

Circle of Eagles Lodge Society Newsletter Spring 2020



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Background of Circle of Eagles Lodge (COELS)

Circle of Eagles Lodge Society was incorporated as the Allied Indian and Metis Society on May 29, 1970. The Society formally changed its name to the Circle of Eagles Lodge Society at its 25th anniversary, 1995.

Vision

Circle of Eagles Lodge Society (COELS) envisions Indigenous Brothers and Sisters leading healthy, balanced lives as empowered individuals, within their families, communities, cultures and traditions.

Mission

COELS supports Indigenous Brothers and Sisters leaving federal institutions and those dislocated from society, to reintegrate into Community by providing respectful wholistic services and culturally safe spaces.

Programs and Services

Programs and services of COELS are developed through strategic conversations with knowledgeable stakeholders. They include former and current Brothers and Sisters of COELS, community organization partners, Coastal Health frontline workers, Elders, community members, Corrections Services Canada, Parole Officers and COELS Board of Directors, Management and Staff. The goal is to bridge the gaps of existing good community programs and services with COELS in house programs.

Board and Staff Directory

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Circle of Healing Program

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Housing and Supports Program

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Rob Bain, Housing Support Worker/ Peer Worker
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K'emk'emalay Indigenous Pre-Employment Skills Training

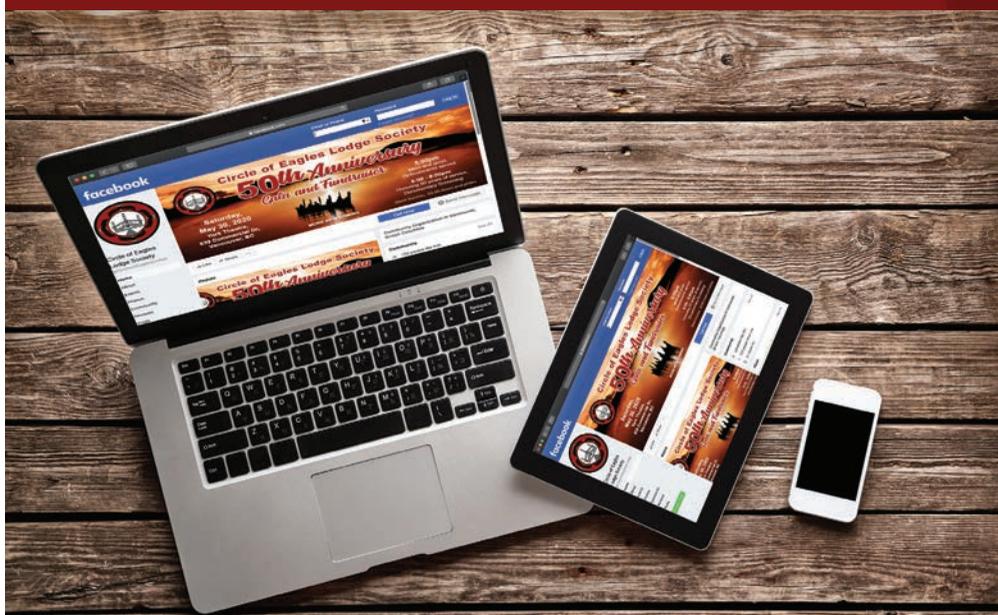
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John Delorme
Juanita Desjarlais
Tony Niles
Sandy Peters

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Message from the CEO

By Merv Thomas

Many exciting projects are currently underway at the Circle of Eagles Lodge Society and time seems to be flying as we enter February and prepare for another fiscal year end and plan for the next fiscal year.

The Board and staff have been very busy with many projects. Many proposals and projects are being planned.

COELS Naa-na-himiyis Renovations

The minor renovations are proceeding at Naa-na-himiyis Brothers Healing Lodge and are scheduled to be completed by March 31st, 2020. Minor repairs include fixing a leaking roof, upgrading the hot water boiler, painting the living spaces, fixing the decks, and other minor repairs. Thank you to CSC for providing the resources to make these repairs so that the living space may be safe for the Brothers that live there and the staff that work there.

