youth Connections Program

MISSION STATEMENT: Improve the cultural, social, educational, economic, and personal advancements of Grande Cache Youth.

REPORT COMPLETED BY: Diane Vincent

DATE COMPLETED: March 27, 2024

STATISTICS

of registered Indigenous Youth accessing programs & services: 62

Total # of unique participants for all activities in the reporting period: 83

(Unique participant is defined as individual youth. If a youth attended 4 activities, they would be counted as 1, not 4)

Total # of youth activities (programs) completed in the reporting period: 6

of activities that taught traditions of forefathers: 0

of partnerships in reporting period: 4

Name of Partner	Nature of Partnership	Description
Susa Creek School	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with Susa Creek School to offer a variety of afterschool programs.
Summit View Middle School	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered up with Summitview Middle School to offer homework help, for an hour, after school.
Whispering Pines Lodge	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered up with Whispering Pines Lodge to provide programs for the youth and seniors.
Misfits Gym	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with Misfits gym to improve health: Youth exercised consistently and benefited from muscle building and mental focus. Young people have access to various exercise machines, tools, and trainers that can help them optimize their workouts and achieve their goals.

Please describe successes during reporting period:

Our Programs that we continued to offer we've been having consistent numbers.

Many youths express how the program is helping them deal with their emotions by having a safe environment, YC has been getting a lot of positive feedback from parents. Youth Connections was so excited to be back in the schools now that it's spring break we look forward to being back in schools in April. In this quarter, our Youth Mentor began offering weekly homework help services to youth at Summitview Middle School.

Please describe challenges with program delivery during the reporting period: No Challenges with program delivery were expressed during this reporting period.

ADVERTISING

Describe how the programs were promoted to youth: All our programs are advertised using poster boards, social media, and as well as informing schools.

We have five community boards we post on around town, and we send out emails to school staff. Summit View Middle School has been generous enough to announce the homework help on their end-of-the-day announcements. We also use our social media platforms on Facebook.

We also make it a priority to make personal calls to registered youth and their families to let them know what kind of programs we have coming up.

Describe advertising used and provide costs for advertising: Advertising costs are broken down to include staff time to create the advertisement, graphic program monthly fee (canva), paper, ink, and in some cases travel to distribute posters.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Describe professional development activities: We will revisit this next quarter.

Activity 1 – Homework help		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain:			
Please list all activities: During this quarterly period, Youth Connections offered Homework help at Summitview Middle School for (1 hour) each Wednesday. We provided help with math, language arts, problem-solving, and social studies. Some youth attend the program to have a safe environment to complete homework			
Total # of individual youth assisted	23	# of Metis youth assisted	3
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Number of consistent participants and feedback on the service from youth and parents			
Measurement Tool results: The Youth enjoy having a safe place to do their homework after school.			
Additional information:			

Activity 2 Misfits Fitness		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain:			
Please list all activities: This is a bi-weekly program in which Misfits creates different obstacle courses for the youth. They are each given so much time at each circuit and then switch to the next thing. The fitness instructor also shows the youth how to use the different pieces of equipment.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	6	# of Metis youth that participated	3
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Number of consistent participants and feedback on the service from youth and parents			
Measurement Tool results:			
Additional information:			

Activity 3 Susa Creek Afterschool Program		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain:			
Please list all activities and frequency of activities: Every Tuesday or Thursday afternoon Youth Connections traveled to the Susa Creek school and engaged the students in after-school programs and homework support. We have provided a wide range of activities such as seasonal crafts, and cultural teachings.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	26	# of Metis youth that participated	26
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Consistent participation rates			
Measurement Tool results: Youth expressed verbally how happy they were about our programming and warmly welcomed us in their classrooms. There were consistent numbers and participation rates for the activities hosted at Susa Creek School			
Additional information:			

Activity 4- St. Patrick's Day craft with WPL		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain:			
Please list all activities: Youth Connections partnered up with Whispering Pines Lodge to bring the seniors and youth together for a St. Patrick's Day craft. Each person was given a cardboard shamrock that they then had to wrap in yarn. This was a simple, yet fun way to get everyone together to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	6	# of Metis youth that participated	0
Outcome Measurement Tool used:			
Measurement Tool results:			
Additional information:			

Activity 5 Out-of-town youth trips		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: N/A			
If not delivered, please explain:			
Please provide details of trips (were, institution name, conference title etc.) Youth were brought to Jasper to learn about the historical connection of community and culture. They also had the opportunity to learn about the Trans Mountain Expansion pipeline and how that connects to industry. The next day, both the youth and elders of the group went to the Skytram, which was a new and exciting experience for most of them. The group split up, with one of the Youth Coordinator taking some enthusiastic youths on a hike to the top, while the others took advantage of the tram. The kids were captivated by the breathtaking views and enjoyed the warm weather at the top of the mountain.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	10	# of Metis youth that participated	10
Outcome Measurement Tool used: N/A			
Measurement Tool results: N/A			
Additional information:			

Activity 6 Scholarship, educational grants, and bursary application assistance		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: N/A			
If not delivered, please explain: No youth required assistance in this quarterly period as the age group consisted of youth ages 15 and under.			
Please provide details: Youth and parents are made aware through phone calls and through the schools that Youth Connections provides bursary and scholarship application support.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	0	# of Metis youth that participated	0
Outcome Measurement Tool used: N/A			
Measurement Tool results: N/A as this activity is ongoing and made available when youth need support			
Additional information: Our staff keeps an updated database of local scholarships and bursaries as well as a wide range of available scholarships and bursaries available to youth who need assistance in looking for funds to further their post-secondary education. We have had many successful youths in the past utilize this service and have had parents reach out for guidance as well.			

