



FNLKC Conference Workshop Presenter

Workshop Title: Cree Land Based Curriculum of kaniyasihk Culture Camps

Name of Presenters: Kevin Lewis, Jody Houle & Matilda Lewis

Biography: Dr. Kevin wâsakâyâsiw Lewis, for the past 13 years, has been working with community schools to promote land-based education along with the Cree Language and started a grassroots not for profit group kâniyâsihk Culture Camps Inc. These camps have contributed to his continued research which is community driven, to work with all ages, all experiences and all seasons. Dr. Lewis is from Ministikwan Lake Cree Nation and continues to teach about the importance of language and culture. For more information, please visit www.kaniyasihkculturecamps.com.

Biography: Matilda Lewis BEd, MEd, has 30 years of experience in the classroom. She also brings with her administrator and family experiences as a parent, aunt and kohkom. She is an Indian Teachers Education Program and UnBQ alumni.

Biography: Christine Ravenis is a mother of three adult sons and many adopted youth. Aside from the European education system, Ms Ravenis has been adopted into and schooled in traditional indigenous knowledge systems of the Woodland Cree for over 30 years. She teaches the locally developed, high school credit, Northern Lifestyles curriculum at Churchill Community High School in La Ronge. Her goal is reconnection and strengthening of the bonds to the land, to the culture, to the people, to each other within each class.

Abstract: Land based education is all about multi-subject programming. This workshop session will discuss program ideas on creating culturally responsive programming. The presenters will go through important topics such as cross-cultural activities, lesson planning, thematic and seasonal planning, First Nations perspectives and connecting them with curricula, assessment and risk management.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this workshop, delegates will:

- Have ideas related to creating culturally responsive programming
- Have ideas in creating their own camps