50th Year Anniversary Gala and Fundraiser

We are currently planning for our 50th year anniversary and we will be celebrating this incredible milestone with a Gala and Fundraiser. Please join Circle of Eagles Lodge Society (COELS) for an incredible fun-filled evening honouring 50 years of service. The evening will include cultural celebration, live music, a silent auction, dignitaries, special surprise guests, fundraising and the premiere screening of 'The Circle of Eagles'.



This 50th year anniversary celebration highlights the incredible achievements of Board of Directors, Staff and Indigenous Brothers, Sisters, that keep the healing journey going. Please check us out on our website, Eventbrite and Facebook.

The Documentary film:

The Circle of Eagles - From prison to community, embracing Indigenous culture.

'The Circle of Eagles' is a fifty-minute documentary telling the story of COELS, from it's beginning to the present, and looking forward.

The impact of government policies in residential schools, foster care, poverty, and addictions is a story of many Indigenous people; leading to higher rates of incarceration, poverty and educational achievement.

The founding president of COELS, Marge White, received the Order of Canada. She is a tireless advocate for positive change in the lives of Indigenous people. When a request from Indigenous Brothers inside the Federal institutions for an Indigenous halfway house came to her attention, she brought that dream to life.

Healing with culture changes the course of one's path, making a positive impact on Indigenous brothers and sisters as they leave the prison system. This film hears from various voices. From Indigenous Brothers as they share their powerful stories of where they've been to where they are now. Founders, staff, Correctional Services of Canada and Elders tell stories of hope from individuals whose lives and hearts have been touched by the work done by all. Their stories highlight the impact of culture, overcoming incredible obstacles.

Tsetsusem Healing Journey (Camp Potlatch)

We are once again preparing for the spring Tsetsusem Healing Journey which will take place from May 4th – May 8th, 2020 at Camp Potlatch. We are once again providing this healing journey to nine (9) Brothers from the community, three (3) Brothers from Kwikwexwhelp Healing Village, and three (3) Brothers from Mission Minimum. We have updated our resource booklet, and plans are underway with Claire and Jason coordinating this year's journey.



Circle of Eagles Trading Post

The Circle of Eagles Trading Post will be opening soon, and we continue to plan for its success. We have applied to the Vancouver Foundation to provide the resources and capacity so that we may be able to conduct a feasibility study. The overall goal and some key activities is to provide a space for Indigenous Brothers and Sisters to sell their arts and crafts, as well as providing a space for community to get their medicines. We also want to ensure that all stakeholders are in sync and support this initiative. For example, we want to know how to structure the social enterprise so that the business may become viable and successful.

Naa-na-himiyis Brothers Healing Lodge



Naa-na-himiyis Brothers Healing Lodge

By Danette Delorme, House Manager

Naa-na-himiyis Brothers' Healing Lodge is an Indigenous community residential facility for Men following the Indigenous traditional healing path. Our Lodge has 17 beds, 3 double rooms and 11 single rooms.

Once you arrive to the Lodge an intake is done, all Brothers coming in must spend 3 days in-house for orientation. This is a time to settle in and get used to a new environment, meet with the staff and your Parole Officer.

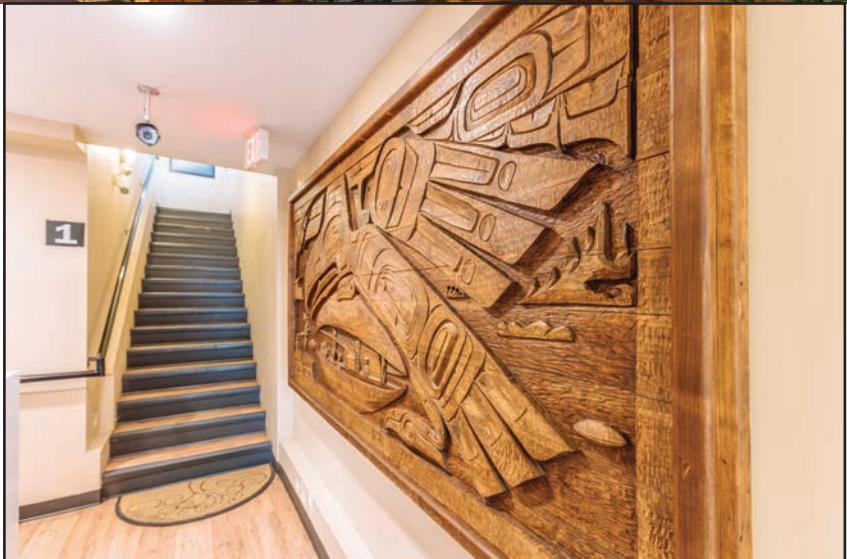
The Lodge operates 24/7 and we have an open-door policy, all former Brothers are welcome to come by for a visit, maybe for a meal or just for a coffee and a chat.