Activity 7 Mileage Reimbursement		Provided: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not provided, please explain:			
Provide the amount of mileage reimbursed: Mileage is given each week to our staff who pick up and drop off youth living in town and in the Cooperatives and enterprises for programming purposes.			
Total # of individual youth that received reimbursement	30	# of Metis youth that received reimbursement	21
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Number of youths utilizing the transportation services			
Measurement Tool results: Youth were able to attend programming due to the availability of a transportation service. Also, our program numbers always see an increase when Youth Connections offers transportation services.			
Additional information: In this quarterly staff used 1, 968 kms.			

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Complete chart for each activity provided that is not listed in previous pages of the report.

Activity 8: Nutrition		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: Youth Connections provides healthy meals to 25 families in need. This program began at the beginning of the school year and will run until the end of the school year in June. Food is delivered to all families.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	36	# of Metis youth that participated	30
Outcome Measurement Tool used: participation numbers and youth survey			
Measurement Tool results: Feedback from parents and youth through our Facebook page and surveys handed out to each family every four months.			
Additional information: N/A			



YOUTH CONNECTION QUARTERLY REPORT Jan-Mar 2024

Mountain Métis Community Association
PO Box 1468, Grande Cache, AB T0E 0Y0

Month of January, February, and March

Youth Connections was present at Susa Creek and Summitview Middle School in January, February, and March. Youth Connections traveled to Susa Creek school every Thursday afternoon and engaged students in after-school programs. We have provided various activities such as pottery, seasonal crafts, window catchers, and watercolor art.

Every Wednesday, Youth Connections offered Summitview Middle students Homework help. Our participation numbers for this program keep growing. Parents expressed how thankful they are for this service, and that youth have been finishing their homework on time.

Youth Connections also continues with its Nutrition program. This allowed Youth Connections to help families in the community who might need more support during the school year. We've been working with our local grocery store, New Horizon Co-op, and our local Chalet Food Stores Ltd to maximize the program funds by ordering groceries that are part of New Horizon Coop's and Chalet Foods' weekly sales. When the order arrives, Youth Connections packages the groceries every Monday and delivers them to registered youth in Grande Cache.

February

Winter Camp funded by Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee, Youth Connections program has the unique opportunity to host winter camp, winter camp captured the diversity of the Métis culture the youth programs provided the opportunity for jigging, a traditional Métis Dance which was facilitated by Kyle Durocher from Edmonton are. We then introduced a traditional life skill local resident and guide Jonny Cezan taught kids about ice fishing. Fishing is considered an integral skill in the traditional lifestyle which community members still try to maintain. Jonny introduced youth to fishing techniques while describing the types of fish available in the area. Explaining the habitats of each fish, the youth were given equipment and set to the test of determining their fishing skills.

To end the weekend Robert and Vicky Wanyandie taught the youth about ribbon clothing which was brought to the community from Prairie Cree. Vicky explained to female youth her interpretation of the ribbon skirts and why she makes them. After her teachings, female youth were then taught how to sew their ribbon skirts.

Robert Wanyandie taught the males about ribbon shirts as an expression of Indigenous Culture: Ribbon shirts are traditional garments worn by Indigenous people for special occasions, ceremonies, and gatherings. After his teaching, male youth sewed ribbons on their shirts.

The youth were allowed to keep all the items they created to remind them of the teachings and the skills they were introduced to over the weekend.

Youth Connections partnered with Misfits Gym, During the fitness program youth would have a personal trainer. This is a bi-weekly program in which Misfits creates different circuits for the youth.



YOUTH CONNECTION QUARTERLY REPORT Jan-Mar 2024

Mountain Métis Community Association
PO Box 1468, Grande Cache, AB T0E 0Y0

They are each given so much time at each circuit and then switch to the next thing. The fitness instructor also shows the youth how to use the different pieces of exercise machines, tools, and trainers that can help them optimize their workouts and achieve their goals.

March

Youth Connections partnered with Whispering Pines Seniors Lodge for a St. Patrick's Day craft. Youth and the seniors created yarn-wrapped shamrocks where Whispering Pines elders happily hung on their doorknobs. This was a great experience for youth working together with the elderly. Partnering with Whispering Pines Lodge does not only benefit the youth but as well as the elders.

Youth Connections did a Jasper Trip that was funded by Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee. Youth Connections planned a trip with the environmental program to learn about the work involved with TMX. The departments shared the experience as the work directly impacted the Mountain Métis Community territory. The experience provided an opportunity for four generations of the community to develop a conversation about cumulative territorial impacts. The next day, both the youth and elders of the group went to the Skytram, which was a new and exciting experience for most of them. The group split up, with one of the Youth Coordinator taking some enthusiastic youths on a hike the mountain, while the others took advantage of the tram. The kids were captivated by the breathtaking views and enjoyed the warm weather at the top of the mountain.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW

ORGANIZATION: Mountain Metis Association – Youth Connections Program

MISSION STATEMENT: Improve the cultural, social, education, economic and personal advancements of Grande Cache Youth.

