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## FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

### Welcome to the Glooscap Heritage Centre

The Glooscap Heritage Centre opened to the public May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 and is located on the outskirts of Truro at the Millbrook First Nation, Exit 13A at the Truro Power Centre. The Glooscap Heritage Centre is comprised of the Glooscap Statue, complete with interpretive panels; a number of mobile, climate and light controlled display cases to house Mi'kmaq artifacts; a series of wall displays; and a major multimedia display in the 75 seat theatre that will be the highlight of the visitor experience at the Glooscap Heritage Centre.

### In February, at a glance....

We at Glooscap Heritage are excited to announce our first Language Recovery Elder's Round Table to take place on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Representatives from all thirteen reserves have been invited to take part in this project, which is partially funded by the United Church of Canada. We are also happy to announce that our Regalia Drop In Group and Youth Drumming Group are in full swing. Initiated in October 2009, each Wednesday, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Glooscap Heritage Centre is proud to offer a Mi'kmaq Language Course taught by long time educator Patsy Paul-Martin, Coordinator of First Nation Cultural Services with the Chignecto Regional School Board. Should you have any enquiries, please contact Gordie Pictou at 843 3339 or by email at [gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com](mailto:gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com)

GHC would also like to congratulate *A Tribe Called Mi'kmaq* for their win at Powwow Idol for the second time in a row! Vote for them at [www.powwowidol.com](http://www.powwowidol.com)  
Check it out at our official website.....  
[www.glooscapheritagecentre.com](http://www.glooscapheritagecentre.com)

### January Highlights at Glooscap Heritage Centre



Glooscap Heritage Centre is happy to announce the formation of the Youth Drumming Group, which began on January 20<sup>th</sup>. An article about the group and its' members can be read inside.

Also, we have a report on the On-Reserve Headstart/Maternal Child Health Cultural Conference by Gordon Pictou, held at the GHC in January.

GHC is also happy to announce our ever increasing off site bookings in which we set up information booths to increase public awareness of our message. On January 16<sup>th</sup>, GHC was invited to participate in the Health and Wellness Expo in which Gordon set up our booth and Joe performed with a *Tribe Called Mi'kmaq*. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, Joe also attended the NSCC Mawiomi, as an information booth resource and also as a performer with a *Tribe Called Mi'kmaq*.

Also, check out our newest link on our webpage called **"TEACHER'S RESOURCES"** in which informative links, sites, articles, tours and much much more is available to enhance the learning experience

Want to have a meeting in a unique, central and affordable location? Glooscap Heritage Centre may be the ideal solution for your event needs. Call us or email for further details, or visit our website [www.glooscapheritagecentre.com](http://www.glooscapheritagecentre.com)

# Glooscap Heritage Centre Youth Drum Group

Submitted by Joe Sylliboy

The first practice for our new youth drum group officially started on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and was a great success! A total of nine members from the community attended to come and learn the basics of drumming and singing.

Who Attended?

Jordan Denny  
Noah Cope  
Kitpu McDonald  
Rylan Gloade  
Reed Knockwood  
Stephen Johnson  
Brennan Googoo  
Wowkwis Sylliboy  
John Bernard

All participated, and was a great group to start with. I would like to thank everyone who attended for showing interest, attentiveness and enthusiasm! As well would also like to thank Kyle McDonald, Dylan Gloade and Garrett Gloade from “A Tribe Called Mi’kmaq” who also attended our first practice for some extra support. Members from “A Tribe Called Mi’kmaq” will continue to volunteer their time to the youth drum group as they share the same vision towards getting our youth more proactive in their culture.

We will be brainstorming together and coming up with a name for the group shortly! Currently we have roughly 10-12 singers that have shown interest altogether so we will currently not be accepting new applicants. If you show serious interest or would like to ask any questions please feel free to call me, Joe Sylliboy here at the Glooscap Heritage Centre at 843-3493, anytime. For the time being I will be dedicated to our first wave of drummers, although upcoming this fall or by the next new year I will open up a new wave for whomever may have sparked interest.