We have many programs to offer, we have Sweat Lodge ceremonies, healing and sharing circles. The Elder/Spiritual Advisors share their teachings and have one on one counseling sessions. We have Pre-Employment, Housing, Peer Support programs.

With our Circle of Healing program, they now have blanket ceremonies for the brothers that have left our program in a positive way. They have a sharing circle with the Elder/Spiritual Advisor and a few of the staff. We love to celebrate and have many celebrations, we celebrate Birthdays, Easter, Halloween, and Christmas. We have pool, bowling, movie nights and once in a while we receive tickets to the hockey or football games.

Our goal is to provide support and services to the brothers coming out of the Institutions and help them re-integrate back into the community and to give them the tools to continue on to live a healthy productive life out on their own.

If you are interested in coming to Naa-na-himiyis Healing Lodge you fill out an application, call us at 604 874-9610 or by email at admin@circleofeagles.com.



Anderson Lodge Healing Center for Women



by Velma L. Albert, House Manager

Staff and sisters would like to share with you of all that have been happening at Anderson Lodge over the past few months.

For this month, the Lodge continues to provide services to homeless Sisters and to Sisters who are leaving correctional facilities to the community. They all participate in all of our Indigenous Cultural and Spiritual programming.

Anderson Lodge House Manger continues to make bi-weekly visits to Fraser Valley Institution. It is during this time we get to know the sisters and to provide them with information on the Lodge. When you hear the announcement, "Anderson Lodge is here in the cultural room," you are welcome to come and see the House Manager for any information that you are seeking regarding Anderson Lodge or the community. All information is viable for your integration plan.

At the beginning of next month, (April) Anderson Lodge will be responsible for the preparation and food delivery to homeless street people and to elders within our community. These two projects will happen bi-weekly. Hence, we plan to prepare and have food delivery to homeless street people, and then the following week will be food distribution to elders within our community. Sisters within our facility will be participating in these projects. This is a way to give back to the community.

Our sisters are strongly encouraged to participate in the Anderson Lodge program. The following programs are offered from Monday to Friday: sweat lodge ceremonies, ceremonies, smudging ceremonies, Native Arts & Crafts, Talking Circle/House Meeting, Anderson Lodge Drum Group, and Alcohol & Drug program.

Our sister's lodge was held every Wednesday for this month and will continue in this trend. All sisters benefit from these ceremonies; they also have a chance to talk and smudge with the elder who is running the lodge.

The past few months we had sisters who were extremely talented in Native Arts & Crafts. We made beautiful moccasins slippers, colorful lanyards, traditional paintings, and Native Jeweler. In addition, our A&D counselor assisted sisters in creating and sewing their sweat dresses, and ribbon skirts. These attires were made for Traditional celebration and ceremonies.

The sisters meet on Saturdays to work on their wonderful masterpieces. Most of the arts attracts the eye while they sparkle from the bright and shining colors. We are extremely pleased with all the wonderful Native Traditional sewing at Anderson Lodge. This writer witnessed the pride of each sisters who completed their striking work.

Sandra Peters, Alcohol & Drug (A&D) Counsellor, continues to meet our sisters for one to one counseling, provide Indigenous ways of teaching, moccasin making, and spiritual beliefs practices.

We had two house outings recently; we went as a group to witness the Traditional singing and drumming at Hobiye - Nisga New Year and the Women's memorial march on February 14. All outings went well and well received by all staff and sisters.

This concludes Anderson Lodge's news. Thank you.

Musi Cho...

Sweat Lodge ceremonies for the Sisters are held every Wednesday.

Call Anderson Lodge for more information.

