

MARCH

YUNADHÉ HA HÓ?A HOŁÉ



Trailblazing

xah zá (Goose month) – March 2026



Introducing the new Member Spotlight!

We love to showcase our Members and highlight your achievements! Want to be in the spotlight? Email info@acfn.com with a photo and information on your success so we can share it here, on our Facebook group, and in our newsletter!



Message from Chief and Council

While this winter has seemed exceptionally long with periods of heavy snow and cold temperatures, spring is peeking right around the corner as we begin to see some warmer days!

With spring comes the need to increase awareness around the potential for flooding and wildfires. Our Nation's emergency management team is well prepared for these possibilities, and we encourage all Members to also ensure they are ready should they need to respond to an emergency. If you visit the Emergency Management page at www.acfn.com you can find information on how to prepare, and the RMWB also provides information on their website at www.rmwb.ca. The best time to prepare for an emergency is BEFORE it happens, so we encourage you to check out these sites and make sure you are ready!

As we head towards the spring, our events team is already planning summer and even fall events! 2026 Treaty Days will be taking place on June 18 and 19, and our DLRM team is working on the 2026 Decolonizing Land and Water Summit which will happen on September 16 and 17! These are just a couple of the amazing events ahead this year, so please stay tuned for more information on these as well as all the other events, programs and activities available for ACFN Members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Line Dance Class**
March 30, 2026
- * **Selotine Nitotemakk Commemoration**
March 27 and 28, 2026
- * **2026 Treaty Days**
June 18 and 19, 2026

Mark
YOUR
Calendar



Chief and Council Message - Continued!

As Easter approaches, we are delighted to announce a \$100 payment to ACFN households outside Fort Chipewyan to ensure the Easter bunny can visit everyone! Households in Fort Chipewyan will receive a food hamper to ensure the Easter feast can be enjoyed by all families. The Easter payment deposits will begin on April 1, with updates to addresses and banking information required by March 25 (visit our Facebook group, the ACFN app, or this letter to find the QR code and link to the form to update your information).

And with spring comes a change in weather, so our team has come up with a way to help reduce the costs of outfitting your kids with a new jacket, ski pants, rubber/winter boots, hats and mitts through our Winter/Spring Outdoor Clothing reimbursement! Receipts for items purchased must be submitted by March 31, and you can find the QR code to submit on our Facebook group and app, as well as in this letter.

As the weather warms, we also want to remind all Members to keep informed on winter road conditions as this can change quickly as temperatures climb. You can find information on the winter road through the RMWB and we share updates on our Facebook group.

We want to express our pride in ACFN Members Tyrell Marcel, competitor in the U18 Male Dene Games, and Rachel Marcel, Coach for the U18 Female Dene Games Team, who were part of Team Alberta North in the Dene Games at the Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon. We think we speak for our entire Nation when we say we are delighted to see them representing not only ACFN but our culture and community.

In closing, we want to thank all Members for their participation at recent events and programs! You are the reason for everything we do, and the chance to connect with you, hear your latest news and share special moments is the true meaning of community. We look forward to opportunities to connect with you again soon, and want to wish you a very Happy Easter and a safe spring as we transition slowly to a new season and the summer ahead!



Save The Date

2026 Decolonizing Land and Water Summit



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2026 Treaty Days



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Line Dance Class



ACFN IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE LINE DANCE CLASS



**Meet, Move, & Have Fun.
Line Dance Classes Open to All!**

**March 2, 16 and 30, 2026 • 6:30- 8:00 pm
Charlie Voyageur Conference Center, Fort Chipewyan**

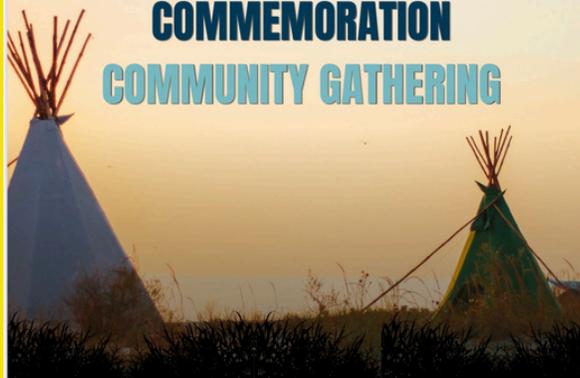
*Drop in and join us, no sign up needed.
Anyone under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.*



Please contact Rachel Marcel at rachel.marcel@acfn.com

Gathering

SELOTINE NITOTEMAKK COMMEMORATION COMMUNITY GATHERING



DATE

MARCH 27 & 28



LOCATION

VENUE MAMAWI
COMMUNITY HALL



TIME

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM



ACFN Easter Payment for Households Living Outside Fort Chipewyan

ACFN Council is pleased to announce that ACFN will be providing a one-time \$100 payment by direct deposit to ACFN households outside of Fort Chipewyan (one per household) to help make your Easter a bit brighter this year!

The \$100 deposits will start on April 1, 2026.

Cheques will be mailed to those households without direct deposit.

Member households in Fort Chipewyan will receive a food hamper.



Please use this QR code to update your address or banking information. The deadline to update information is March 25, 2026.



Happy Easter



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Community News

Nunee Health offers several health and wellness programs – please check out their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/NuneeHealth for more info

Athabasca Tribal Council hosts a wide variety of programs and events – visit: www.facebook.com/AthabascaTribalCouncil.ATC

Stay Connected – Download our app!



ACFN INTRODUCES NEW MOBILE APP

We are excited to announce the launch of a new mobile app for ACFN Members!

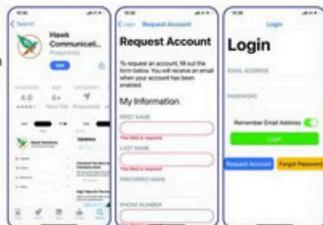
ACFN has worked with Hawk Solutions, which was created by Nautsa mawt Tribal Council, a non-profit society supporting ten Coast Salish Nations, and a technology provider specializing in secure, customized solutions, to customize and app for ACFN Members. This app has been designed by First Nations for First Nations!

The new app provides easy access to information on resources, events, updates and alerts for Members, as well as an emergency management function that can be quickly deployed in emergency situations.

Below you will find the steps to download the app and connect with ACFN in an entirely new way!

HOW TO INSTALL ACFN MOBILE APP

1. Install the Hawk Communications app from your **Google Play Store (Android)** or **App Store (Apple)**.
2. Launch the app and choose your permission settings. You will then be directed to the login page. Click the **Request Account** button.
3. You will be directed to a page to fill out your basic personal information. Fill out all required fields and under **My Account Request** select "Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation". Click **Submit**.
4. After your account request has been approved by the admin, you will receive an email notification that your account has been approved. Click the link in the email to activate your account. Make sure to check your spam and junk folders for an email from "noreply@einsight.net"
5. Start exploring the app!



HAVE YOU MOVED?

We encourage all Members to ensure their current address is up-to-date with ACFN. You can update your address by emailing info@acfn.com, or by calling the ACFN Band Office (780-697-3730) during business hours.



Please stay in touch!

If you have moved, please update your address by emailing info@acfn.com or calling the ACFN Band Office at 780-697-3730 during business hours!

We Want to Celebrate YOU!

Are you an ACFN Member celebrating a special achievement? ACFN wants to celebrate YOU!

Please send your special achievement to info@acfn.com to be featured on our social media, newsletter and website!

FUN FACT



The Easter Bunny tradition started in Germany in the 1500's!



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