## **On-Reserve Headstart/Maternal Child Health Cultural Conference a Success!**

23 Headstart Coordinators, Maternal Child Health home workers, and health and daycare workers from all over NS attended the 2 Day Culture Conference organized by the Glooscap Heritage Centre. The goal of the conference was to bring the people responsible for educating young families and children together to share ideas and strategies for improving the effectiveness of cultural programming in their communities.

I would like to thank Elder Sarah Francis from Pictou Landing for agreeing to come on short notice. Her contribution to the conference was greatly valued by all.

All of our presenters did a fantastic job and I would like to thank each of them for making this conference a success.

Patsy Paul-Martin presented on ideas and resources that can help young children begin to learn Mi'kmaq. She distributed some visual aids for participants to bring home with them to use in their communities.



A Tribe Called Mi'kmaq performed to the delight of Millbrook's Early Education Centre's 4+ children who participated in learning the round and snake dances. Both the drummers and the child dancers sparked a lot of discussion about how important it is to provide more opportunity for children to learn traditional forms of musical expression in home visits and early education centres.

Elder Dorene Bernard presented on ways to include Elders from the community in schools and how to incorporate the 7 Sacred Teachings in circle times. Her ideas were warmly received and participants seemed really excited about incorporating her ideas into their programming.

Phillippa, Amber, Destiny and Gord Pictou presented ideas for how to use things everyone already has to make inexpensive, culturally relevant crafts and use storytelling, drama and open house nights to go beyond craft making to instilling pride in culture.

Many thanks to Sally Cope and Donna Gloade at Kiju Catering for preparing a sensational traditional feast. The meal received a perfect score in the conferences evaluation forms!

Article submitted by Gordon Pictou

SUMMER DIVERSITY PROGRAM

Aboriginal Programming Co-ordinator  
Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park

Eligibility:

Aboriginal students, students with disabilities, and other racially visible students who attend community college or university are eligible for this program. Applicants must be full-time students who will be returning to full-time study in the fall. Students must self-identify as a member of one of these designated groups on their application or through a pre-screening phone call.

Duties:

The Aboriginal Programming Coordinator, under the leadership of the park manager and assistant education coordinator will deliver quality environmental and wildlife based education programs to schools and visitors.

They will develop aboriginal programming educating visitors and students about the Mi'kmaq culture through time (past and present), plus work on developing a lasting partnership relationship with the local aboriginal community. Other duties will include assisting in running the facility, researching, planning, writing program procedures, setting-up programs, delivering, evaluating interpretive programs and special events. Work could include 10 hour shifts, some week-ends and night tours.

Qualifications:

Full-time university or community college student returning to study in the fall in one of the following fields; biology, environmental studies, recreation, tourism, public relations, forestry or wildlife. Should possess

an outgoing personality with knowledge of wildlife, habitat, environmental issues and Traditional Aboriginal knowledge. Must demonstrate strong organizational, written and verbal communication skills and have the ability

to deliver engaging programs to a diverse audience. Candidate must be able to conduct research, have the ability to work independently, and as part of a team. Must have working knowledge of computer applications and an Emergency First Aid certificate.

Work Term: May 3rd 2010-August 20th 2010

Rate of Pay: \$9.00- \$11.00/hour. Depending on qualifications and experience.

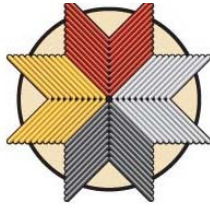
Closing date: Feb. 15, 2010

All applications/resumes should be sent directly to:

ATTN: Sue Penney  
Education Co-ordinator  
Shubenacadie Wildlife Park  
P.O. Box 299, Shubenacadie, NS B0N 2H0  
email: penneysl@gov.ns.ca

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## **Glooscap Heritage Centre Introduces On-Line Campus Institute**

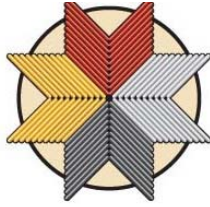
Glooscap Heritage Society's Dream is in the process of realizing an On-line Institute of Learning. Focused on education, the institute would help promote Cultural sensitivity and awareness of the value in cultural differences. Recent steps have been made through GHC's development of e-Learning courses promoting cultural sensitivity. The addition of the content library from Equi-pass will also mean that while GHS clients and First Nation communities learn about the importance of the Mi'kmaq Nation, they will have access to everything from Microsoft Office Skills Training to Soft Skills Courses!

