



Our History

The Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre is a non-profit organization established in 1975 under the direction Grand Council Treaty #9, now known as the Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN). The centre is funded by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) through its Cultural Education Centres Program. The Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre is managed by a board of directors who represent each tribal council area of NAN.

NAN Tribal Councils

Independent First Nations Alliance

Keewatinook Okimakanak

Matawa First Nations

Mushkegowuk Council

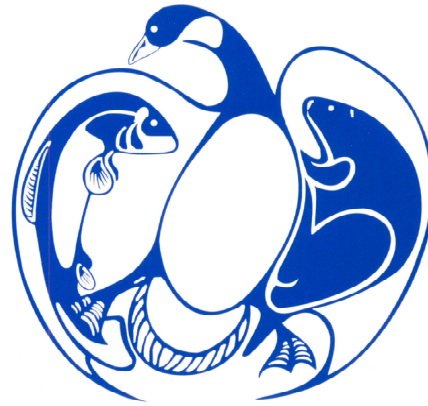
Shibogama First Nations Council

Wabun Tribal Council

Windigo First Nations Council

Our Vision

In order to fulfill its role within NAN, the Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre seeks to: (a) maintain and strengthen the cultural identity of Aboriginal people in the NAN territory, (b) develop positive images of Aboriginal people in the NAN communities, and (c) make society aware of our Aboriginal culture as well as develop a better understanding and appreciation of the NAN heritage.



Our Logo

The fish, the beaver, and the goose in our logo represent the elements needed for survival: land, air, and water. All three are related and exist in harmony. Connected in this way, this formation reminds us of the circle of life.

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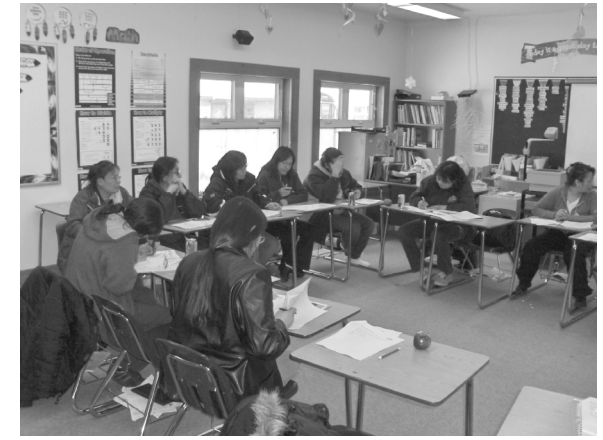
8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. EST

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**Our Culture, Our Traditions,
Our Languages Shall Survive**





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Language

The language program encourages the use of Cree, Oji-Cree, and Ojibway. These are the first languages of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation. In order to preserve the culture, spirit, and history of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation, these languages must be maintained. Therefore, materials are created for these three Aboriginal languages as well as developing glossaries and archives of Elders' stories. In addition, translation and interpretation services are provided upon request to Aboriginal organizations, communities, and people within the NAN area.

Resource Centre

The resource centre offers a unique opportunity for research and reference work. Our specialized collection contains periodicals, magazines, books, audio and video cassettes, CDs, and DVDs relevant to Aboriginal people of North America. These materials are available for loan to members and organizations of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation and to the public. Only organizations may borrow video tapes and DVDs. Membership is free to NAN members and organizations. Fees for non-NAN members are as follows: organizations - \$25.00, non-profit organizations - \$10.00, adults - \$3.00, college/university students - \$2.00, and high school students - \$1.00.

Education

The education program provides assistance in the development of curriculum and resource materials for use in Nishnawbe Aski Nation schools. In addition, support is given to Native language teachers in the areas of professional development, advocacy, and matters of educational concern and importance.

