



2024 Secwépemc CALENDAR





Mt. Peter and Paul, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc



TRU Indigenous Education

Pellkwetmín STAY AT HOME MONTH

January

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstéq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day	2	3 ☾	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 ☉ Ribbon Skirt Awareness Day	12	13
14	15	16	17 ☾	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 ●	26	27
28	29	30	31		December 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	February S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29



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C71stkten – Pithouse
Photo Blake Handley



Pellctsípwénten CACHE PIT OR CELLAR PIT MONTH

February

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstéq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY	
January S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	March S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			1		2	3
4	5	6	7	8		9	10
11	12	13	14	15		16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23		24
		Winter mid-term break					
	Family Day		International Mother Language Day				
25	26	27	28	29			



Kamloops Lake, Kamloops/Savona



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February S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	April S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30				1	2
 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
TRU Indigenous Awareness Week						
 10 Daylight Saving Time begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
			TRU IDays			
			International Mother Language Day			TRU Pow Wow
 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		First day of spring			World Water Day	
24	 25	26	27	28	29	30
31 National Indigenous Languages Day						Good Friday



Cooney Bay on Kamloops Lake
Photo Murray Foubister



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Pesl7éwten MELTING MONTH

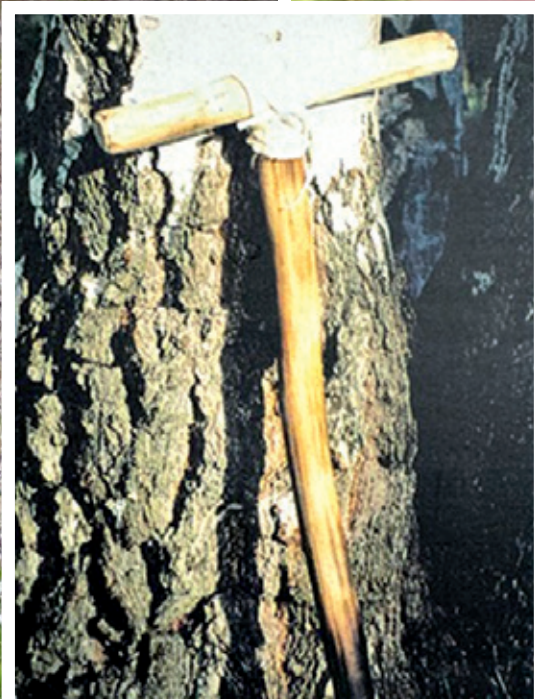
April

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstéq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
	● 1 April Fool's Day Easter Monday	2	3	4	5	6
7	● 8	9	10	11	12	13
14	● 15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	● 23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30			March S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	May S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



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L-R: Dr. Mona Jules (Simpco First Nation) digging Skwenkwínem,
Digging Stick leaning on tree, Skwenkwínem – Wild Potato
Photos L-R: Nadine Gray, Secwépemc Museum and Heritage Park, Ted Gottfriedson

Pell7é7llqten DIGGING ROOTS MONTH

May

Xetspésq't SUNDAY	Nekwésq't MONDAY	Selésq't TUESDAY	Kellésq't WEDNESDAY	Mesésq't THURSDAY	Tselkstéq't FRIDAY	Teqmekstésq't SATURDAY
April S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	June S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		 1	2	3	4
5	6	 7	8	9	10	11
National Awareness Day of MMIWG and 2SLGBTQIA plus peoples					Moose Hide Campaign Day	
12	13	14	 15	16	17	18
Mother's Day						
19	20	21	22	 23	24	25
	Victoria Day			Confirmation of Le Estcwicwéy		
26	27	28	29	 30	31	



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North of Kamloops Lake



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Peltspántsik MID-SUMMER MONTH

June

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstéq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
May S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	July S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31					1 National Indigenous History Month
2	3	4 Indigenous Graduation	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day Summer solstice First day of summer	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Kamloopa Pow Wow					Kamloopa Pow Wow	Kamloopa Pow Wow



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Kamloopa Pow Wow

Photo courtesy of Secwépemc Museum and Heritage Park, Diena Jules



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Peltqwel'wélt GETTING RIPE MONTH