REPORT COMPLETED BY: Diane Vincent

DATE COMPLETED: June 28, 2024

STATISTICS

of registered Indigenous Youth accessing programs & services: 56

Total # of unique participants for all activities in reporting period: 85

(Unique participant is defined as individual youth. If a youth attended 4 activities, they would be counted as 1, not 4)

Total # of youth activities (programs) completed in reporting period: 7

of activities that taught traditions of forefathers: 2

of partnerships in reporting period: 2

Name of Partner	Nature of Partnership	Description
Misfits Fitness	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with Misfits Gym to teach them proper form and techniques.
Summit View Middle School	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered up with Summit View Middle School to offer homework help, for an hour, after school.
Susa Creek After School Program.	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections has partnered with the Susa Creek School to offer after-school programming and support.
Spirit Seekers Youth Conference	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections had the opportunity to bring youth to the annual Spirit Seekers Conference.
Elk Ridge Quarter Horses	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with Elk Ridge to provide youth with Horsemanship skills.

Please describe successes during reporting period:

The programs that we continued to offer we've been having consistent numbers.

Many youths express how the program is helping them deal with their emotions by having a safe environment, YC has been getting a lot of positive feedback from parents. Youth Connections was so excited to be back in the schools now that its summer break we look forward to be back in schools in September. In this quarter, our Youth Mentor began offering weekly homework help services to youth at Summit view Middle School.

Please describe challenges with program delivery during reporting period: No Challenges with program delivery were expressed during this reporting period.

ADVERTISING

Describe how the programs were promoted to youth: All our programs are advertised using poster boards, social media and as well as informing schools.

We have five community boards we post on around town, and we send out emails to school staff. Summit View Middle School has been generous enough to announce the homework help on their end-of-the-day announcements. We also use our social media platforms on Facebook.

We also make it a priority to make personal calls to registered youth and their families to let them know what kind of programs we have coming up.

Describe advertising used and provide costs for advertising: Advertising costs are broken down to include staff time to create the advertisement, graphic program monthly fee (canva), paper, ink and in some cases travel to distribute posters.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Describe professional development activities:

ACTIVITIES

Activity 1 Homework Help/Tutorial Services		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain:			
Name of schools and total number of hours spent in each school service was provided at: During this quarterly period, Youth Connections began offering Homework help at Summit View Middle School for (1 hour) each Wednesday. We provide help with math, language arts, problem-solving, and projects that are due, some youth just come visit with social support, someone to talk to.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	20	# of Metis youth that participated	6
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Number of consistent participants and feedback on the service from youth and parents			
Measurement Tool results: Parents expressed how thankful they are for this service, and that youth are finishing their homework on time.			
Additional information:			

Activity 2 Susa Creek Afterschool Program		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain:			
Please list all activities and frequency of activities: Every Tuesday afternoon Youth Connections travels to the Susa Creek school and engages the students in after-school programs. We have provided a wide range of activities such as seasonal crafts and cultural activities.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	29	# of Metis youth that participated	29
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Consistent participation rates			
Measurement Tool results:			
Additional information: The youth love seeing us each week, we are greeted with big hugs and lots of smiles.			

Activity 3 Out-of-town youth trips to attend career and post-secondary educational conferences		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain: We will revisit this activity with them again next quarter			
Please provide details of trips (were, institution name, conference title, etc.) Youth Connections took youth to the annual Spirit Seekers Conference in Grande Prairie. Youth engaged in several culturally based workshops of their choosing.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	8	# of Metis youth that participated	7
Outcome Measurement Tool used: N/A			
Measurement Tool results: The youth were so grateful for this opportunity and got to take home everything they made.			
Additional information: 			

Activity 4 Scholarship, educational grants, and bursary application assistance		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: N/A			
If not delivered, please explain: No youth required assistance in this quarterly period as the age group consisted of youth ages 15 and under.			
Please provide details: Youth and parents are made aware through phone calls and through the schools that Youth Connections provides bursary and scholarship application support.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	0	# of Metis youth that participated	0
Outcome Measurement Tool used: N/A			
Measurement Tool results: N/A as this activity is ongoing and made available when youth need support			
Additional information: Our staff keep an updated database of local scholarships and bursaries as well as a wide range of available scholarships and bursaries available to youth who need assistance in looking for funds to further their post-secondary education. We have had many successful youths in the past utilize this service and have had parents reach out for guidance as well.			

Activity 5 Mileage Reimbursement		Provided: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not provided, please explain:			
Provide the amount of mileage reimbursed: Mileage is given each week to our staff who pick up and drop off youth living in town and in the Cooperatives and enterprises for programming purposes.			
Total # of individual youth that received reimbursement	30	# of Metis youth that received reimbursement	21
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Number of youths utilizing the transportation services			
Measurement Tool results: Youth were able to attend programming due to the availability of a transportation service. Also, our program numbers always see an increase when Youth Connections offers transportation services.			
Additional information: In this quarterly staff 3,676kms were used.			

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Complete chart for each activity provided that is not listed in previous pages of the report.

Activity 6 Nutrition Program		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: Our Nutrition program has been ongoing since September and will go on throughout the summer months. Each week Youth Connections picks up nutritional meals for families and deliver them to each home.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	25- Families	# of Indigenous youth that participated	29
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Surveys			
Measurement Tool results: 100% of youth and families love our nutrition program.			
Additional information: Several parents have mentioned to us how much their children have benefited from our nutrition program and are very thankful that such a program is available weekly for their families.			

