

Professional Training

Announcement

(Pending Approval)

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Adult Education Program

The Adult Education Program is currently accepting applications for the following full-time course:

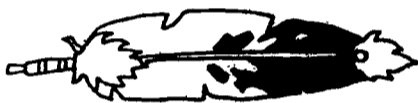
Career Planning

The objectives of this course are aimed at assisting people who are entering or re-entering the labor force to understand present employment conditions, to select realistic career goals, and to enter appropriate employment or begin suitable training. It also provides clients with the opportunity for personal aptitude exploration and vocational assessment. Upon completion of the course graduates are expected to begin employment or specific skill training.

In order to be considered for this course, an application and high school transcripts must be submitted to the Adult Education Office. All applicants meeting the admission requirements will be interviewed before final selection of the students is made.

The eight-week course is tentatively scheduled to begin May 8, 1995. The deadline for accepting applications is Friday, April 28, 1995.

For further information, contact: The Adult Education Program at (613) 575-2377.



Akwesasne Freedom School Applications Being Taken

Applications for the 1995-96 school year at the Akwesasne Freedom School are now being taken. Your child must be four (4) years old by December 1st to be eligible for Pre-K.

Approval/acceptance of the registrant will be given upon personal interview.

The Akwesasne Freedom School will be accepting applications until July 31, 1995. Should you have any questions regarding enrollment, you may contact the school and speak to Mrs. Ransom at (518) 358-2073.

Book Review

Navajo Weapon, by S. McClain (Books Beyond Borders, Inc., 1881 9th Street #108, Boulder, Colo. 80302, \$29.95).

The "Navajo Weapon" was the tribal language which served as a code for U.S. communications during World War II. There had been a limited precedent for encrypting battlefield commands in an Indian Tongue - Choctaw was used for that purpose in France during World War I. During the interwar years, German linguists and anthropologists had visited the States to study tribal cultures and languages, but somehow the Navajo, the most populous tribe, had not been approached. In the latter war the "unknown" Navajo language lent itself to a code that the enemy never broke. Some 400 Navajo volunteers handled the translating, and according to the author of this study "the Navajo code was used in almost in every South Pacific campaign the marines participated in from Guadalcanal to Okinawa."

Source: *Book World*, February 12, 1995.

Applications up at St. Lawrence College

Applications to St. Lawrence College are up 7.3% over last year, according to data provided by the Ontario College Application Service.

Applications to St. Lawrence stood at 6,315 as of March 1, 1995. The College had 5,719 applications at the same point last year. Applications to Ontario's colleges are up

3.4% overall.

"Obviously, we're pleased with the numbers," says Registrar, Rick Dunn. "It's still very early in the admissions cycle, so we do expect them to continue to fluctuate. However, it does appear that St. Lawrence has improved its relative market position."

Colleges begin making

offers of admission to qualified applicants on May 15, 1995.

Most colleges, Dunn says, continue to take applications and make offers right up to the start of classes in the fall. He encourages interested students to call the College for more information. The telephone # is: (613) 933-4693, Ext. 1503.

Still Time for that College Application St. Lawrence College, Cornwall

If you missed the traditional March 1st deadline for college applications, don't despair. There is still time to apply for most programs.

"Getting your application in before March 1st is crucial in the case of highly oversubscribed programs like Veterinary Technology," says Rick Dunn, College Registrar. "Right now, we have over

700 applications for 60 seats. However, where demand does not outstrip supply as dramatically, we encourage students to apply right up to the start of classes in September. Depending upon the program, students applying late still stand a very good chance of admission." Dunn says that interested students should contact the College to find out

more. "The College's liaison officers and counselors can help students make the most informed choices," Dunn says.

Application forms are available from the Ontario College Application Service in Guelph, from your local high school and from the College. Call 933-4693, ext. 2107.

Native Language Education Symposium

"Making A Case For
A Standard Mohawk Language
Immersion Curriculum"

April 8th, 1995 • 10 am to 4 pm

Spaghetti Luncheon \$8.00

Benefit for Indigenous Games

St. Regis Recreation Center, Ahkwesáhsne

Open Forum: Proposed Ideas For Discussion

Immersion Prep: Preparatory Early Mohawk Language Immersion to begin in Daycare/Nursery schools and Pre-K. The intention of preparatory immersion would be to lay the crucial foundation for fluency for a child entering an immersed school environment.

Approaching Immersion: Outlining the scope of converting schools and curriculums over to immersion. Discuss implementation timetable.

Curriculum Standardization: Determine the feasibility of standardizing a Mohawk language immersion curriculum for use in any Mohawk community.

Curriculum Center: Explore ideas for establishing a curriculum center dedicated to standardization.

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