SIAST camp focuses on Aboriginal culture

Three-day event includes sacred bundle ceremony

September 27, 2006 – Almost 50 Aboriginal students from all four SIAST campuses will converge at Blackstrap Lake for three days of cultural teachings, celebrations and activities. The annual camp includes a sacred bundle ceremony, a tipi raising ceremony, elder time, crafts and traditional activities and workshops.

On Saturday, September 30, students will take part in a series of outdoor events such as canoeing, stick ball, drumming, singing and dancing. The celebrations continue with the passing of the sacred bundle from one campus to another, followed by a traditional feast and pipe ceremony. A sweat lodge ceremony will be held in the evening.

Media are invited to attend.

Event: Aboriginal Student Cultural Camp
Location: Knights of Columbus Youth Camp
Blackstrap Lake
Date: September 29, 30 & October 1, 2006

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# 2006 Aboriginal Student Cultural Camp

## Events

**Friday, September 29, 2006**
- 2:30-3:30 pm  Smudging of Facility
- 3:30-4:15 pm  Registration
- 4:30-6:00 pm  Workshop: Teaching of the Tipi, Tipi Raising
- 6:00-7:30 pm  Supper & Ice Breakers*
- 7:30-8:30 pm  Cultural Games
- 8:30-10:00 pm  Teaching: Meaning of the Sash
- 10:00 pm   Campfire

**Saturday, September 30, 2006**
- 7:00-7:30 am  Pipe Ceremony
- 7:30-8:30 am  Breakfast
- 9:00-12:00 pm  Women & Men’s Sweat Lodge Ceremony - Elders’ Circle*
- 12:00-1:00 pm  Lunch
- 1:00-3:30 pm  - Feast Preparation
-  - Crafts Tipi building & painting*
-  - Canoeing*
-  - Stick Ball*
-  - Drumming, Singing & Dancing*
-  - Elder Time
- 4:00-7:00 pm  Passing the Sacred Bundle, Traditional Feast & Pipe Ceremony
- 8:00-11:00 pm  Women & Men’s Sweat Lodge Ceremony
- 8:00-10:00 pm  Cultural Activities
- 10:00 pm   Campfire

**Sunday, October 1, 2006**
- 7:00-7:30 am  Pipe Ceremony
- 7:30-8:30 am  Breakfast
- 9:00-10:00 am  Medicine Wheel Elder Betty McKenna
- 10:15-11:15 pm  Medicine Wheel Elder Albert Myo*
- 11:30-12:30 pm  Lunch
- 12:30 pm  Honouring Your Spirit Conclusion Workshop*

*Events marked with an asterisk can be photographed and/or videotaped. Please check with event coordinators about restrictions on other events listed.*