



On June 21, Let's Celebrate the Richness and Resilience of the First Peoples

Wendake, June 19, 2025 – On National Indigenous Peoples Day, the Native Friendship Centres of Quebec invite Quebecers to mark this day of recognition, celebration and solidarity with the First Peoples.

This national day is an opportunity to showcase the cultural diversity, knowledge, languages and contributions of First Nations and Inuit, while serving as a reminder of the current realities experienced by Indigenous people living in urban areas.

"June 21 is a high point that creates space to recognize the presence and vitality of Indigenous Peoples living in our cities," said Tanya Sirois, executive director of the Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec (RCAAQ). "Friendship Centres are places of meeting, dialogue and social transformation. Today, we're underlining the importance of building a future together based on respect and reciprocity."

For the occasion, Native Friendship Centres across Quebec are organizing cultural, fun and unifying activities where everyone is welcome. These events are an opportunity to forge ties, gain a better understanding of Indigenous realities and take part in a tangible reconciliation movement.

- **Centre multi-services MAMUK** – Friday, June 20 | Parc de la Commune | 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Centre d'amitié autochtone de Manicouagan** – Friday, June 20 | Centre d'amitié autochtone de Manicouagan | 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Centre d'entraide et d'amitié autochtone de Senneterre** – Friday, June 20 | Chalet Shabogamak | 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Chibougamau Eenou Friendship Centre** – Friday, June 20 | Chibougamau Eenou Friendship Centre
- **Centre d'amitié autochtone de Sept-Îles** – Friday, June 20 | 42, rue Jean-Marc-Dion | 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Centre d'amitié autochtone Capetciwotakanik** – Saturday, June 21 | Lac St-Louis site | 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Maniwaki Native Friendship Centre** – Saturday, June 21 | Place Laval | 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Centre d'amitié autochtone de Lanaudière** – Saturday, June 21 | Place Bourget | Starting at 5:00 p.m.
- **Centre d'amitié autochtone de Trois-Rivières** – Saturday, June 21 | Espace Waska Otapi at UQTR | 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- **Val-d'Or Native Friendship Centre** – Saturday, June 21st | Place Agnico Eagle | Starting at 1:00 p.m.
- **Native Montreal** – Saturday, June 21st | Parc Arthur-Therrien | 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

About the Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec (RCAAQ)

The Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec is a network of 11 Friendship Centres in 14 Quebec cities that offer Indigenous people culturally relevant and safe services that contribute to harmony and reconciliation between peoples in Quebec cities. The Native Friendship Centres are the largest urban service infrastructure for Indigenous people, offering a range of integrated services in a variety of sectors, including health, social services, justice, social inclusion, education, employability, early childhood and youth.

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