Activity 7 Fitness Program		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: We provided the youth with a fitness program, partnering with the Misfits Gym. The youth learned about proper form and how to properly utilize the gym equipment.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	5	# of Indigenous youth that participated	2
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Surveys			
Measurement Tool results:. The youth loved learning about proper techniques and being active.			
Additional information:			

Activity 8 Horsemanship		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: Youth Connections partnered with Elk Ridge to provide youth with horsemanship skills. Youth have learned how to lead, steer, and ride their horses. This has been an excellent program teaching youth many skills along with hand eye coordination and building confidence.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	13	# of Indigenous youth that participated	3
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Surveys			
Measurement Tool results: Youth and parents continuously express their gratitude for this program.			
Additional information:			



Mountain Métis Community Association -Youth Connections

The Youth Connections programming for the second quarter, encompassing the months of April, May, and June, showcased a diverse range of educational and recreational activities.

In early April, our Misfits program concluded, emphasizing the significance of equipment operation safety and proficiency among youth participants.

April marked the commencement of our 12-week Horsemanship program in collaboration with Elk Ridge Ubar, conducted on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, catering to four students per session.

Throughout April, the Youth Coordinator and Mentor maintained consistent engagement at Susa Creek School, delivering tailored programming such as the creation of ribbon skirts, aligning with the cultural significance of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Walk scheduled for May 3rd. Simultaneously, activities at Summitview School focused on academic support through dedicated homework assistance sessions every Wednesday.

Our ongoing Nutrition Program, serving 25 families in Grande Cache and four cooperatives, continued to provide vital support every Monday, commencing at the outset of the academic year in September 2023.

On May 24-25, Youth Connections orchestrated an excursion to Spirit Seekers in Grande Prairie, featuring an opening ceremony held on Friday, May 24th, commencing at 7:00 pm at the esteemed Douglas J. Cardinal Theatre at NWP. The evening unfolded with captivating displays of traditional dance, a noteworthy performance, an address by keynote speaker Theland Kicknosway, and an Annual Youth Role Model Awards presentation.

On Saturday, participants engaged in a series of four workshops and immersive cultural experiences tailored for eight Indigenous youth. The day offered a blend of enriching learning opportunities and recreational activities, followed by Round Dance. As an incentive for youth participating in 12 hours of Spirit Seekers Conference, we decided to take the youth bowling as to end a fabulous weekend of learning and meeting new people.

June will see the continuation of key initiatives including Horsemanship, programming at Susa Creek and Summitview Schools, and the Nutrition Program.

Additionally, from June 10th to 12th, a unique camp experience is planned at Hide Away for Susa Creek School students. This specialized camp integrates educational curriculum sessions from 9:00 AM to 2:24 PM, followed by evening programs facilitated by Youth Connections, concluding with a communal movie screening.

The Horsemanship program is slated to conclude on July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, marking the culmination of the enriching 12-week journey for participating youth.

As the school year draws to a close, we look forward to resuming in-person classes in September.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW

ORGANIZATION: Mountain Metis Association – Youth Connections Program

MISSION STATEMENT: Improve the cultural, social, educational, economic, and personal advancements of Grande Cache Youth.

REPORT COMPLETED BY: Diane Vincent

DATE COMPLETED: Sept 27, 2024

STATISTICS

of registered Indigenous Youth accessing programs & services: 60

Total # of unique participants for all activities in the reporting period: 81

(Unique participant is defined as individual youth. If a youth attended 4 activities, they would be counted as 1, not 4)

Total # of youth activities (programs) completed in the reporting period: 12

of activities that taught traditions of forefathers: 3

of partnerships in reporting period: 9

Name of Partner	Nature of Partnership	Description
Susa Creek School	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with Susa Creek School to offer a variety of afterschool programs.
Summit View Middle School	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered up with Summitview Middle School to offer homework help, for an hour, after school.
B.E.S.T Program	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with the B.E.S.T program to bring youth a cooking club.
Grande Cache Community Learning and Employment Resource Centre.	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with CLERC & AWN to bring youth a class 7 Drivers program.
Mountain Metis Community Association – Environmental	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with our Environmental program to allow youth to learn about their environment and the things in it.
Holistic Habits	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with Holistic Habits during our annual summer camp to bring the youth a wellness program in which they made bath soaps and scents.
FCSS	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with Alex from FCSS to provide a beading program to the youth during our annual summer camp.

True North Aid	Financial Programming Location	True North Aid Financial contributed to our annual summer camp and provided back-to-school backpacks with school supplies for Summitview, Sheldon Coats, and Grande Cache High School.
United Way Alberta Northwest	Financial Programming Location	United Way Alberta Northwest provided back-to-school backpacks filled with supplies for all students at Susa Creek School.

Please describe successes during the reporting period:

We've been having consistent numbers in the programs that we continue to offer.

Many youths express how the program is helping them deal with their emotions by having a safe environment, YC has been getting a lot of positive feedback from parents. Youth Connections was so excited to be back in the schools now that it's spring break we look forward to being back in schools in April. This quarter, our Youth Mentor began offering weekly homework help services to youth at Summitview Middle School.

Please describe challenges with program delivery during the reporting period: No Challenges were expressed during this reporting period.

ADVERTISING

Describe how the programs were promoted to youth: All our programs are advertised using poster boards, social media, and informing schools.