(604) 874-1246

Cultural and Support Programs and Services

Circle of Healing Outreach

By Jennifer Cupello

The Circle of Healing program Outreach worker position has provided ongoing assistance and support to the Brothers in the community. We provide the Brothers with assistance with everyday tasks, for example, obtaining Identification. However, we do not limit our assistance and have been able to provide support in many different areas of their release.

We have attended cultural activities with the Brothers, and it has been a fun learning experience. We have gone to Pow Wows in the community, cultural nights at the Friendship Center, and participated in different cultural ceremonies with them. We have even had Brothers who have participated in the cultural event. For example, dancing in the Pow Wows. Attending cultural activities with the Brothers provides them with the opportunity to strengthen their connection to the cultural aspect of their community release.

We have been working on assisting the Brothers get connected to community resources. This includes referring them to employment programs, housing support, Elder Support, Substance abuse programs and different life skills programs. We work closely with the COEL HASP program, pre employment program and the Peer Support Worker for COEL. Furthermore, we have been working with Bladerunners employment program. The Brothers have had success with these programs and have benefited from the support of each of these programs.

We are planning on attending upcoming cultural events in the community with the Brothers in the next couple of months. We already have Brothers who are talking about attending Camp Potlatch in May and are excited about the opportunity.

The next cultural event we are attending with the Brothers is Hoobiyee on February 28, 29th, 2020. In addition, we also have some Brothers who have signed up for the Sun Run in April with staff. Overall, being part of the progress that the Brothers are making on their release has been rewarding. They have demonstrated that with some assistance they can complete their goals.

We are looking forward to continuing our work with the Brothers and working on finding new ways that we can assist them.

Peer Support

By Rob Bain

As the peer support worker, I am constantly learning on how to better the Brothers' reintegration. Recently I have been providing one on one support to those who are in need and come into the resource center. I also set aside time for sessions at Naa-na-himiyis to provide support to those who are coming in for escorted visits and who are just released to the community.



Peer Support Worker - Rob Bain

My job as the support worker is trying to find ways to support the Brothers in any way possible. This could be driving to cultural functions or just to listen and help with personal situations. Another way I have been helping is by providing information on the harm reduction project. Providing this valuable information is one of the topics I talk about when I first meet a brother who has just been released into the community. This includes Naloxone Training and providing the proper resources and literature about the opioid- crisis that has been plaguing our city.

We have also brought our brother Terry to our Peer Support Network. His shared life experience is valuable to our growing network of peer support with Circle of Eagles. He will be assisting in our new brothers sharing circle and providing his insight on peer support.

This is the 50th anniversary of Circle of Eagles and we are excited to see what this year gives us and we thank the Creator for all that we have received, We also thank Marge White who had a vision 50 years ago about bringing culture to those incarcerated and to bring light to those who were in the dark. Her impact is not over, and I look forward to what the future holds for the Circle of Eagles lodge Society.

Peer Support Worker

Who are we?

Here at Circle of Eagles Lodge Society (COELS) we provide support for Brothers and Sisters reintegration into the community. Our Peer Support program is a new initiative to provide one on one support with Brothers and Sisters who have lived a common experience.

What we do?

We provide emotional and social support to the brothers and sisters to ease their reintegration into the community. Having shared a common experience gives our peer support workers the extra guidance to help in common situations.

Where?

We are located at 2008 Wall Street in Vancouver BC. We are located close major bus routes and there is ample parking in the neighborhood.

When?

We are open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday

Contact Resource Center 778-658-5760

Brothers Schedule for the Sweat Lodge is:

March 1st - Anderson Lodge, 1pm

March 5th - Anderson Lodge, 6pm

March 15 - Anderson Lodge, 1pm

March 19 - Anderson Lodge, 6pm

March 29 - Anderson Lodge, 1pm

K'emk'emelay Indigenous Employment Skills Training

Circle of Eagles Resource Center
2008 Wall Street
Vancouver
(Wall and Dundas)

Phone: 778-658-5760

Email: isadore@circleofeagles.com



K'emk'emelay Indigenous Pre-Employment Skills Training

by Isadore Phillips

Happy Easter,

We are wrapping up our last quarter of our training sessions here at the Circle of Eagles Lodge Society Resource office for the 2019-2020 fiscal. This past year has been great quite busy at the office with individuals coming into the office they come from as far away currently as New Westminster, White Rock and Surrey. Individuals come into the office to participate in the sessions at the office and some of the Certificate Trainings offered relating to employment in the Construction and Trades Industry. We have another 3 solid weeks of training and information sessions for the clients with the most beneficial one being the employer information sessions. Current Progress of the clients so far this quarter is as follows based on their individual needs when they come into the Circle of Eagles Resource Center office

