

SWAN RIVER NEWS

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STORY TELLING

NOVEMBER 7TH, 2017

Review of Swan River Story telling night



First comers gathering and sharing laughter and each other...



And the delicious food kept coming and it was all sooooo good! Lots of great cooks in Swan!



We had one little one come in to listen to the Elders stories..



Enjoying the buffet of goodies...



The adventures of Wasakechak begin...

After feasting on a delicious array of amazing dishes, our Elder Doris Courtoreille, began to share her stories of Wasakechak and had other members interpret the story from time to time for those of us that didn't understand all the words.. She had the participants laughing and eagerly listening for what was going to happen next. The story will continue at the next story telling night scheduled for November 20th, from 6—8 pm. light snacks will be available. Thank you to Annie for helping Doris with the Cree stories..



All My Relations



Another story....

Another Elder, Vera McRee, treated the group with another story about "How the moose got its loose fur"... She told the story in English and had Annie and Doris translate in Cree.

See transcript of story below..

"Why the Moose has loose hair"

When the earth was made ~ all the stars, the moon and all the earth was green ~ then came the animals. Then winter came and the animals were cold because Creator forgot to give them fur and hair. Creator apologized and said, "you animals meet me at the next full moon at the lake and I will have all kinds of coats for you to choose from. We shall meet with the moon is fullest". So the different animals came and those that were early, picked out their coats. But one animal, the Moose, stayed behind in the swamp, dipping his head in and out of the water, lazily eating his food. One of the other animals, the Coyote, said to the Moose, "Moose, you are going to be late! You will miss out.." but the Moose continued eating at the swamp, not caring. Then the Fox comes back to the swamp and says, "look at me and my fine, beautiful coat that I chose!" Next the Bear came along and said, "Ha! Look at me and my fine, smooth coat that I chose and its so very warm!" So the Moose finally decided to go to the lake to choose a coat. But when he got there, there was only one coat left to choose from and it was too big, so the lazy Moose got his loose coat.

Come out and join us for more stories and laughter, sharing and caring... this will be a continued event, whether or not only 2 people show up or 20.. Lets do our part to keep the language and culture alive and well in the community of Swan River! See you all sooner or later... :)

