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2026 Spirit Builder Gathering

May 12-14, 2026, | Glendon College

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

4:00	Registration Opens
5:00	Traditional Opening <i>Elder Shishigo Gesic, Whitesand First Nation</i>
5:30	Dinner
6:30	Sweetgrass Teachings <i>Robin Beauclair, Master Spirit Builder, Nokiiwin Tribal Council</i> <i>Alicia Gordon, Master Spirit Builder, Nokiiwin Tribal Council</i>
7:00	Open Drumming Games and Socializing Fire

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

8:00	Breakfast Registration	
9:00	Traditional Opening <i>Elder Shishigo Gestic, Whitesand First Nation</i> Introductory Remarks <i>Audrey Rochette, York University</i> <i>Marco Fiola, Principal, Glendon College</i> <i>Yolanda Wanakamik, Executive Director, Nokiiwin Tribal Council</i> <i>Maya Chacaby, Faculty, Glendon College</i> <i>Audrey Gilbeau, Master Spirit Builder</i> Launch of the Online Spirit Builder Portal <i>Scott Baker, Nokiiwin Tribal Council</i> Overview of the Day and the Spirit Builder Booklet <i>Erin Lovis, Master Spirit Builder, Nokiiwin Tribal Council</i> <i>Allison Elsner, Master Spirit Builder</i>	
9:30	Table Group Conversations How have you used what you learned in Spirit Builder to benefit your community? <i>Facilitated by the Master Spirit Builders</i>	
10:30	Break	
10:45	Community Circle Experience the wisdom of traditional Indigenous society and dream together about how these supportive practices can be restored. <i>Liisa Kearney, Master Spirit Builder</i> <i>Suzi Isaac, Master Spirit Builder</i>	
12:00	Lunch	
1:00	Trauma Dogs and Relational Homes Our past traumas impact our lives, and they never really go away. Learn how to apply Indigenous wisdom to be able to live with trauma in a healthy way. <i>Facilitated by the Master Spirit Builders</i>	The Healing Continuum: Creating a Community Bundle Indigenous people and communities are on a journey of healing. Learn how to facilitate a strength-based approach to navigating this journey. <i>Facilitated by the Master Spirit Builders</i>

2:15	Break/Transition
2:30	Trauma Dogs / Healing Continuum Attend the workshop that you didn't attend at 1:00!
3:45	Honouring Ceremony Event Wrap-up <i>Erin Lovis, Master Spirit Builder, Nokiiwin Tribal Council</i> Traditional Closing <i>Elder Shishigo Gestic, Whitesand First Nation</i>
4:30	Baamaapii!

Thursday, May 14, 2026

8:00	Breakfast Grab a to-go breakfast and enjoy some final conversation!
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