Employed	7
Participating in Training	8
Returned to Education	2
Other	2

70 Clients have come through the doors of the office looking for support and assistance with developing or updating resumes and cover letters; refining job search skills and participating in the certificate training program where a variety of topics are discussed. A majority of our clients have started working, have entered other training programs or are returning to school and they all leave with the option to come back to the office to visit and spend time with the staff at the office.

The K'em K'em elay Training and Employment Program offers a variety of certificates to our clients:

1. Food Safe
2. Confined Space
3. Fall Protection
4. Traffic Control
5. Fork Lift
6. Scissor Lift
7. Occupational First Aid Level 1
8. Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems
9. Transportation of Dangerous Goods

So far, we have had people from a construction company, a reclamation company and traffic control share with the participants what opportunities exist for them with employment after certification. Looking at the planning for the upcoming year I would like to identify though personal contacts a person from the movie sets to come share opportunities with the participants of the training program. These information sessions throughout the training sessions are beneficial as it allows the participants to expand their options during the 10 weeks of the training program.

I am pleased that this year we have Identified Annabelle Peeteetuce as our success story as her participation leads her to a supervisory position with a traffic control company. At the office we can tell when she comes into the office as her laughter is unique and we all enjoy her company.

My Success Story

By Annabelle Peeteetuce

Hello, my name is Annabelle Peeteetuce, I am a young lady that lives in the Downtown Eastside area of Greater Vancouver and have been here for a few years. My original introduction to the province of British Columbia came through the decision to move out west from my home province a few years ago.

I came to this program not knowing what I'll be getting into as my friend referred me because she knew that I was looking to create some changes in my life to become more employable and achieve a better quality of life for myself. My friend that referred me to the program because of her previous experience had received her Traffic Control Person, Confined Space, Fall Protection, First Aid, Food Safe, Fork and Scissor Lift Tickets.

I was working in an indoor job prior to this training, doing customer service and cleaning. I decided to come to the Circle of Eagles K'em K'em elay Training and Employment Program. At this time, I have received six (6) of the required tickets to employment and when I took the Traffic Control Person training ticket course, I passed.

I applied for a few jobs online and received interviews with a few employers before; but finally, I started working for the current company where I am employed as a Traffic Control Person. Then November 4, 2019 I started working! I began working for this company but within three months I have moved up and now I am the supervisor of this company.

The program benefitted me in a lot of ways that I wouldn't think of until I got the Traffic Control Person ticket. I will also be participating to with the program again with hopes of getting additional tickets which will get me where I want to go in life. The experience with the K'em K'em elay Circle of Eagles program got me to see more of what I'd like to pursue in the construction industry as a Traffic Control Person, and learning more about the Construction Industry.

Furthermore, I'd like to move to the Yukon because my other significant other does Forestry so with me as a Traffic Control Person we can both travel all over Canada we can work to establish meaningful lives as role-models for future clients of programs just like this one.

Thank you to Circle of Eagles K'em K'em elay Program for opportunity to train and learn from your staff and receive benefits of learning to apply myself.



COELS Housing & Support Program

by Crystal Roy

COELS Housing and Support Program: Assists Brothers and Sisters to look for a place to call home. Housing is one of highest demands & tasks that can be challenging with the continued rising cost in the second highest place to live in the lower mainland. Being that majority of resources for low income individuals and families can take a toll when looking for a place to call home without any problems, such as pests, rodents, cost of living, lack of education, no job, health problems, being on disability or income assistance also makes it harder to find rental with lack of funds too many people to one house hold (over housed) etc.

Housing plays an important role for a person's stability. Having a place to sleep, cook, personal hygiene and just having your own space for your own safety can make a difference. A person needs to have a sense of responsibility and stability to keep moving forward. But you need to have access to the proper tools and resources to finding your home. Needing to have references weather it's work or support worker(s) past landlords. Some places are

now asking for credit checks, past resident's proof of income. What does one do when you have been homeless for a period of time? This can be a major stressor for a person, when life has happened and changed their circumstances.