Now that the institute is becoming a reality, many other programs will be offered to our communities and Nova Scotians in general including Professional development seminars; Computer literacy initiatives; Administrative and service skills training; and Leadership and Governance guidance. These programs will ensure that the GHC supports the development of strong, vibrant communities in our region. As well, this content will be offered as a best practice model to First Nations communities throughout Atlantic Canada and beyond.

A future goal of the GHC is on Language Preservation. Language is central to culture and heritage for all First Nation communities, including the Mi'kmaq. A great deal of our language was lost when our children were forced into the Residential Schools; now, the situation is worsening because Mi'kmaq communities are losing their Elders. Elders possess the traditional knowledge & language that bind a nation together; without them, there is a danger that language will not be preserved. Elders also have knowledge of significant customs and traditions including Spiritual teachings, traditional medicines, Traditional customs, music and dance.

GHC is already working to conserve the knowledge of the Elders by actively promoting language programs in the community. With the addition of this online learning portal, other tools have become available to the program. We are hopeful that we can leverage the digital literacy courseware in such a way that modern technology can be employed to help capture the knowledge of the Elders and communities; this will include language preservation strategies.

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## **Workshop Instructors Needed**

**The Glooscap Heritage Centre is creating our  
2010 Cultural Programme.**

**Workshop instructors needed for 4-8 week courses of the following:**

- **BasketMaking**
- **Leatherworking**
- **Drum making**
- **Beading**
- **Quillwork**
- **Traditional Medicines**
- **Guided Interpretive Hikes**

**GHC is also interested in hosting the following groups:**

- **A Youth Drumming Group (leader Joe Syliboy)**
- **A Drop-In RegaliaMaking Group**
- **A Drop In Conversational Mi'kmaw language group (open to all who would like to practice their Mi'kmaw or help others to learn)**
- **Summer Storytelling Night (community members take turns telling legends or other tales)**

**If you would like to be an instructor or if you would like to participate in one of the groups, please contact Gordie:**

Please Contact Gordon Pictou

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Email: [gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com](mailto:gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com)

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**POSITION:** Catering Assistant  
**LOCATION:** Glooscap Heritage Centre (GHC)  
**START DATE:** February 30, 2010  
**REMUNERATION:** Will be based on skills and experience.  
**WORK HOURS:** When catering service is scheduled and part time on a call in basis. (The GHC offers catering services from early mornings to late evenings & weekends)

**Position Scope:** The Glooscap Heritage Centre's Catering Assistant will assist the Visitor Services & Retail Manager & staff in providing a professional, friendly and efficient service to the centre's customers. The Catering Assistant will provide advice and assistance, maintain product and undertake cleaning duties whilst ensuring compliance to company policies and Health Canada guidelines thus ensuring the smooth operation of the Glooscap Heritage Centre (GHC). The Catering Assistant will report to GHC's Visitor Services & Retail Manager.

**Typical duties include:**

- To provide a friendly, informative and efficient service to customers, understanding their needs and requirements, working to exceed these wherever possible
- To demonstrate a positive, enthusiastic, committed and flexible attitude towards customers and other team members, recognizing the importance and benefits of effective team working
- Deliver customer service in line with GHC policies, Confidentiality and discretion and an awareness of the GHS non-disclosure policy
- To ensure that appropriate Health and Safety and hygiene procedures are followed.
- Undertake and achieve company funded industry recognized Food Hygiene qualification if not currently held
- To prepare food for side dishes such as the cutting and arrangement of sweet breads, cheese, vegetable and fruit trays.
- To setup and put away tables & chairs for events & catering service and to assist with routine cleaning of the kitchen and all utensils and equipment To carry out general duties such as washing up. As required.
- To carry out temperature control checks, as required.

.This list of responsibilities is not exhaustive and the employee will be required to perform duties outside of this as operationally required and at the discretion of their Manager.