We have five community boards we post on around town, and we send out emails to school staff. Summit View Middle School has been generous enough to announce the homework help on their end-of-the-day announcements. We also use our social media platforms on Facebook.

We also make it a priority to make personal calls to registered youth and their families to let them know what kind of programs we have coming up.

Describe advertising used and provide costs for advertising: Advertising costs are broken down to include staff time to create the advertisement, graphic program monthly fee (canva), paper, ink, and in some cases travel to distribute posters.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Describe professional development activities: We will revisit this next quarter.

ACTIVITIES

Activity 1 – Homework help		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain: The program is set to resume this month in conjunction with the start of the school year.			
Please list all activities: The Yearly Youth Connections program offers Homework Help at the middle school every Wednesday after school, providing students with the support they need to complete assignments and enhance their understanding of the material.			
Total # of individual youth. assisted	0	# of Metis youth assisted	0
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Number of consistent participants and feedback on the service from youth and parents			
Measurement Tool results:			
Additional information:			

Activity 2 - Class 7 License program		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain:			
Please list all activities: Youth Connections partnered with the Grande Cache Community Learning and Employment Centre along with Aseniwuche Winewak Nation to bring youth a class 7 learners' program. This program was an in-depth study group that taught youth the proper rules of the road.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	14	# of Metis youth that participated	10
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Our days were filled with engaging activities designed to help everyone prepare for the Class 7 knowledge test. Here's a summary of our activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive content review • Challenging pop quizzes • Enjoyable word-matching activity • Online Alberta Class 7 practice tests • Competitive flashcard competition • Group work • An exciting 77-question Kahoot game encompassing all chapter areas 			
Measurement Tool results: We had seven youths successfully pass their test. Parents were very grateful for this program.			
Additional information: In partnership with Youth Connections and Aseniwuche Winewak Nation, we supported teens in obtaining their Learner licenses. This program empowers young individuals with the skills and knowledge to become safe and responsible drivers. We are incredibly proud of all the teens who participated and successfully passed their knowledge tests! Your hard work and dedication have paid off, opening doors for personal growth and greater community involvement.			

Activity 3 Susa Creek Afterschool Program		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain:			
Please list all activities and frequency of activities: Every Tuesday afternoon Youth Connections travels to the Susa Creek school and engages the students in after-school programs and homework support. We have provided a wide range of activities such as seasonal crafts, and cultural teachings.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	30	# of Metis youth that participated	30
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Consistent participation rates			
Measurement Tool results: Youth expressed verbally how happy they were about our programming and warmly welcomed us in their classrooms. There were consistent numbers and participation rates for the activities hosted at Susa Creek School			
Additional information:			

Activity 4 - Cooking Club		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain:			
Please list all activities: Youth Connections partnered with the B.E.S.T. program to provide young people with the opportunity to learn how to prepare healthy meals independently.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	21	# of Metis youth that participated	8
Outcome Measurement Tool used:			
Measurement Tool results: The youth thoroughly enjoyed learning to cook and create their own meals, eagerly incorporating new recipes into their culinary repertoire.			
Additional information:			

Activity 5

Out-of-town youth trips

Delivered:

Yes or **No**

Outcome: N/A

If not delivered, please explain: We will explore this further in our next quarterly.

Please provide details of trips (were, institution name, conference title etc.)

Total # of individual youth
that participated

of Metis youth that
participated

Outcome Measurement Tool used: N/A

Measurement Tool results: N/A

Additional information:

Activity 6 Scholarship, educational grants, and bursary application assistance		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: N/A			
If not delivered, please explain: No youth required assistance in this quarterly period as the age group consisted of youth ages 15 and under.			
Please provide details: Youth and parents are made aware through phone calls and through the schools that Youth Connections provides bursary and scholarship application support.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	0	# of Metis youth that participated	0
Outcome Measurement Tool used: N/A			
Measurement Tool results: N/A as this activity is ongoing and made available when youth need support			
Additional information: Our staff keeps an updated database of local scholarships and bursaries as well as a wide range of available scholarships and bursaries available to youth who need assistance in looking for funds to further their post-secondary education. We have had many successful youths in the past utilize this service and have had parents reach out for guidance as well.			

Activity 7 Mileage Reimbursement		Provided: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not provided, please explain:			
Provide the amount of mileage reimbursed: Mileage is given each week to our staff who pick up and drop off youth living in town and the Cooperatives and enterprises for programming purposes.			
Total # of individual youth that received reimbursement	30	# of Metis youth that received reimbursement	21
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Number of youths utilizing the transportation services			
Measurement Tool results: Youth were able to attend programming due to the availability of a transportation service. Also, our program numbers always see an increase when Youth Connections offers transportation services.			
Additional information: In this quarterly staff used 2,350 kms.			

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Complete chart for each activity provided that is not listed in previous pages of the report.

Activity 8: Nutrition		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: Youth Connections provides healthy meals to 25 families in need. This program commenced at the beginning of the school year and will continue until June. Food is delivered directly to all participating families. The program concluded in July and is scheduled to resume in early October 2024.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	36	# of Metis youth that participated	30
Outcome Measurement Tool used: participation numbers and youth survey			
Measurement Tool results: Feedback from parents and youth through our Facebook page and surveys handed out to each family every four months.			
Additional information: We consistently receive positive feedback from families, particularly those in need, expressing how much our program has supported them throughout the school year.			

