



BC Food Systems Network

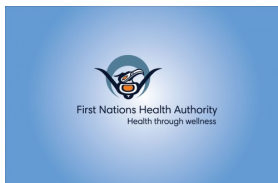
17TH ANNUAL BC FOOD SYSTEMS GATHERING

“GATHERING AND GROWING TOGETHER”

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION JUNE 17TH

Draft Schedule – Still Subject to Change

June 25th to 28th, 2015
Camp Friendship
Prince George, BC



Draft Schedule:

Day 1- June 25th, 2015 - BCFSN Gathering Starts with Dinner at 5:30

Pre-gathering Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty 9th Annual Meeting (8am -5pm) *Open to members of the Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty

	Morning open to WGIFS members only
8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Setting the Spiritual Intention – Opening prayer, smudge, and food offering
9:00	Official welcoming into Dakelh (Lheidli T'enneh) Traditional Territory
9:15	Background and History of the WGIFS
9:30	Introductions and updates from the WGIFS – recent projects and activities
10:30	Break, Snack and Refreshments
10:45	WGIFS – Current issues, concerns, situations and challenges (Sustainability, membership, succession, scale, burden of response)
11:00	Identify strategies and actions for addressing concerns
12:00	Lunch
1:30	<p>**Afternoon open to BCFSN Steering Committee and WGIFS members**</p> <p>Cultural Interface Where Indigenous and Sustainable Agri-Food Systems Interact</p> <p><i>Co-facilitators, Dawn Morison and Heather Pritchard will identify key points of entry into a journey of better understanding the ways in which the Indigenous food system and sustainable agri-food system are being expressed and the ways in which their realities are entangled. i.e. land and water strategies, characteristics of bio-cultural heritage, paradigm, model of economy.</i></p> <p><i>(2 Presentations – 10 minutes each).</i></p> <p><i>Discussion: Identify key points of intersections within the cultural interface where Indigenous meets sustainable agri-food system and the ways in which they intra-act either complementary or contentious</i></p>
2:30	Break, Snacks and Refreshments
2:50	Identify potential that exists within the gaps of knowledge and points of contention.
4:30	Closing of WGIFS Annual Meeting
5:00	Break for Networking or a Walk – Set-up for Dinner
5:30	BCFSN 17th Annual Gathering Starts with Dinner
7:00	<p>Welcome and Opening Circle</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>Welcoming – Lheidli T'enneh First Nation</p> <p>Opening - Gathering Working Group</p> <p>Overview and History BCFSN and the Annual Gathering (BCFSN Board?)</p> <p>Host Community for Next year's Conference?</p> <p>Quick review of Overview of schedule and logistics</p> <p>Introductions/ Setting the Tone – Norine Messer</p>

Day 2 Friday, June 26th, 2015

8:30	Breakfast			
9:45	Morning Plenary: Gathering and Growing Together Towards Good Food Solutions for BC <i>Brent Mansfield and BCFSN Steering Committee</i>			
10:15	Break, Snack and Refreshments			
10:30	Tsitniz Lodge Food Networks Panel: Hear from an energetic panel of Provincial, Regional and Local Food Network Leaders from across BC <i>Loraina Stephen, Northern Health and others</i>	The Fir Room Launching the Real Food Challenge in BC: Gathering Wisdom for a Bright Future <i>Celia White, Meal Exchange</i>	The Pine Room Sharing and Trade <i>Bring your resources, foods, and seeds to display, share and trade.</i>	The Spruce Room Kids Activities
12:00	Lunch and Networking			
1:30	Canning Workshop: Preserving Rescued Produce <i>Tara Immell, SFU And others</i>	Foodland Conservation and Access: Exploring A Local Government Foodland Trust <i>Linda Geggie and Jessica Dennis</i>	Sharing and Trade <i>Bring your resources, foods, and seeds to display, share and trade</i>	Kids Activities
3:00	Break, Refreshments and Networking			
3:30	"Food is Medicine": Traditional Food Gathering and Preserving Project - <i>Ramona Lewis, Okanagan Indian Band health Department</i>	Local Action to Bring Food into the Conversation Leading Up to the Federal Election <i>Diana Bronson, Food Secure Canada</i>	Exploring Community Food Hub Models <i>Diane Collis Janine de la Salle Brent Mansfield</i>	TBD
5:00	Break for Networking or a Walk – Set-up for Dinner			
5:30	Dinner			
7:00	Campfire/ Evening Discussion and Movies/ Digital Stories – Details to be Confirmed			