July

Xetspés'qt SUNDAY	Nekwés'qt MONDAY	Selés'qt TUESDAY	Kellés'qt WEDNESDAY	Mesés'qt THURSDAY	Tselksté'qt FRIDAY	Te'qmekstés'qt SATURDAY
	1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5 ●	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 ●◐
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Back to Batoche:
21 ●	22	23	24	25	26	27 ●◐
Métis national recognition day of people who died during 1885 NW Resistance and celebration of Métis culture						
28	29	30	31		June S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	August S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
	Indigenous Summer Science Camp					



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Chinook Salmon



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Pesqelqlélten MANY SALMON MONTH

August

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstéq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
July S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	September S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			1	2	3
●				Indigenous Summer Science Camp		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	British Columbia Day				International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	
11	●	12	13	14	15	16
18	●	19	20	21	22	23
25	●	26	27	28	29	30
						31



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Sockeye salmon spawning



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1	● 2 Labour Day	3	4 Indigenous Student Welcome Back Breakfast (Cplul'kw'ten House 5)	5 Indigenous Student Welcome Back Breakfast (Cplul'kw'ten House 5)	6	7
8	9	10	● 11	12	13	14
15	16	● 17	18	19 First Friends Feast (Cplul'kw'ten House 5)	20	21
22 Fall equinox First day of autumn	23	● 24	25	26	27 TRU Truth and Reconciliation Day	28
29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day				August S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	October S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



Stsemtsútsemllle – Young mule deer



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Pesllwélsten ABANDONING MONTH

October

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstéq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
		1 ●	2	3	4 National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls	5
6	7	8	9 ●	10	11	12
13	14 Thanksgiving	15	16 ●	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 ●	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Halloween	31	September S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	November S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30



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C7ístkten — Secwépemc Pithouse

Photo courtesy of Secwépemc Museum and Heritage Park



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Pellc7ell7úllcwten' ENTERING THE PIT HOUSES MONTH

November

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstéq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
October S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	December S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31				● 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				Fall mid-term break		
Daylight Saving Time ends				National Inuit Day	National Indigenous Veterans Day	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Remembrance Day						Louis Riel Day Rock Your Mocs Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
National Addictions Awareness Week						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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Pelltetéqem CROSS OVER MONTH: DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER

December

Xetspésq̄t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̄t MONDAY	Selésq̄t TUESDAY	Kellésq̄t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̄t THURSDAY	Tselkstéq̄t FRIDAY	Teq̄mekstésq̄t SATURDAY
● 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
● 8	9	10	11	12	13 Winter Feast (Cplul'kw'ten House 5)	14
● 15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter solstice First day of winter
● 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Winter break			Winter break			
29	● 30	31	Christmas			
Winter break			Christmas Eve			
		New Year's Eve				
					November S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	January 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



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On the cover



This 50th anniversary art installation was forged by Okanagan artist Braden Kiefluk and unveiled in October 2020. Each wolf is made up of hand-cut pieces of steel fur.

In Secwépemc oral history, the wolf—or “Mélemstye” Secwepemtsín—teaches people to hunt, and the important qualities a hunter needs to be successful: patience, vigilance, alertness and an understanding of the environment, among other things. The same qualities important for a successful student who, like the hunter, must devise a strategy to reach their end goal.

But to be a good teacher and pass on this knowledge, Mélemstye requires committed students. So it’s fitting that these three wolves join Skélép (Coyote), a teacher in his own right, on the TRU campus on the traditional lands of the Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc.



The Indigenous Education image shows Skélép (Creator, Trickster, teacher) on his educational journey at TRU. This image is synonymous with Indigenization and represents working in partnership and supporting one another.

Meaning of colours in the image:

Dark blue represents Séwllkwe (Water)

Green represents Specéc (Air)

Brown represents the Tmicw (Land)

Orange represents the Skwékw7es (Sun)

Yellow represents the Mégcen (Moon)



TRU is proud to be the “University of Choice” hosting the highest numbers of Indigenous students of any BC post-secondary with 11% at the Kamloops campus, 28% Williams Lake campus and 7% Open Learning. The TRU service area also includes the St’át’imc, Nlaka’pamux, Nuxalk, Tsilhqot’in, Dakelh, and Syilx nations.

On the back cover

The Gathering Place for Indigenous students at TRU Williams Lake campus follows the design of a Secwépemc traditional winter home.

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