

SOME LOCAL EVENTS – NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION 2023

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

Bones of Crows

Removed from their family home and forced into Canada's residential school system, Cree musical prodigy Aline and her siblings are plunged into a struggle for survival. *Bones and Crows* is a film about Aline's journey from child to matriarch, a moving multi-generational epic of resilience, survival and the pursuit of justice.

Date: Thursday, September 28, 7 – 9:15 p.m.

Location: The Lux Theatre, Banff

Cost: Free

Registration: Not required. Seating available on a first come, first serve basis.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

Survivors' Flag Raising Ceremony

Join local Elders in a ceremony reflecting on the impacts of the residential school system and honouring the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Survivors' flag which will be displayed at Town Hall year-round in recognition of the community's ongoing commitment and support of the national Truth and Reconciliation Committee's Calls to Action.

Date: Friday, September 29, 2023

Time: 11 a.m.

Location: Banff Town Hall

Cost: Free

Round Dance

Join us in person at the Canmore Recreation Centre for the Orange Shirt Day Round Dance to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day.

Date: Friday, Sept. 29, 2023

Location: Canmore Recreation Centre

Time: Dance at 6 p.m.

Residential School: The Freedom Trail with Angus Cockney

Join Angus Cockney, artist, athlete, and Inuit residential school Survivor for his presentation in reflection of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Angus tells the story of three young boys running away from a Catholic-run residential school in Inuvik, NT, and their journey to Tuktoyaktuk (also called Tuk). When the road to Tuk was being constructed, several Survivors remembered the trek and wanted to honor the memory by renaming the Inuvik-Trek highway to the Freedom Trail. Drawing on his lived experience, Angus shares a powerful testimony from his life as a residential school Survivor and his own freedom trail. Please note, this presentation addresses challenging topics including themes of child abuse, assault, and residential schooling.

Date: Friday, September 29, 2023

Time: 7 p.m. start

Location: Margaret Greenham Theatre, The Banff Centre

Cost: Free

Registration: Not required. Seating available on a first come, first serve basis.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Gentle Reflection Walk

Join Dani, granddaughter of a Metis residential school Survivor, on a gentle reflection walk to Bow Falls in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. On the walk, Dani will share her journey of joining a Truth and Reconciliation committee, and she will help us pay homage to those who walked on these lands before us. The walk will end with light snacks and refreshments.

Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Town Hall

Cost: Free, but registration required

[Register Online](#)

Truth and Reconciliation Bike Ride- Canmore to Banff Legacy Trail

Our September 30th ride will be a day to honour Truth and Reconciliation Day. A day to recognize, respect, remember and reconcile.

Sat, Sep 30, 2023 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM MDT > register on [EventBrite](#)

We will be meeting at the Canmore Visitor Center at 10am to do a land acknowledgment and blessing before sending everyone out.

The Banff Legacy Trail links the communities of Canmore and Banff via a ~25 km one-way, easy gradient paved pathway. This beautiful trail is situated on the traditional 7 territory and oral practices of the Îyârhe Nakoda (Stoney Nakoda) – comprised of the Bearspaw First Nation, Chiniki First Nation, and Wesley First Nation – as well as the Tsuut'ina First Nation and the Blackfoot Confederacy comprised of the Siksika, Piikani, Kainai.

This is a free event and a great day out to enjoy the sun, take in some mountain air and get some exercise! The ride is very family friendly. We have had people come out and do a bit of the ride, half of the ride, or the whole ride there and back. It should be a special and memorable day! Looking forward to seeing everyone out with their orange shirts!

Every Child Matters - Reconciliation walk at Mini Thni

Gather for Prayer at the McDougall Church (Highway 1A) at 10:00 AM

(park at Mini Thni Arena; parking at the McDougall Church is for Elders & event organizers)

2.8 km Walk is at 11:00 AM

Followed by Pow Wow Dancing in Cochrane at the Spray Lakes Sawmill Family Sports Centre, 1:00 PM

AT RALPH CONNOR:

- Both Churches – Banff and Canmore – have outdoor displays of orange shirts and a historical timeline of the Indian Residential Schools, as one aspect of our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation
- Canmore Church has a recently-developed Indigenous Library – please feel free to sign out a book (and if you have one of our books that needs returning, please do that, too!)