**Qualifications:**

- Must be willing to provide an up to date criminal record check
- Must be computer proficient and know how to use Excel, Word and Outlook
- A drivers licence and personal vehicle is a definite must.
- Literary skills such as the ability to create business correspondence and develop business forms are a requirement.
- Excellent communication skills, problem solving skills, interpersonal skills, leadership skills and having experience working in a team atmosphere is required.
- Good interpersonal and customer facing skills, able to empathize, maintain professionalism, display patience and politeness within a sometimes pressurized environment is a requirement
- Must have good attention to detail skills and the ability to recognize the benefits of effective service
- A good level of physical fitness is required and ability to undertake manual work
- Flexibility, enthusiasm and an outgoing personality is a must.
- Previous experience of working in a catering environment is a definite asset
- Working knowledge of relevant Health & Safety legislation is an asset
- Food Handlers course is a definite asset

**Application Deadline is January 15, 2010. Interested parties should call Sharon Touchie, General Manager, at 843 -3496 or email at [sharon@centralnovascotia.com](mailto:sharon@centralnovascotia.com)**

## Programming in 2010 at the Glooscap Heritage Centre

The staff at the GHC are excited to introduce many new programs we hope will be well attended by Millbrook, Truro and surrounding communities.

### Youth Drumming Group Every Wednesday from 4-5pm

Begins Jan.20th  
Free for ages 12-19

Last September, Todd Labrador came and made a large drum for the Glooscap Heritage Centre. Joe Sylliboy was asked to be the drum keeper and is starting a Youth Drumming Group for anyone aged 12-19 to participate in. Although he has a full group now, he is still taking names for another group to start in the fall.

Joe is a member of “A Tribe Called Mi’kmaq” and has been drumming for most of his life. He is excited to offer the opportunity for youth to come and try drumming. Participation is free and practice will be every Wednesday from 4-5pm at the GHC. No registration required. Call Joe for more information 843-3493.

### Regalia Drop-in Group every Monday from 3-4:30pm

Begins Jan.25<sup>th</sup>  
Free for all ages.  
Bring your own supplies.

Whatever project you’re working on, bring it to the GHC and work with others. Don’t know how to make something? Come and let the group help you to learn. All are welcome! No registration required.

### 6 Week Mi’kmaq Language Class

Patsy Paul-Martin is back and new students are welcome. Registration is required and price will vary based on the size of the class \$140 (15-19 students) – \$120 (26-30 students). To reserve your spot, you must pre-register and pay a non-refundable deposit of \$70. For more information contact Gord 843-3493.



**Calendar of Monthly Tours and Theatre Bookings  
for the  
Glooscap Heritage Centre  
FEBRUARY 2010**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31	1 Regalia Drop In Group 3:00 – 4:30 Bring your own supplies and work with others	2 Theatre Booked 10:45-4:30	3 Theatre Booked 10:45-4:30  Youth Drumming Group 4:00- 5:00 Free to join Mi'kmaq Language Workshop 6:30- 8:30 pm	4 Theatre Booked 10:45-4:30	5 Theatre Booked 10:45-4:30	6
7	8 Tour 104 people, Annapolis East elementary Regalia Drop In Group 3:00 – 4:30 Bring your own supplies and work with others	9	10 Youth Drumming Group 4:00- 5:00 Free to join  Mi'kmaq Language Workshop 6:30- 8:30 pm	11	12	13
14	15 Regalia Drop In Group 3:00 – 4:30 Bring your own supplies and work with others	16	17 Youth Drumming Group 4:00- 5:00 Free to join  Mi'kmaq Language Workshop 6:30- 8:30 pm	18 Theatre Booked 10:00-1:30 Off Site Presentation, Gordon at Debert Sr Centre 12-3pm	19 Elders Round table Mi'kmaq Language Recovery Theatre 9:00-4:30	20
21 Theatre Booked 8:30-9:00	22 Theatre Booked 8:30- 9:00  Regalia Drop In Group 3:00 – 4:30 Bring your own supplies and work with others	23 Theatre Booked8:30- 9:00	24 Theatre Booked8:30- 9:00  Youth Drumming Group 4:00- 5:00 Free to join  Mi'kmaq Language Workshop 6:30- 8:30 pm	25 Theatre Booked8:30- 9:00	26 Theatre Booked 8:30-9:00	27
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**Please Contact the Glooscap Heritage Centre for more information**

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