Applying for subsidized/ low income has a high demand waiting list but there is other resources that can provide alternatives to housing. Apply and getting your name on the list and keeping in mind to keep your information current with any changes and always keep checking the status of your name on where it is on the list (having your file #)

Looking to sign up for the supplemental application. Or apply for the Rental Assistance Program through the Housing Registry (if you have employment) If you're a student look into student housing, apply for module housing, single room occupancy (SRO), second stage housing, last but not the least shelters. Everyone has to start somewhere. Utilizing all assorted resources will make the difference on easing the load on searching for a place to feel safe and having a place to sleep and eat in the own comfort of your place is the difference for someone to keep moving forward in a positive direction.

Tsetsusem Canoe Healing Journey

Camp Potlatch

by Claire Cameron, Jason Lawrence

The Spring Tsetsusem Healing Journey is currently being planned. The scheduled dates are from May 4-8, 2020 and will once again be held at Tsetsusem (Camp Potlatch).

There are minor changes being planned for this year's journey and the following is a brief outline of the planned activities.

Once again, there will be a total of fifteen (15) Brothers selected, nine (9) from the community, three (3) from Kwikwexwhep Healing Village, and three (3) from Mission Minimum. It is important for the Brothers who will be attending the Healing Journey that they are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the journey, however, it is understood that everyone's beliefs vary and will be respected.

Two Coordinators, five Elders, support boat will accompany and assist in this year's journey.

The following is the overview of planned activities.

Weekly and Daily Schedule

*****All Carries for Medication must be arranged prior to leaving.**

Day One - Monday

Prep Day for the Staff and Elders

The Brothers from the Institution will arrive on Monday.

AM ALL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE WEEK ARE TRANSPORTED.

8:00 am Meet at the Circle of Eagles Lodge **

9:00 am Leave for Horseshoe Bay

Brothers from Institution will proceed directly to Horseshoe Bay Government Dock.

(Red Dock, the only one there)

10:00 am Water Taxi

11:30 am A rrive at Camp Potlatch

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Staff and Elders Meeting Orientation.

2:30 pm Sweat Lodge set-up

4:30 pm Sweat Lodge

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Sharing Circle

11:00 pm Power Off

*****Canoe goes up on Monday.**

Day Two - Tuesday

Sunrise Morning Spirit Bath at Camp Potlatch

8:00 am Meet at the Circle of Eagles Lodge **

9:00 am **Van 1** - Leave for Horseshoe Bay

Van 2 - Leave for Horseshoe Bay

Van 3 - Supplies

10:00 am Water Taxi

11:30 am Arrive at Camp Potlatch

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm All Brothers and Staff Orientation. Overview of week, expectations, journals distributed, Pre-evaluation surveys are completed.

1:00 - 4:00 All Elders are available for one-on-ones whenever a Brother requires.

2:30 pm Canoe goes out for an hour

4:00 pm Sweat Lodge

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Sharing Circle

11:00 pm Power Off

Day Three - Wednesday

Sunrise Morning Spirit Bath at Camp Potlatch

8:30 am Breakfast

9:00 am Morning Traditional Workshops - Medicine Picking

10:00 am Drum Making

11:00 am Traditional Workshops - Storytelling, Anger Management, Healthy Relationships, @smokepit

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 - 4:00 Elders are available for one-on-one

1:00 pm Canoe goes out for two hours

1:00 pm Sweat Lodge prep

3:00 pm Sweat Lodge

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Sharing Circle

11:00 pm Power Off



Day Four - Thursday

Sunrise	Morning Spirit Bath at Camp Potlatch
8:30 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Morning Traditional Workshops – Storytelling, Anger Management, Healthy Relationships, @smokepit or longhouse weather permitting.
10:00 am	Traditional songs protocols
11:00 am	Traditional Workshops – Storytelling, Anger Management, Healthy Relationships, @smokepit or longhouse weather permitting.
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 4:00	Elders are available for one-on-one
1:00 pm	Canoe goes out for two hours
1:00 pm	Sweat Lodge prep
3:00 pm	Sweat Lodge – Letting Go Ceremony
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies Post evaluation surveys
11:00 pm	Power Off

Day Five - Friday

Sunrise	Morning Spirit Bath
8:30	Breakfast
10:00	Boat leaves Camp Potlatch
12:00	Bagged Lunch on Friday
2:00	Afternoon snack at Naa-na-himyis for the Brothers in the community.

