



Rossbrook House Circle



"No child who does not want to be alone, should ever have to be" -Sister Geraldine MacNamara

Reconciliation – A Good Life for All

Reconciliation makes a profound difference in the lives of children and youth coming to Rossbrook House. That difference ripples to our city and the entire country.

Kevin Lamoureux, Associate Vice- President of Indigenous Affairs at the University of Winnipeg, speaks about the importance of creating spaces of safety for Indigenous youth to regain their right to be who they were meant to be. It's similar to the Rossbrook House mission statement; *to be a safe place for children and youth to belong, play, learn and become...*

Niigaanwewidam Sinclair, an Anishinaabe man and University of Manitoba professor and news columnist, talks about the plight of Indigenous peoples as the natural consequences of cultural genocidal systems. Reconciliation that only places the emphasis on healing symptoms and does nothing to dismantle the systems causing those symptoms is not reconciliation. The 94 Calls for Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report are one way to a good life for all. Rossbrook House supports these calls to action.

Leslie Spillet, an Indigenous community leader and activist talks about the

importance of supporting Indigenous people out of a sense of justice rather than charity. Treaties were signed in good faith and were not honoured. Similar words to Sister MacNamara's teaching to us; *"We are not here to tell these young people what they should do, they know what they need, we are here to listen and learn and follow their lead."*

The theme of our upcoming No Child Alone Dinner is Reconciliation. We are honoured to present Niigaan Sinclair as our keynote speaker. It will give us another chance to listen and learn so that we can go forward to create a place where all can be **mino-bimaadizi** - an Ojibwe word for living a good life.

Please join the children and youth of Rossbrook House on our Winnipeg journey of reconciliation at the

NO CHILD ALONE DINNER

January 24, 2019

5:30PM RECEPTION | 6:30PM DINNER

Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park
1405 St Matthews Ave.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Niigaan Sinclair
Award-winning Activist, Writer &
Winnipeg Free Press Columnist

TICKETS \$125 (\$75 tax deductible)
available online at rossbrookhouse.ca

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"I LIKE THE ZOO because we saw lots of animals." Kylee



"I LOVE CAMERA CLUB because we went on a bunch of outings." Angelina

"I LIKE TINKERTOWN because there were so many rides we went on and it was fun!" Rosita

Dear Summer 2018, You Were a Good One!

Sweltering temps and little rain only made the beach days and splash park visits even better (and necessary)!

Many new experiences were made during a week of day camp at FortWhyte Alive; archery, shelter building, fire making, canoeing and so much more! Each day ended with a cool dip in the water.



It wouldn't be summer without creating a tie dye t-shirt and making slime. Glitter slime? Puffy slime? There doesn't seem to be a slime recipe that we haven't tried!

We painted and went on photography adventures.

We took a bus-full to Fun Mountain, twice! There were trips to Tinkertown, Winnipeg Goldeyes baseball games, stops for ice cream, and the ever-popular van rides.

We rented a bus and filled the vans with participants and their families to enjoy a special evening at the Assiniboine Park Zoo. Wildest Dreams has become an annual summer event that is incomparable. Free admission, food, face painting... it's truly an unforgettable event.

Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre visited to share how they are rehabilitating injured, sick and orphaned wildlife for their return to the wild.

The Youth Leadership Circle enjoyed several of the fabulous Folklorama pavilions as well as meeting community leaders and business people during tours and volunteer outings.

The summer, as always, wraps up with a busy week of competition for all ages. Obstacle courses, water balloon toss, sack races, prizes, and a much anticipated feast all make up the annual Summer Games!



SUMMER CAMP!

For the past 33 years, every summer at Rossbrook House has included 2 five-day-weeks of camping at Camp Maskwa for ages 12 and up. And the tradition continues to live on. Fishing, boating, campfires, swimming to the floating dock and many other fun memories were made.

Not to be left out, participants 11 and under enjoyed their own Junior Camp in the beautiful Whiteshell.



OPEN HOUSE & SCHOOL CRAFT SALE

THURSDAY, NOV 1

11:30AM-1:30PM

AWARDS CEREMONY

begins 12:30PM



CONGRATS to all of the medal winners in the Annual Summer Games!

THANK YOU to the staff & volunteers from Assiniboine Park Conservancy for the Wildest Dreams tickets. Rossbrook participant families enjoyed this amazing evening at the Zoo.

The **YOUTH LEADERSHIP CIRCLE** held a bake sale to raise funds for the United Way of Winnipeg.