



Our shared legacy of residential schools on this land has left a certain UNeducation about our connection and interdependence with all living things. Inspired by our relatives in the south as they build a new legacy (Dakota 38) Ben Badger has made a commitment to re-educate himself and others with a 4 year healing journey in the Cree tradition, seeking the Old Way of Being: respecting and relating in natural peace and harmony with ALL.

Learning the teachings along the journey requires a foundation of love, hope and faith to see it through, both the seen and the unseen. If the dream is forgiveness through truth and reconciliation, accepting the mystery of justice and the truth of others will be its own trial, and will have its own healing. What a journey.

When Ben shared his dream of a journey to seek healing, and all that led to this dream, we agreed to be helpers.

**Seeking Healing Ride Committee**

Ben Badger - Chairperson

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We are pleased to share our intent and submit for your information the following preliminary itinerary of events planned for June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please consider this our working draft, the descriptions are pending detailed confirmations, however this will be the basic turn of events.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:00 am** **SUNRISE START:** *Blessing of riders and horses at sunrise & start the ride from the Kehewin Powwow Grounds, Breakfast nutrition to go will be available. A small contingency of individuals will also be running at their own pace from this point to Blue Quills in a complimentary sentiment of healing.*

**8:00 am** **WATER BLESSING AT KEHEWIN LAKE :** *Kinokamaskewak (Women of Kehewin) will gather to do a Blessing of the Waters, to honour our traditional ways and interdependent connection.*

**11 am - 12 noon** **LUNCH AT DOG RUMP CREEK :** *The halfway point, a time to rest and replenish. Sharing and respecting the land in the Fontaine Family tradition of help and hospitality, they will host the lunch with friends and neighbors providing a potluck.*

**2:00 pm** **WELCOME AT BETHEL :** *A multicultural embrace of culture to honour Healing, Love, Hope & Faith, our common and universal principles in a world of diversity. We are all one in prayer.*

**3:00 pm** **CREATING WAYS OF FORGIVENESS :** *From main street St. Paul to Blue Quills, the symbolic ride through town seeks to create awareness for individuals to learn from the past. The procession will include a wagon carrying Elders as they also continue to journey toward reconciliation, settling the past for the future of our children.*

**4:00 pm** **HORSE DANCE at BLUE QUILLS CULTURAL GROUNDS :** *All people are invited to partake and learn the meaning, including Ceremony, Feast & Giveaway as the conclusion of the Healing Ride this year.*

We are grateful for all opportunities to share and certainly we have been blessed with many connections and contributions to make this ride possible. Bens conviction toward healing, has become our journey as a collective, learning and healing with the intent to continue gathering for another three years, bringing a four year journey to a complete cycle. And ultimately those who have followed this journey will learn about healing.

Our committee members meet weekly, and utilize inherent networks to share information. Please do not hesitate to contact the email and also

visit our Facebook Page: [KINOKAMAS NATAWIHOTETAPIHK](#)