



INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCES EXPÉRIENCES AUTOCHTONES

TAGWÀGI (AUTUMN)

Free Indigenous Festival October 16-24, 2021

Please join Indigenous Experiences, producers of the [Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival](#) as we celebrate **Tagwàgi** – Autumn, here in Ottawa’s greenbelt. It promises to be an energetic and enlightening experience where we can all connect with Mother Earth during this change of season.

- Why:** Celebrate **Tagwàgi** (Autumn) and learn about Indigenous culture
- Who:** Individuals and families PLUS schools, social clubs, corporate groups
- Where:** Our **Central location will be announced on October 1, 2021.**
- When:** **October 16 to 24, 2021, 10 am - 5 pm daily**
- How:** Admission is free and attendance is staggered. Visitors must pre-register in 30-minute arrival windows. Plan to spend 2- 3 hours onsite.
Register to attend and book experiences online at <https://indigenous-experiences.ca/>

Festival Highlights:

- Get crafty at the make & take **corn husk doll creative workshop** (Register online, \$10 per person)
- Meet the rare and endangered **Ojibwe Spirit Horses**
- Shop the **Indigenous makers and farmers market** (vendors will be selling onsite and online throughout the Festival)
- Walk the **Legacy Trail** and gain traditional knowledge about the change of seasons and moons and the plants and medicines that are important to Indigenous culture
- Visit the **Reconciliation Rock Station**, choose an orange rock, add a message, picture or sentiment of reconciliation to take home or leave as a legacy on-site. Make a donation to **Legacy of Hope** to support residential school survivors and advocacy.
- Savour **traditional smoked and harvest meals** (Purchase vouchers online, \$24 per person)
- **Play with small animals from the farm and enjoy** climbing and sliding, teeter-totter, corn and tractor play stations, colouring activities and more.
- Enjoy live cultural performances and storytelling on the **Celebration Stage**

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CELEBRATION STAGE SCHEDULE

10:30 am - Official Elders Opening

11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm - Haudenashaunee Traditional Thanksgiving Address

Gain a greater understanding of our community's deep connection to the land, the animals and all that surrounds us through this traditional prayer.

12 Noon, 2 pm, 4 pm - Three Sisters Story and Pow Wow Dance

This is the traditional story of the three sisters told with mask and movement. Corn, beans and squash were the staple foods harvested by the Haudenosaunee communities. These traditional crops are together with beans wrapping the corn stalks and squash protecting the base. A live Pow Wow and Hoop Dance performance will follow.

Useful Links:

Indigenous Experiences: <https://indigenous-experiences.ca/>

Summer Solstice Indigenous Festivals: <https://summersolsticefestivals.ca/>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/ottawasolstice/>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/solsticefestivals/>
https://www.instagram.com/indigenous_experiences/

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SolsticeFestivals/>
<https://www.facebook.com/IndigenousExperiences>

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYnmJIZdwcGa-6nB6L4mJqA>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/aboriginalexperience>

Hashtags **#TagwagiFest, #indigenousOttawa #MadahokiFarm**

About Indigenous Experiences

Indigenous Experiences (IE) (formerly Aboriginal Experiences Arts & Culture) has more than 25 years of experience programming Indigenous entertainment and attractions to create lasting memories for participants young and old. These authentic experiences showcase the culture, history, food, music, art, fashion, dance and entrepreneurship of Canada's diverse Indigenous community. IE's award-winning cultural attraction moved from the sacred Victoria Island to the impressive grounds of the Museum of History in 2019. Over the past ten years the Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival, produced by IE on behalf of the National Indigenous Peoples Day Committee, grew into the four-day multi-arts festival for 50,000 at Vincent Massey Park in 2019 and was held virtually in 2020 and 2021 for audiences of over 520,000.

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