

Biennial Gwichin Gathering

Sunday, July 20 – Church Service/Bishops
Evening Service and Gospel Singing/Bishops

***Welcome Christine Creyke and friends – Canoe Trip ***

Monday, July 21 – Travel Day – Sponsored by VGLP and Yth Invst. Fund

1 to 4 pm – BGG Delegates Registration – Chief Zzeh Gittlit School
2 to 6 pm – Youth Meeting – guestspeakers – Community Ctre
6 pm – Supper – School gym
7 pm – Opening Ceremonies – Grand entry, prayer, Chief and Council
MLA and VG Elder welcome
8 pm – Gwich'in Nation 2014 Graduates Acknowledgment
8:30 pm BGG Guestspeaker - TBA
9 pm – Youth Talent Show-fiddle dance Gwich'in Youth Fiddlers

Tuesday, July 22 - Sponsored by Gwitchin Steering Committee

7:30 to 9:00 am – Breakfast at School gym

9:30 am Registration at meeting place- Hockey Arena

10 am Opening Prayer

10:10 am Welcome address Chief Linklater/Elder/Youth/MLA
Introductions of Gwichin Chiefs and BGG Chairs

11 am Overview History of Gathering – Chief Linklater/Sarah James
Theme and Logo

11:30 am Gwichin Steering Committee – Executive Director, Princess Lucaj
GSC Present Day goals/objectives – USA Political Environment

12 Noon Lunch break – School gym

1:30 pm Gwitchin Youth Delegation presentation of Resolution

2:15 pm Question and Answer

2:30 pm - Break

2:45 pm Gwich'in Council International-Grant Sullivan

3:15 pm Comments from all Gwichin Chiefs and MLA's

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4 pm Business Meeting adjourned/Indian Bingo

4 to 6 pm – Gwandak Theatre at Community Centre

6 pm – Supper – School Gym

7 pm – Blessing of Gwichin Flag – Bishops and Native Ministers

Performances Alaska/Old Crow/NWT Dancers

Children's Jigging contest (up to age 15 yrs)

Fiddle Dance

Wednesday, July 23

7:30 to 9:00 am Breakfast at School Gym

10 am Opening prayer
Recap of Day 1

10:15 am Our Health and Wellness – Gwitch'in Elder's Panel
(Language and Culture)

11:00 am Unity and Strength of Gwich'in Nation – Gwich'in Elder's Panel
(Leadership and Governance)

12 noon Lunch

1:30 pm Open Mike

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Vision For Tomorrow – “Together towards tomorrow”
(Land, Water and Animals)

4 pm Business meeting adjourned

Door Prize

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- 4 to 6 pm – “Gwich'in Women Speaks” at Community Centre
- 6 pm Supper at School Gym
- 7 pm Moment of Silence for all our loved ones who have passed on
Prayers – Bishops/native ministers - Gospel Singing
- 8 pm Fashion Show
- 9 pm Fiddle Dance

Thursday, July 24

- 7:30 to 9:00 am - Breakfast at School Gym

- 10 am Opening Prayer
Recap of Day 2

- 10:15 “Together towards Tomorrow” - My community, my responsibility
(What can I do?) Open Mike

- 12 noon Lunch at School Gym

- 1:30 pm Resolutions – Reaffirm our Support for Protection of
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the Calving Grounds of
the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

- 2 pm Open Mike

- 2:30 pm Break

- 2:45 pm Acknowledge BGG Planning Committee and Sponsors

- 3 pm Closing Ceremonies

- 4 pm Next Community for Gwichin Gathering
Prayer

- 4 pm to 6 pm – BGG Group Photo
- 6 pm Supper – Cookout – School
- 7 pm Twisting Contest
- 7 pm Adult Jigging Contest (16 yrs and over)
- 9 pm Jam and Fiddle Dance

Friday, July 25th

- 8 am to 10:30 am – Breakfast – School gym
- Visitors Travel - Farewell