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CREATING UNITY FOCUS OF FIRST NATIONS AWARENESS WEEK AT UCC

KAMLOOPS—Aboriginal culture and diversity will be front-and-centre during First Nations Awareness Week at UCC March 11 to 15.

The annual event welcomes the UCC community and the general public to a venue that highlights local First Nations arts, entertainment, recreation and other traditional pastimes.

"We are focusing on Shuswap First Nations culture and also highlighting the diverse culture that exists at UCC through students coming here from outside this area," said Fred Allison, First Nations Awareness Week co-ordinator. "Creating unity is our main theme."

There are about 600 First Nations students attending UCC, from B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and as far away as Nunavut.

The week will feature events throughout each day including arts and crafts displays, a fashion show, talent show, dancing, singing and native games demonstrations. The schedule is as follows:

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| March 11: | 8 a.m.-4p.m. — Fine Arts Show, Old Main Art Gallery (runs to March 15)
10 a.m. — Opening Ceremonies
12:30 p.m. — Frog Clan Singers and Dancers, Old Main Student Street
1-3 p.m. — Aboriginal Fashion Show, Old Main Student Street |
| March 12 | 9:30 a.m. — Aboriginal Singers and Dancers, Campus Activity Centre Terrace
10 a.m.-3 p.m. — First Nations Arts and Crafts Show, CAC Rotunda
10 a.m.-Noon — Lahal Stick Games, CAC Terrace
Noon-2 p.m. — Traditional Native Games, Outside CAC |
| March 13 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m. — Arts and Crafts Show, CAC Rotunda
10 a.m. — Aboriginal Dancing and Singing, CAC Rotunda
11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. — Elders Luncheon, Grand Hall
2:30-3:30 p.m. — Talent Show, Grand Hall |
| March 14 | 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. — Aboriginal Strategies for the Future, CAC Rotunda
10 a.m. — Aboriginal Singing and Dancing, CAC Rotunda |
| March 15 | 10 a.m. — Cultural Exhibition, CAC Rotunda
1:30 p.m. — Closing Ceremonies, CAC Rotunda |

For more information on the week's events, please call 371-5753 or 372-5882.

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UCC First Nation Students Association presents the Annual First Nations Awareness Week

March 11 - 15, 2002

"Unity"

Monday - March 11

10 am Opening ceremonies
 done by Elders
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm UCC
 Fine Arts Show - Old Main
 Building - Art Gallery
 12:00 pm Grand Opening
 of the UCC First Nations
 Awareness Week
 - Old Main Student St.
 12:30 pm Frog Clan Singers
 & Dancers - Old Main
 Building
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 Aboriginal Fashion Show -
 Old Main Building

Tuesday - March 12

8:00 am - 4:00 pm UCC Fine
 Arts Show - Old Main Building
 - Art Gallery
 9:30 am Aboriginal Singers and
 Dancers - Campus Activity
 Center Terrace
 10:00 am - 3:00 pm First
 Nations Arts and Crafts Show -
 Campus Activity Center
 Rotunda
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Lahal
 stick games - Campus Activity
 Center - Terrace
 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Traditional
 Native Games - Outside
 Campus Activity Center

Wednesday - March 13

8:00 am - 4:00 pm UCC Fine
 Arts Show - Old Main
 Building - Art Gallery
 10:00 am - 3:00 pm First
 Nations Arts and Crafts Show -
 Campus Activity Center
 10:00 am Aboriginal Singers
 and Dancers - Campus Activity
 Center
 11:00 am - 2:30 pm Elders
 Luncheon - Grand Hall -
 Campus Activity Center
 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Talent
 Show MC Opie Oppenheim -
 Grand Hall - Campus Activity
 Center

Thursday - March 14

8:00 am - 4:00 pm UCC
 Fine Arts Show - Old Main
 Building - Art Gallery
 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
 Aboriginal Career Strategies
 for the Future - Campus
 Activity Center Rotunda
 Invited Guest Speakers -
 Campus Activity Center
 10:00 am Aboriginal
 Singers and Dancers -
 Campus Activity Center
 Terrace
 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
 Traditional Native Games -
 Outside Campus Activity
 Center

Friday - March 15

8:00 pm - 4:00 pm UCC
 Fine Arts Show - Old
 Main Building - Art
 Gallery
 10:00 am Cultural
 Exhibitions - Campus
 Activity Center Rotunda
 1:30 pm Closing
 Ceremonies hosted by
 Elders - Campus Activity
 Center Rotunda

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