Activity 9: Environmental Program		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: Youth Connections partnered with our Environmental team to create the Earth Watcher program. This program is to provide environmental training to youth. This will allow youth to receive mentorship and guidance in ecological dynamics in the Mountain Metis territory.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	6	# of Metis youth that participated	6
Outcome Measurement Tool used: participation numbers and youth survey			
Measurement Tool results: Feedback from parents and youth through our Facebook page and surveys handed out to each family every four months.			
Additional information: N/A			

Activity 10: Summer Camp		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: Youth Connections hosted our annual summer camp for youth, featuring culturally enriched programs such as jigging, fiddling, beading, and learning about traditional plants. We welcomed facilitators who led additional programs, including the B.E.S.T. program and Holistic Habits. Participants also enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities, including sports, swimming, and hiking.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	17	# of Metis youth that participated	13
Outcome Measurement Tool used: participation numbers and youth survey and nightly journaling			
Measurement Tool results:			
Additional information: At the conclusion of camp, each participant received a fiddle, enabling them to practice the skills they acquired during the program. The youth expressed immense joy and appreciation for this generous gift from the Mountain Metis Community Association.			

Activity 11: Traditional Metis Jigging		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: Youth Connections put together a traditional Metis jigging program with instructor Savanah Hamelin. This program is over four classes. Youth started off by learning the basic steps, and each week learned a little more. In the end, they will perform for their parents.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	15	# of Metis youth that participated	13
Outcome Measurement Tool used: participation numbers and youth survey			
Measurement Tool results: The Métis facilitator, Savanah, would hold a sharing circle with the youth after each session, providing them with an opportunity to reflect on their experiences and share their thoughts.			
Additional information: N/A			

Activity 12: TGIF Summer fun days		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: Youth Connections partnered with the B.E.S.T program to do a TGIF summer fun days. This included fun activities such as an escape room, games, and art. Followed by this was a sponsored swim after each program.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	17	# of Metis youth that participated	2
Outcome Measurement Tool used: participation numbers and youth survey			
Measurement Tool results:			
Additional information: N/A			



YOUTH CONNECTION QUARTERLY REPORT July, Aug, Sept 2024

Mountain Métis Community Association
PO Box 1468, Grande Cache, AB T0E 0Y0

Youth Connections Report – July to September 2024

Program Overview

In July 2024, Youth Connections partnered with the Grande Cache Learning and Employment Centre and the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation to deliver a two-week Class 7 Learner Licence program. The initiative proved to be highly successful, with participants actively engaged in a variety of activities designed to prepare them for the Class 7 knowledge test. Key components of the program included:

- Comprehensive content review
- Challenging pop quizzes
- Enjoyable word-matching activities
- Online Alberta Class 7 practice tests
- Competitive flashcard competitions
- Collaborative group work
- An engaging Kahoot game featuring 77 questions covering all subject areas

Additionally, Youth Connections collaborated with BE.S.T. to offer a week-long program that included a Cooking Club on Mondays. In this club, youth learned to prepare healthy meals using new ingredients, such as chicken wraps and yogurt parfaits. The partnership also hosted a “Thank Goodness It’s Friday” (TGIF) event, which featured activities such as an escape room challenge and arts and crafts.

Youth Connections also partnered with our Environmental Team to launch the Earth Watcher program. This initiative aims to provide comprehensive environmental training for youth, equipping them with mentorship and guidance on ecological dynamics specific to the Mountain Metis territory. Through this program, we aspire to empower the next generation of environmental stewards.

August Activities

In August, Youth Connections concluded our highly anticipated Annual Summer Camp at Hide-A-Way, featuring a range of enriching activities aimed at fostering personal development and community engagement. Highlights of the camp included:

- Sessions with traditional knowledge speakers
- Daily jigging and fiddling workshops
- Workshops on healthy relationships



YOUTH CONNECTION QUARTERLY REPORT July, Aug, Sept 2024

Mountain Métis Community Association
PO Box 1468, Grande Cache, AB T0E 0Y0

- Lanyard beading
- Making bath bombs, shower steamers, and oils using natural ingredients
- Creating authentically scented smudge sprays
- “Every Child Matters” rock painting
- Plant and animal track identification
- Evening swimming and movie nights

Additionally, in collaboration with True North Aid and United Way Alberta Northwest, Youth Connections supported Susa Creek School, Summitview School, Sheldon Coats, and Grande Cache High School by delivering backpacks filled with school supplies to each institution.

September Initiatives

As of September 2024, Youth Connections has resumed our weekly programs at Susa Creek School and Summitview School, providing homework assistance. We also introduced a weekend jigging program for all youth in Grande Cache, facilitated by Savannah Hamelin.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW

ORGANIZATION: Mountain Metis Association – Youth Connections Program

MISSION STATEMENT: Improve the cultural, social, educational, economic, and personal advancements of Grande Cache Youth.

