

## SICC FNLKC Abstract

**Workshop Title:** nēhiyawak Summer Language Experience

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**Belinda Daniels**, B.Ed., P.G.D., M.Ed., is from Sturgeon Lake First Nation but makes her home in Saskatoon with her family and is the Interim President of the Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre. She has been teaching for 14 years specializing in decolonizing Aboriginal education and 2nd Indigenous languages program and development. Belinda has founded, coordinated and taught the nēhiyawak Cree Language Summer Camp and workshops for nearly a decade which has helped her recapture and learn her mother-tongue. The summer camp is the heart of nēhiyaw philosophy and worldview with an outdoor land-based experience. Belinda teaches for the Saskatoon Public School Board, the University of Saskatchewan Languages Department and is an independent consultant.

**Abstract:** The nēhiyawak Summer Language Experience is an annual mid-summer camp. This language experience has evolved into a fast vigorous paced of intensive language techniques focusing on acquiring words, terms and phrases all in Cree. At this camp, language is connected to land and wisdom of our ancestor's and this is what creates our unique identity. There are always special guests to visit and of course, Cree to be spoken and learned.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this workshop, participants will:

- Learn about its inception and growth over the years
- Learn more about the nēhiyawak Summer Language Experience
- Learn about the methodologies incorporated into the program