Closing Feast and Graduation Ceremony

A Closing Feast and Graduation Ceremony will conclude the Tsetsusem Healing Journey. Participants will have an opportunity to share their experience in a closing circle to share what the experience meant for them.

There will be a final presentation from the Coordinator and Elders. Each participant will be presented with a Certificate of Completion.

Pre and Post Evaluation Survey

Once the participants arrive they will fill out a pre-evaluation survey. And then upon completion each participant will fill out a post evaluation survey. This survey will assist us make any changes if needed to the Healing Journey. As well, participants may be contacted after a few months to see where they are in their personal healing journey. The survey will be confidential and names will not be required when filling out the surveys.



Circle of Eagles Lodge Society

**50th Anniversary
Gala and Fundraiser**

**Saturday, May 30th 2020
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**York Theatre
639 Commercial Dr.
Vancouver, BC**

Tickets by donation at
Eventbrite.ca



www.circleofeagles.com
www.facebook.com/CircleofEaglesLodge

Silent Auction
Live Entertainment
Refreshments Served
50-50 draws and prizes
Honoring 50 years of service
The Circle of Eagles Documentary Screening

COELS 50th Year Anniversary Gala and Fundraiser

COELS will be celebrating its 50th year Anniversary with a Gala and Fundraiser. Please join us as we celebrate 50 years of providing service to Indigenous Brothers and Sisters who are reintegrating back into the community from federal institutions across Canada.

You're invited to join us in celebrating this incredible milestone. The evening will be filled with culture and celebration.



The event will be held on May 30th, 2020 at the York Theatre located at 630 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, BC.

Circle of Eagles Trading Post

Circle of Eagles Trading Post will be opening soon. We have submitted a proposal to do some research for the organization in terms of moving this dream forward.

The Trading Post will carry arts and crafts that were made by Brothers and Sisters from Naa-na-himyis and Anderson Lodge, as well as those who are currently in the community and inside the institutions.

We will be proceeding on this initiative by first doing some research on the structure. For example, how will the store buy the artwork, how can the initiative assist the Brothers and Sisters achieve success in making and selling their art. Focus groups will be conducted on to solicit input on what the needs are and to find achievable solutions that will benefit both artists and COELS.

Look for more information coming soon.



The Circle of Eagles Documentary

COELS will be releasing its 50th year documentary. This is a powerful story of overcoming life's challenges, culture and healing and the vision of hope.

The filming has now been completed and we are in the process of editing and original soundtrack is now being produced.

The Documentary film: The Circle of Eagles From prison to community, embracing indigenous culture

'The Circle of Eagles' is a fifty-minute documentary telling the story COELS, from it's beginning to the present, and looking forward.

The impact of government policies of residential schools, foster care, poverty, and addictions is a story of many Indigenous people, and its impact leading to higher rates of incarceration, poverty, educational achievement, and a standard of life enjoyed by their counterparts.

50 years ago, the director of the first Friendship Centre, Marge White, began looking at some realistic solutions for decolonization, that would make a positive impact on our Indigenous brothers and sisters as they leave the prison system. She demonstrated how healing with culture can change the course of one's path as they take the next steps in their journey. A new Indigenous organization began and grew into a thriving Federal resource of healing and hope for some very resilient individuals with great potential, touching the lives of countless individuals.

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Do You Share Any Of These?



Then you are at risk for
contracting **Hepatitis C.**

Good news!
There's a cure
for **Hepatitis C!**

**Important to
know...**

You only have to share once
to get Hepatitis C.

Learn how to stay safe and
protect yourself.

Don't share equipment.
Always use your own or new
equipment.

For more information:

www.circleofeagles.com



Fun activities at COELS

By Danette Delorme

- Bowling
- Hiking
- Movie Night
- P.N.E.