REPORT COMPLETED BY: Diane Vincent

DATE COMPLETED

STATISTICS

of registered Indigenous Youth accessing programs & services: 85

Total # of unique participants for all activities in the reporting period: 117

(Unique participant is defined as individual youth. If a youth attended 4 activities, they would be counted as 1, not 4)

Total # of youth activities (programs) completed in the reporting period: 12

of activities that taught traditions of forefathers: 3

of partnerships in the reporting period: 11

Name of Partner	Nature of Partnership	Description
Susa Creek School	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with Susa Creek School to offer various afterschool programs.
Summit View Middle School	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered up with Summitview Middle School to offer homework help, for an hour, after school.
Grande Cache Community High School, B.E.S.T, and Tawow	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with multiple organizations at the GCCHS to offer a Cree culture club.
The MD of Greenview	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with the MD of Greenview for the annual lighting of Rocky the Ram.
Grande Cache Tourism Centre, B.E.S.T, Grande Cache Community Library and Mountain Blooms	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with multiple organizations to offer a Grinch tree workshop for youth at the Tourism Centre
James Miles	Financial Programming Location	Youth Connections partnered with James Miles to bring the community a haunted house and escape room.

Please describe successes during the reporting period:

Our Programs that we continued to offer have had consistent numbers.

Many youths express how the program is helping them deal with their emotions by having a safe environment, YC has been getting a lot of positive feedback from parents. Youth Connections was so excited to be back in the schools now that it's spring break we look forward to being back in schools in April. In this quarter, our Youth Mentor began offering weekly homework help services to youth at Summitview Middle School.

Please describe challenges with program delivery during the reporting period: No Challenges with program delivery were expressed during this reporting period.

ADVERTISING

Describe how the programs were promoted to youth: All our programs are advertised using poster boards, social media, and as well as informing schools.

We have five community boards we post on around town, and we send out emails to school staff. Summit View Middle School has been generous enough to announce the homework help on their end-of-the-day announcements. We also use our social media platforms on Facebook.

We also make it a priority to make personal calls to registered youth and their families to let them know what kind of programs we have coming up.

Describe advertising used and provide costs for advertising: Advertising costs are broken down to include staff time to create the advertisement, graphic program monthly fee (canva), paper, ink, and in some cases travel to distribute posters.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Describe professional development activities: We will revisit this next quarter.

ACTIVITIES

Activity 1 – Homework help		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain:			
Please list all activities: Youth Connections offers homework assistance at the middle school every Wednesday after school, providing support for students who may require help or need additional time to complete their assignments. The program is designed to assist students as needed, ensuring they have the resources and guidance to succeed.			
Total # of individual youth. assisted	11	# of Metis youth assisted	4
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Number of consistent participants and feedback on the service from youth and parents			
Measurement Tool results:			
Additional information: Will Continue in the New year			

Activity 2 – Cree Club		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain:			
<p>Please list all activities: Cree Club is a program based on learning the Cree language. Using a hands-on, experiential approach, Cree Club aims to create an environment where language learning is not just about memorizing words but about experiencing the language in context through culturally based programming. This helps foster a meaningful connection to the Cree heritage.</p>			
Total # of individual youth that participated	30	# of Metis youth that participated	25
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Number of consistent participants and feedback on the service from youth and parents			
<p>Measurement Tool results: Smudge and then sharing a circle.</p> <p>Positive feedback from teachers, partnerships, and principal.</p>			
Additional information:			

Activity 3 Susa Creek Afterschool Program		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain:			
Please list all activities and frequency of activities: Every Tuesday afternoon Youth Connections travels to the Susa Creek school and engages the students in after-school programs and homework support. We have provided a wide range of activities such as seasonal crafts, and cultural teachings.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	30	# of Metis youth that participated	30
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Consistent participation rates			
Measurement Tool results: Youth expressed verbally how happy they were about our programming and warmly welcomed us in their classrooms. There were consistent numbers and participation rates for the activities hosted at Susa Creek School			
Additional information:			

Activity 4 – Haunted House/ Escape Room		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not delivered, please explain:			
Please list all activities: Youth Connections partnered with James Miles to bring the community a Haunted house and escape room. This allowed youth to play a drama role where they acted and became spooky characters.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	25	# of Metis youth that participated	8
Outcome Measurement Tool used:			
Measurement Tool results: The youth loved being a part of the haunted house and even had the opportunity to meet with CBC Edmonton.			
Additional information:			

Activity 5 Out-of-town youth trips		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: N/A			
If not delivered, please explain: Activity 5 will be revisited next quarterly.			
Please provide details of trips (were, institution name, conference title etc.)			
Total # of individual youth that participated		# of Metis youth that participated	
Outcome Measurement Tool used: N/A			
Measurement Tool results: N/A			
Additional information:			

Activity 6 Scholarship, educational grants, and bursary application assistance		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: N/A			
If not delivered, please explain: No youth required assistance in this quarterly period as the age group consisted of youth ages 15 and under.			
Please provide details: Youth and parents are made aware through phone calls and through the schools that Youth Connections provides bursary and scholarship application support.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	0	# of Metis youth that participated	0
Outcome Measurement Tool used: N/A			
Measurement Tool results: N/A as this activity is ongoing and made available when youth need support			
Additional information: Our staff keeps an updated database of local scholarships and bursaries as well as a wide range of available scholarships and bursaries available to youth who need assistance in looking for funds to further their post-secondary education. We have had many successful youths in the past utilize this service and have had parents reach out for guidance as well.			

Activity 7 Mileage Reimbursement		Provided: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
If not provided, please explain:			
Provide the amount of mileage reimbursed: Mileage is given each week to our staff who pick up and drop off youth living in town and in the Cooperatives and enterprises for programming purposes.			
Total # of individual youth that received reimbursement	30	# of Metis youth that received reimbursement	21
Outcome Measurement Tool used: Number of youths utilizing the transportation services			
Measurement Tool results: Youth could attend programming due to the availability of a transportation service. Also, our program numbers always see an increase when Youth Connections offers transportation services.			
Additional information: In this quarterly staff used 2,329 kms.			

