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YOUTH GATHERING

Member Services 2023 Youth Gathering Summary

104
Youth attended the gathering!

***Huy chexw a* to our future leaders for participating!**

SḴwx̱wú7mesh mə́n̓men, youth, and young adults were invited to attend a Youth Gathering on November 28th, 2023, to help shape Squamish Nation Membership and learn about leadership opportunities in our community. We are so pleased to report that 104 Youth attended the gathering! This shows that our Youth are passionate and eager to be involved as leaders of Squamish Nation.

The 2023 Youth Gathering included:

- A shared meal, socializing, and fun for youth ages 10 - 30
- Information from multiple departments about opportunities to be engaged in the Squamish community
- Inspiring speakers encouraging youth to see their potential as leaders and change makers in the community
- Workshop and performance by Notorious Cree
- Role play activity to visualize our Membership Code
- Engagement on five questions relating to Squamish identity, leadership, and engagement. ***See what we heard on the following pages!***

I am proud to be Squamish because...

Main Themes:

- We are a united community
- Squamish values and identity
- We are strong and resilient
- We are a proud people
- We are family

"...of who our people are and will become"

"...we are carrying on our ancestors' legacy"

"...we are full of powerful and loving peoples"

"...of everything my family sacrificed to get me here"

What makes a good Squamish leader?

Main Themes:

- Uniting and participating in community
- Having Squamish values and being cultural
- Being a strong, proud, and resilient Member

"Thinks of the people as a whole"

"Learning everyone's perspective"

"Humility, kindness, and strength"

"Someone who as the interest of the community and future generations of the community in mind"

What have your Elders taught you about being Squamish?

Main Themes:

- We are all family
- We are a united community
- Squamish values and identity
- Be proud, strong, and resilient

"Squamish stick together!"

"Stay connected to community"

"Be respectful and proud to be Squamish"

"Another person can't tell you who you are"

"We are all equal!"

"Take care of one another"

"Help every Squamish Member"

"Be kind, help one another, respect everyone, be proud of who you are"

What is the best way to engage with you?

Youth were asked to select the top 3 best ways to engage them:

- Open Houses
- Family Meetings
- Surveys
- Online Meetings
- Outdoor Events
- Community Meetings
- Small Group Meetings
- Social Media Posts / Videos
- Youth Gathering
- Other

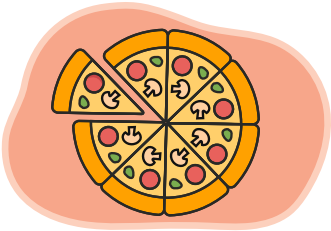
Youth showed preference for the types of engagement shown below.

58%
Youth Gatherings

53%
Social Media Posts / Videos

44%
Surveys

What activities would be most fun?



53%
Pizza Party

53%
Gathering with Musqueam and Tsleil Waututh Youth

53%
Game Night

50%
Storytelling, drumming, singing

Youth were asked to select their top three activities of the following:

- Youth Dance
- Arts & Crafts Night
- Pizza Party
- Youth Sports Night
- Video Filming / Editing Workshop
- Game Night
- Family Tree Workshop
- Storytelling, Drumming, Singing
- Gathering with Musqueam and Tsleil Waututh Youth
- Other

Youth showed preference for the 4 options shown on the left.

Information Sharing with Youth

Thanks to these five Squamish Nation departments that attended the Youth Gathering to share information:

- **Yúustway** — Health and Wellness
- **Ta7lnewás** — Education, Employment & Training
- **Ayás Ménmen** — Child & Family Services
- **Nch'kay̓ Development Corporation**
- **Ts'ixwts'ixwnítway** — Member Services

Youth learned about current projects, upcoming engagements, and had the chance to sign up to be involved in the community!

Huy chexw a **to all the youth who attended and provided valuable feedback. We hope to see you at the next youth event!**

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