



GENERAL YOUTH FORUM INFORMATION 2019

30th ANNUAL YOUTH FORUM, July 13-15, 2019

- LOCATION:** Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge
320 Scenic Drive S.
Lethbridge, AB T1J 4B4
Telephone: (403) 328-1123
- ARRIVAL DATE:** **Friday, July 12, 2019 or Saturday, July 13, 2019 -**
Opening Ceremonies will commence at 10:00am on
Saturday, July 13, 2019
- DEPARTURE DATE:** Monday, July 15, 2019 or Friday, July 19, 2019 if Youth
Forum delegate is attending the Pre-Annual Meeting
Workshops and the Annual Meeting
- YOUTH FORUM REGISTRATION:** **Saturday, July 13, 2019**
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge
Lethbridge, AB
Email: registration@nafc.ca
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Every year the NAFC, in conjunction with the Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC) hosts an annual Youth Forum for the Youth members of the Friendship Centre Movement. With input and feedback from the youth membership, the Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC) identifies workshops for the Forum. Social and fundraising activities are organized by the host Centre, AYC and the NAFC. The host Friendship Centre this year is the Sik-Ooh-Kotoki Friendship Society in Lethbridge, AB

The 30th Annual Youth Forum will be held July 13-15, 2019 at the Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge. Friendship Centres and PTAs are encouraged to send youth (between 14 and 24 years of age) to attend the 30th Annual Youth Forum held just prior to the NAFC Annual Meeting on July 16-19, 2019.

As per the AYC Policies and Procedures **two (2)** youth from each Friendship Centre and PTA can vote.

The same applies as to the Annual Meeting voting delegates and/or participants - guest room accommodations and all expenses must be covered by the Friendship Centre and/or PTA.

The Friendship Centre Youth Movement continues to grow and its strength can be attributed to the participation of youth within local Friendship Centres and their respective regions.

The Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC) utilizes the Youth Forum to discuss ideas at a national level and hold their elections. The Youth Forum is an opportunity for the Friendship Centre Movement (FCM) youth to connect with each other and build solid relationships that may not be possible via telephone or email. The FCM youth and the AYC get to experience their own form of an Annual Meeting and have their voice heard.

The Annual Youth Forum provides the opportunity for the youth to be involved and give direction to the initiatives of the Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC). In addition, the Annual Youth Forum:

- Provides a national youth voice to the NAFC;
- Generates ideas for youth programs;
- Creates unity;
- Promotes and facilitates communication and information sharing;
- Fosters education and leadership training;
- Provides youth with skills and knowledge to increase their employability;
- Provides a place for decision making that affects youth;
- Promotes volunteerism;
- Identifies current youth issues on a community level and nationally;
- Promotes social conscience and responsibility on several relevant issues; and,
- Assists local youth in finding a place within the Friendship Centre Movement, including both cultural identity and general identity as a young person

Chaperones are not available through the Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC) or the NAFC national office. An adult should accompany all delegates under the age of 18 years during the Youth Forum and evening social activities. The chaperone could be a delegate who is 18 years of age or older from your Friendship Centre or another Friendship Centre within your region if possible.

The AYC is also requesting the Friendship Centre Movement to generously donate to the Youth Forum. Items such as promotional articles to be distributed as prizes and giveaways, a monetary contribution or items for the Annual Silent Auction would be greatly appreciated to help make the annual event a success.

For information on the 2019 Annual Youth Forum and activities, please contact Natasha Hiltz-Commanda, Program Officer at the NAFC at 613.563.4844 extension 328 / toll free at 1.877.563.4844 / email nhiltz-commanda@nafc.ca