

## TRAVEL FOR LEARNING INDIGENOUS DISCOVERY

### WILD RICE HARVESTING

Sept. 14th (Saturday)

Curve Lake First Nation

Cost: \$60; optional lunch \$15

Travel: car pool

Register: <https://theredeemer.ca/get-involved/indigenous-solidarity-working-group/>

Join knowledge keeper, James Whetung of "Cottagers and Indians" fame for a day of wild rice harvesting. Canoes will be provided.

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### Registration

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This excursion will be capped at 20 participants.

Registration deadline is **August 15**.

Remit full payment with your registration. When registration is closed, we will offer a new link to sign up to be waitlisted. If there is sufficient interest, we will attempt to book another day.

### Our day will be as follows:

9 a.m. Gather at Curve Lake at the outdoor shelter, 162 Murrayville Rd.

9:30. Talk by James about manoomin, its history in the area and why he is planting it.

James will also give canoeing instructions.

10:30 Embark in the canoes to gather manoomin.

12 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Process manoomin for eating.

3 p.m. Share a manoomin snack.

4 p.m. Head home.

Rain or shine, come prepared with sunscreen, hat, water bottle, rain gear, sweater.

Life jackets and other canoe safety gear will be supplied.

In the event of an electrical storm, we will not be able to go on the water.

### Car-pooling

Curve Lake is 2 ½ - 3 hours from Toronto and ½ hour from Peterborough.

We will be car-pooling and urge you to make arrangements with friends. However, we will also use the registration process to help you find a ride. We would appreciate drivers updating the information as your car fills up. Drivers will appreciate passengers offering to pay for the gas.

Please carry your charged **cell phone** for this trip, so that we may have contact in the morning as we attempt to gather with James.

### **Accommodation**

Rather than leaving at 6 or 6:30 a.m. from Toronto, some of us may plan to overnight in Peterborough, leaving ourselves a half hour to travel in the morning, Please arrange your own hotel or B&B together with your car mates.

### **Meals**

Lunch at Curve Lake, for \$15, will offer gluten free and vegetarian options and feature Indigenous specialties. People with more complicated diets are asked to provide for themselves. All other meals are on your own with your car mates.

### **Miscellaneous details**

Upon arriving at Curve Lake, proceed to the outdoor shelter at 162 Murrayville Rd., where James gives his talk. Seating is on logs, but you may bring your own chair. There is **one toilet** and sink at this site, so leave time to prepare yourself before the talk.

This will be a very **safe trip for all levels** of canoeing experience as the trip is short and the water shallow where the manoomin grows. It could be a golden opportunity for a novice.

Gathering manoomin on Curve Lake will be the first Travel for Learning excursion where we actually go “on the land (water)” with an Indigenous teacher. Your planning team is looking forward to a fun, exciting, and deeply worthwhile experience.

Carolynn Bett, Darlene Varaleau and Corry Sobol