

All-Day Sacred Fire Ceremony at the xʷčičəsəm Garden at UBC Farm. Thursday, September 30, 2021



We would like to begin by acknowledging that the UBC Vancouver campus is situated on the traditional, ancestral, unceded of the xʷməθkwəyəm (Musqueam). These lands have always been a place of learning for xʷməθkwəyəm youth, who were instructed in their culture, history, and tradition, and who in turn shared their knowledge with a new generation. We also acknowledge the unceded, traditional, and ancestral territories of Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), Syilx (Okanagan) people where other UBC Campuses are located.

The Indigenous Research Partnership, Faculty of Land and Food Systems, would like to invite you to participate in an All-Day Sacred Fire Ceremony at the xʷčičəsəm Garden at UBC Farm. Join us to acknowledge, commemorate and appreciate the Canadian National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) <https://president.ubc.ca/blog/2021/08/18/national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation/>.

The Sacred fire will honour the spirits of the lost children who never returned home, residential school survivors, their families, and their communities. This national statutory day provides an opportunity for people to recognize and commit to reconciliation and ensure that the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools is never forgotten.

Where: the xʷčičəsəm Garden at UBC Farm - 3461 Ross Drive, Vancouver. Follow this link for directions: http://www.maps.ubc.ca/PROD/index_detail.php?locat1=670

When: Thursday, September 30.

We will light the Sacred Fire at sunrise & nurture it until sunset. You are welcome to join us for making fire offerings, singing and drumming, sending prayers, or sharing how you support the TRC work and your experiences to provide effective advocacy. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/calls_to_action_english2.pdf

We look forward to seeing you at the xʷčičəsəm Garden at UBC Farm.

This event is outdoor, free and open to everyone. However, we ask participants to kindly observe social distance and follow COVID safety protocols following public health guidelines. No photos or pictures to be taken at the sacred fire.

Please complete this survey https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bjdyCvEwfJigUWV

If you have any questions, please contact:

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