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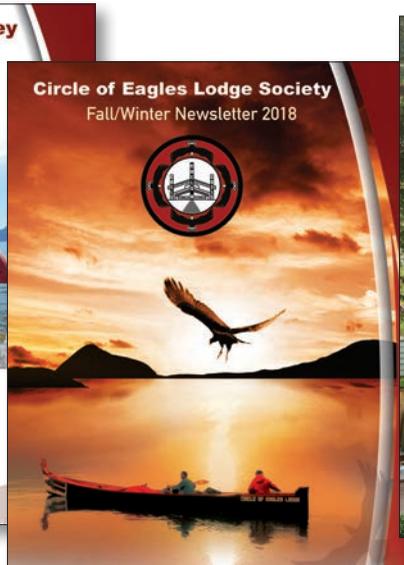
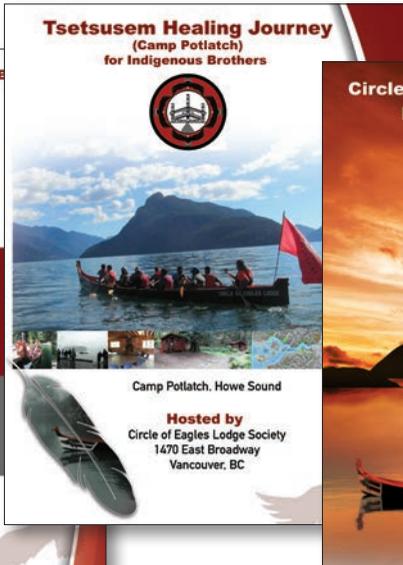
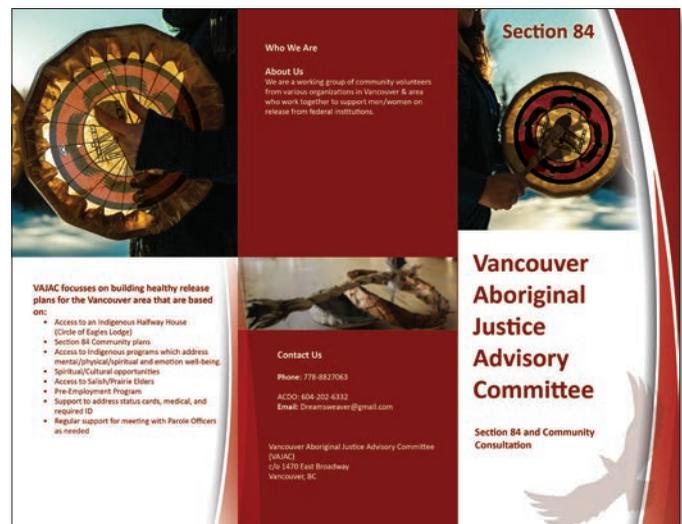
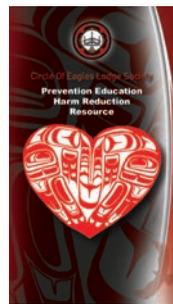
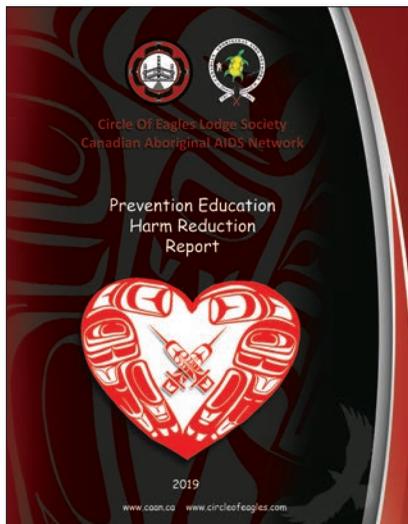
Important dates to remember

March 12, 2020
 March 16-27, 2020
 April 15, 2020
 April 16 – 19, 2020
 May 4-8, 2020
 May 30, 2020
 July [tbd]

COELS Pipe Ceremony
 BC Schools Spring Break
 Pre-employment program tentative start
 Board and Managers' Retreat
 Tsetsusem Canoe Healing Journey (Camp Potlatch)
 COELS Gala and Fundraiser
 COELS Annual General Meeting

Elders Schedule of Events: [John and Tony]
 Sweat Lodge Dates: [John, Juanita, Tony and Sandy]

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