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Complete chart for each activity provided that is not listed in previous pages of the report.

Activity 8: Nutrition		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: Youth Connections provides healthy meals to 25 families in need. This program began at the beginning of the school year and will run until the end of the school year in June. Food is delivered to all families.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	36	# of Metis youth that participated	30
Outcome Measurement Tool used: participation numbers and youth survey			
Measurement Tool results: Feedback from parents and youth through our Facebook page and surveys handed out to each family every four months.			
Additional information: N/A			

Activity 9: Grinch Trees		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: Youth Connections partnered with the Grande Cache Tourism Centre to bring youth a Grinch tree workshop. This was a hands-on activity where the youth used their creativity to make something beautiful.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	30	# of Metis youth that participated	9
Outcome Measurement Tool used: participation numbers and youth survey			
Measurement Tool results:			
Additional information: This was a partnership with Cache Tourism Centre, B.E.S.T, Grande Cache Community Library, and Mountain Blooms.			

Activity 10: Ugly Christmas sweaters		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: Youth connections had its annual ugly Christmas sweater program. Youth were able to create their ugly sweaters by using a variety of Christmas decorations.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	15	# of Metis youth that participated	5
Outcome Measurement Tool used: participation numbers and youth survey			
Measurement Tool results:			
Additional information: N/A			

Activity 11: Light up of Rocky the ram		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: Youth connections partnered with the MD of Greenview for the annual light-up of Rocky the Ram where we supplied the community with hot chocolate.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	N/A	# of Metis youth that participated	N/A
Outcome Measurement Tool used:			
Measurement Tool results: Feedback from community members			
Additional information: N/A			

Activity 12: Pumpkin carving contest/ Movie		Delivered: Yes or No	
Outcome: Successful			
Provide details: Youth connections held their annual pumpkin carving contest where the youth had the opportunity to choose their pumpkin and put their artistic skills to work.			
Total # of individual youth that participated	10	# of Metis youth that participated	4
Outcome Measurement Tool used: sharing circle after movie			
Measurement Tool results: Youth loved the creative freedom to carve and create their own pumpkins.			
Additional information: N/A			



YOUTH CONNECTION QUARTERLY REPORT OCT, NOV, DEC 2024

Mountain Métis Community Association
PO Box 1468, Grande Cache, AB T0E 0Y0

Community Engagement Through Youth Programs and Cultural Celebrations

In a series of exciting community events, October Youth Connections collaborated with James Miles to create the highly successful Haunted House experience, *The Caretaker's Curse*. This spine-chilling attraction, complemented by the involvement of twenty youth volunteers who took on the roles of scary characters, was a standout community event. It not only provided a thrilling experience for participants but also garnered tremendous recognition within the community. The Haunted House event exemplified the creative spirit and active participation fostered by Youth Connections.

Continuing with its tradition of fostering creativity, Youth Connections hosted the Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest, a popular event where youth expressed their artistic flair by carving out their favorite scary movie characters. This event further emphasized the program's commitment to providing fun, engaging activities that allow the youth to showcase their talents and creativity.

Throughout the year, Youth Connections maintained a strong presence in the community, hosting various programs every Tuesday. These sessions, lasting an hour and a half, offered a space for consistent engagement and skill-building for the youth. The year was concluded with a Potluck and Christmas party, which not only celebrated the holiday season but also provided a warm opportunity for parents to connect with one another and participate in the community's vibrant culture. Looking ahead to the New Year, Youth Connections plans to continue supporting local students with Homework Help at Summitview School, Programs with Susa Creek School, and the Cree Club at the high school, further solidifying its role as a positive force in youth development.

The Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement also celebrated youth engagement in a significant way with the hosting of jigging lessons by Savanah Blyan-Hamelin, a traditional Métis dancer. Over four weekends, Savanah shared her expertise in Métis dance, introducing youth aged 6-17 to iconic group dances such as "The Reel of 4," "The Broom Dance," and "The Sash Dance." The lessons culminated in a talent show, where participants proudly showcased their newfound dance skills to their families and guardians, creating lasting memories and a deeper appreciation for Métis culture.

In addition to the jigging lessons, Youth Connections continued its tradition of celebrating the festive season through various creative holiday programs. One such event was the Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Program, where youth designed their own unique and festive sweaters using a range of Christmas decorations. This event brought lighthearted fun and holiday cheer to the community, offering an avenue for youth to express their creativity while spreading joy.

Youth Connections also partnered with local organizations such as the Grande Cache Tourism Centre, B.E.S.T., the Grande Cache Community Library, and Mountain Blooms to host a Grinch Tree Workshop. This collaborative event, held at the Tourism Centre, allowed youth to craft their own Grinch-inspired holiday trees, adding an extra layer of creativity to the season's festivities.



YOUTH CONNECTION QUARTERLY REPORT OCT, NOV, DEC 2024

Mountain Métis Community Association
PO Box 1468, Grande Cache, AB T0E 0Y0

Together, these events highlighted the importance of community engagement, creativity, and cultural expression. Youth Connections continues to play a pivotal role in fostering a supportive environment where young people can connect, learn, and celebrate, making a positive impact on the community as a whole. Through these programs, the community has come together in meaningful ways, celebrating the talents, traditions, and holiday spirit of its youth.