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Date: July 4th, 2024

Weyt-kp (Hello) District of Barriere Mayor & Council,

Xwexwéyt me7 tsnes-kp te splulkw. Me7 tsecwmíntlmen xwexwéytep.

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to witness and partake in our annual *Melukwmintem (Gather Together) & Simpcw Days.*

This weekend long event unites members from all over to connect with their *kwséltkten* (family) and *stemtemét* (friends), make new connections and strengthen their culturally proud traditions. This is also when we *'Call Our Children Home'* with a traditional blanketing ceremony as a way to welcome Simpcw Members back to the land, community, culture, and campfire.

The event this year is notable, as we are having the event right in Chu Chua; as well as various sites within Simpcwul'ecw.

Event Date: temllenkúkwe7 te mégcen (Ninth moon / September) 19th-22th, 2024

September is also know as Pellc. wéwlemten (Fishing Month) or Pesqelqlélten (Many Salmon Month)

Event Location: Chu Chua, BC - 7555 Dunn Lake Road

Please view the attached 'Save The Date' as well as a draft Agenda (a formal Agenda will be distributed closer to event).

It would be greatly appreciated if you could please provide a response by **August 15th** on whether you are able to attend or not. If you are able to attend could you provide which day(s)

On behalf of Simpcw's *Social Development, Language & Culture* Departments, we hope to have your presence at this significant event to celebrate everything Simpcw!



Welcome Song

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Draft Agenda: Subject to Change

Thursday 19th:

5:00pm – 7:00pm – Check In & Dinner

Friday 20th:

Before Sunrise - Sunrise Ceremony

7:00 – 9:00am – Breakfast

Various Activities throughout day & optional Wells Grey activities

Noon – Lunch

Various Activities throughout day

5:00 -7:00pm – Dinner

7:15pm – Stick Game Tournament

Saturday 21st:

7:00-9:00am – Breakfast

9:30am – Calling Our Children Home Ceremony (this will be a good time to come witness the ceremony & speeches from Chief & Council)

Noon – Lunch

12:30-4:00pm - Cultutal activities

5:00-7:00pm – Dinner

7:00-10:00pm - Family Dance

Sunday 22nd:

7:00-9:00am - Breakfast