Draft Agenda – Day 3 Saturday, June 27th, 2015

8:30	Breakfast			
9:30	Morning Plenary – Good Food Solutions for Northern BC <i>Presenters from Northern BC</i>			
10:30	<u>Tsitniz Lodge</u> Food, Farms, Fish and Finance: Radical and Practical Investment Ideas <i>Christie Young</i>	<u>The Fir Room</u> Honouring the Spirit of Wild Salmon: Community, Culture, and Heritage Hosted by: <i>Dawn Morrison, WGIFS</i>	<u>The Pine Room</u> Farmland protection and ALR Map <i>Hosted by David Connell and Brent Mansfield</i>	<u>The Spruce Room</u> Kids Activities
12:00	LUNCH			
1:30	Roundtable Discussion: Cultural Interface Where Indigenous and Sustainable Agri-food Systems Intra-act. <i>Dawn Morrison and Heather Prichard</i>	Youth Panel: Vibrant Community Action-Renfrew-Collingwood Food Matters <i>Fresh Roots Urban Farm, Renfrew Collingwood Aboriginal Youth Canoe Club (CREW), Renfrew Collingwood Food Security Institute, Still Moon Arts Society, Windermere Organic Garden</i>	Farm Imagining a Sustainable Diet in British Columbia <i>Barb Seed,</i>	Kids Activities
3:15	Refreshments and Networking			
3:45	Introduction to Cheese Making <i>Beatriz Ramos, Home Cheese Maker</i>	Growing Farm to School in BC - A Look at Regional Hubs as a Model for Gathering Momentum <i>Vanessa Perrodou - BC Provincial Manager, Farm to School BC</i> <i>Aaren Topley – Hub Animator, Farm to School BC</i>	Community Engagement 101 <i>Jillian Merrick, Beyond the Market</i>	Follow-up discussion from Roundtable: Cultural Interface Where Indigenous and Sustainable Agri-food Systems Intra-act
5:00	Break for Networking or a Walk – Set-up for Dinner			
5:30	A Feast of Traditional and Healthful Foods			
7:30	Campfire/ Evening Discussion and Movies/ Digital Stories			

Draft Agenda – Day 4 Sunday, June 28th, 2015

8:30	Breakfast
9:30	Annual General Meeting of BC Food Systems Network
10:45	Closing Plenary and World Café Conversations
12:00	LUNCH

Logistics, Questions and Queries

Gathering Coordinator Contact Information: Norine Messer – Gathering Coordinator can be reached on her cell phone at (250) 735-4111 or gathering@bcfsn.org.

Emergency Contact: The contact information at Camp Friendship the Gathering location for EMERGENCY PURPOSES ONLY is (250) 960-8846.

Gathering Location at Camp Friendship:

Camp Friendship is located approximately 40 Km from Prince George.

- To get there travel south on Hwy 97 to Buckhorn Rd and turn left.
- Follow Buckhorn Rd to the STOP sign.
- Keep going straight from the stop sign. You are now on the 100 Rd. **Note: This is a gravel road. It is in good shape, but please take your time.**
- You will come to the first Y in the road and keep left. (There is a farm down to the right of the Y. Do not go this way)
- **Signs on Watch for teepee signs with Camp Friendship and the Km to the camp on them, as well as, yellow BCFSN Gathering the way.**
- The next Y you come to will have a sign with an arrow to Camp Friendship.
- Turn right there and follow the road until you get to the Camp Friendship Driveway.
- Turn left and follow the driveway to the camp.
- There will be plenty of signage to guide you.

Registration:

Registration for the 2015 Gathering is now open. To register please go to the following link (you may have to cut and paste): <https://eventbrite.ca/event/16803803629/>

This year's rates are:

- Standard Rate (after June 1st): \$350
- Semi-private Room Rate (two or three per room): \$400
- Youth 12-18: \$125
- Children 6-11: \$65
- Children 5 and under are free!!

There are a limited number of partial subsidies available. Please contact the Gathering Coordinator (gathering@bcfsn.org) to discuss how we might be able to support helping you to attend.

The Working Group for Indigenous Food Sovereignty will host their annual general meeting as a pre-Gathering event on Thursday, June 25th. Please ensure that you register for this day if you plan to attend. There is a separate registration fee for this day to cover the costs of accommodation and meals. For those who cannot afford the fee there is an option on the website to register free as we want to ensure that the fee is not a barrier to participation of WGIFS members.

Rates include all workshops, accommodation and meals. Standard accommodations are 12 bed cabins, although there are also some rooms in the lodge with 2 or 3 beds per room. In order to reserve one of these rooms, please choose the "semi-private" accommodation type when you register. Extra charges will apply. We also have a limited number of rooms set aside for families, for elders and others with limited mobility at the regular rate. Please contact the Gathering Coordinator to discuss any specific needs.

* There is space available for those who would rather camp in a tent or bring a trailer. Please indicate this when you register so that we reserve a spot for you.

* Please also indicate if you have any special dietary needs.

Transportation: If you are in need of a ride from the Prince George Airport or from Prince George please contact the Gathering Coordinator to make arrangements. If you have extra room in your vehicle or if you are looking for a ride please go to the "2015 BC Food Systems Gathering - Ride Share Page" on Facebook and connect with others from your community.

What to Bring: Please ensure that you bring the gear that you will need to be in the wilderness for the time you are there. We recommend that you bring the bug spray of your choice and have long sleeved shirts, pants and socks for the evenings. There is a great swimming spot if you want to bring swimming gear. Also bring a flashlight and sensible shoes for navigating at night. Bedding will be provided.

Children: Children are welcome and there will be children's activities and a child minder available. This is not childcare. Parents/ Guardians will be responsible for their children at all times. There will be a lifeguard on duty at specified times. All children must be supervised at all times, especially around the water.

Mobility: Camp Friendship is not easily accessible with a wheelchair or for those with mobility issues. Please contact the Gathering Coordinator if you have any questions about this.

Trade and Sharing: Time and Space will be provided at the Gathering to share, trade and display resources, foods and seeds. Please bring these things along.

Food Demonstrations: Please contact the Gathering Coordinator if you would like to do any food demonstrations at the Gathering.

Donations for Silent Auction: Please bring along any donations you would like to make to our silent auction. This is an important fundraiser for the BCFSN Gathering.

Movies, Videos and Digital Stories: We will be providing some opportunities to share food related videos and digital stories highlighting community level work. Please bring anything you would like to share.