

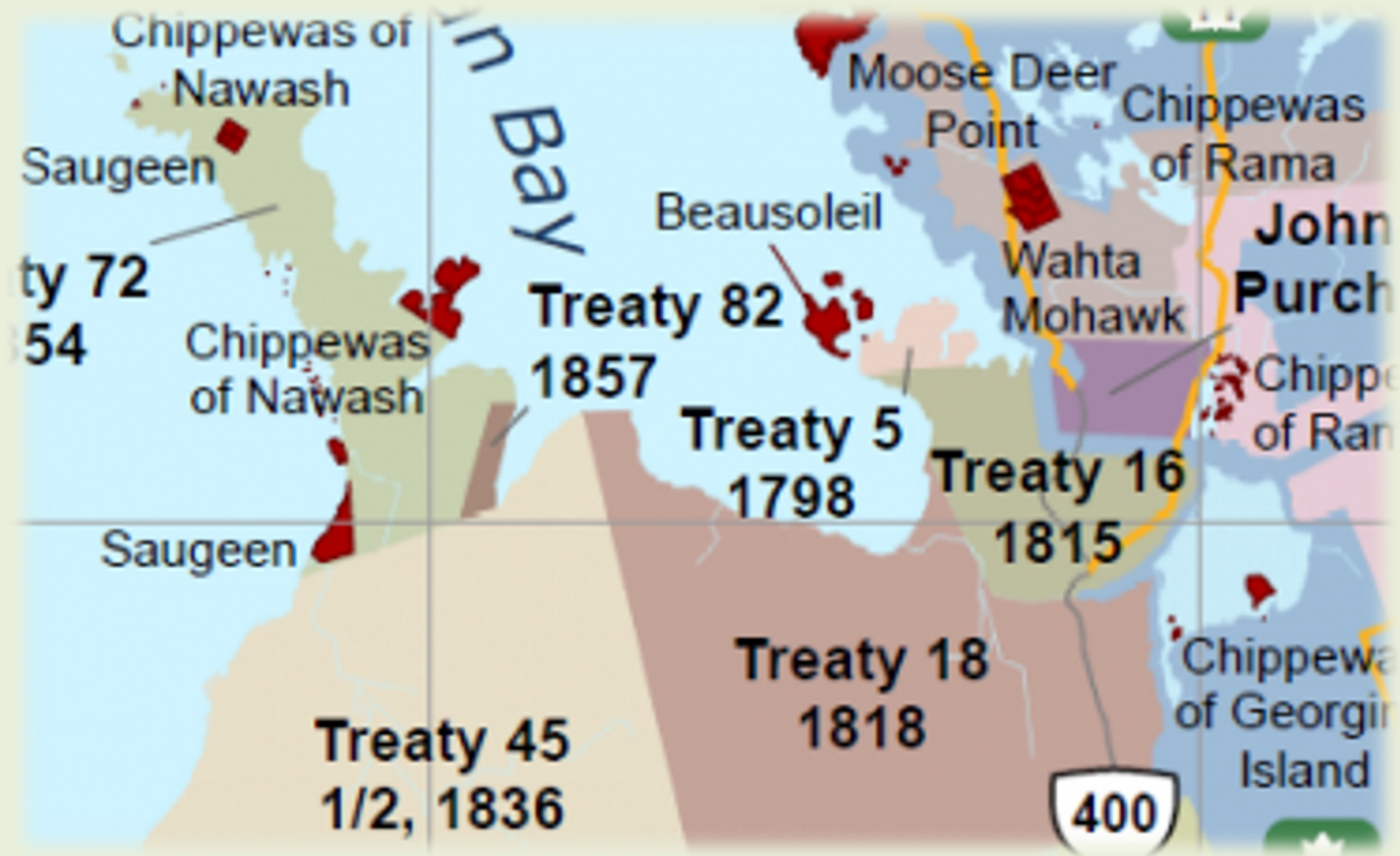


Emergency

Saskatchewan

TREATY 16

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but speaking **the truth**

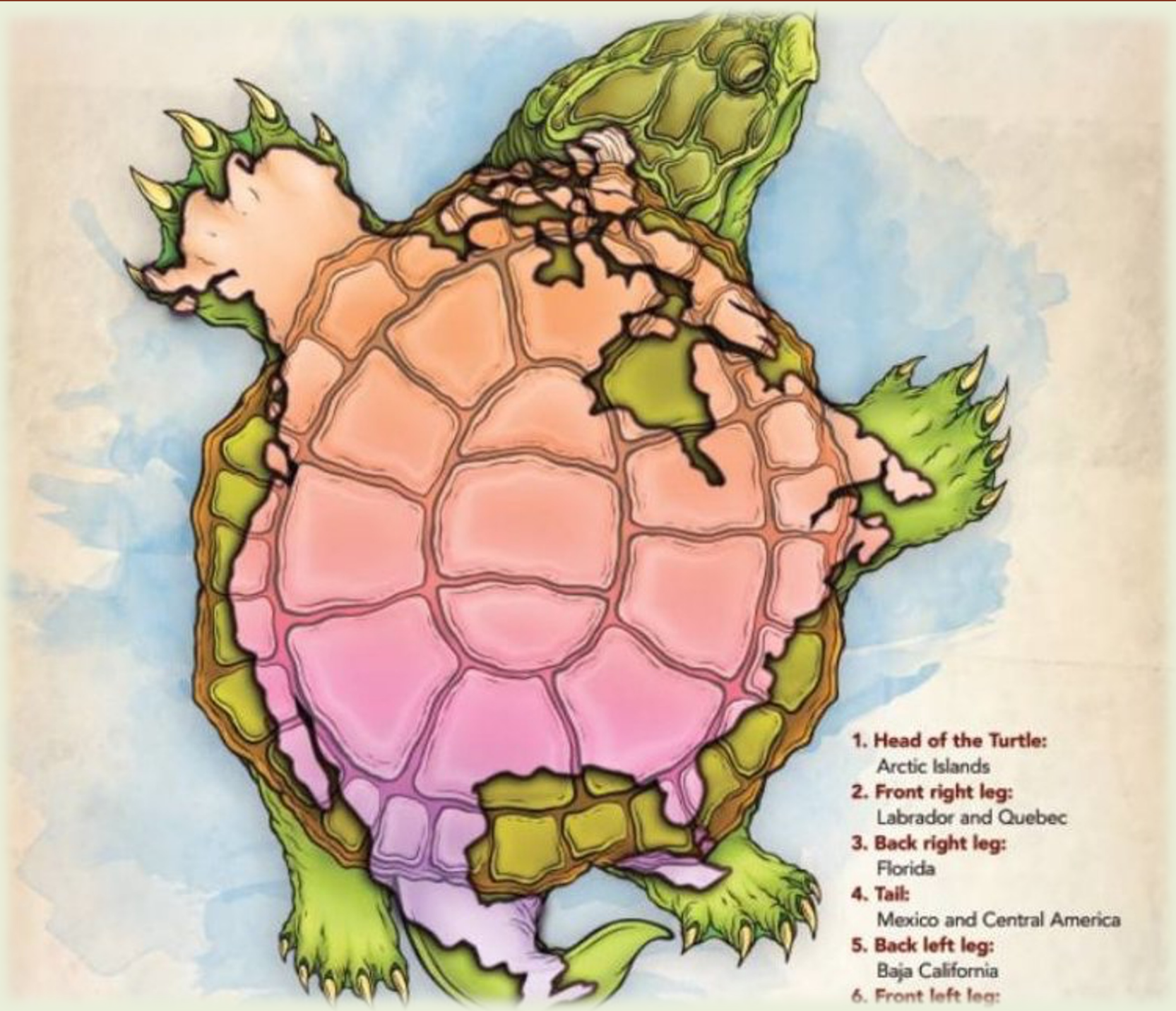


in *love*, we are to

grow up

in all aspects into **Him who is
the head**, even Christ.

Ephesians 4:15



- 1. **Head of the Turtle:**
Arctic Islands
- 2. **Front right leg:**
Labrador and Quebec
- 3. **Back right leg:**
Florida
- 4. **Tail:**
Mexico and Central America
- 5. **Back left leg:**
Baja California
- 6. **Front left leg:**

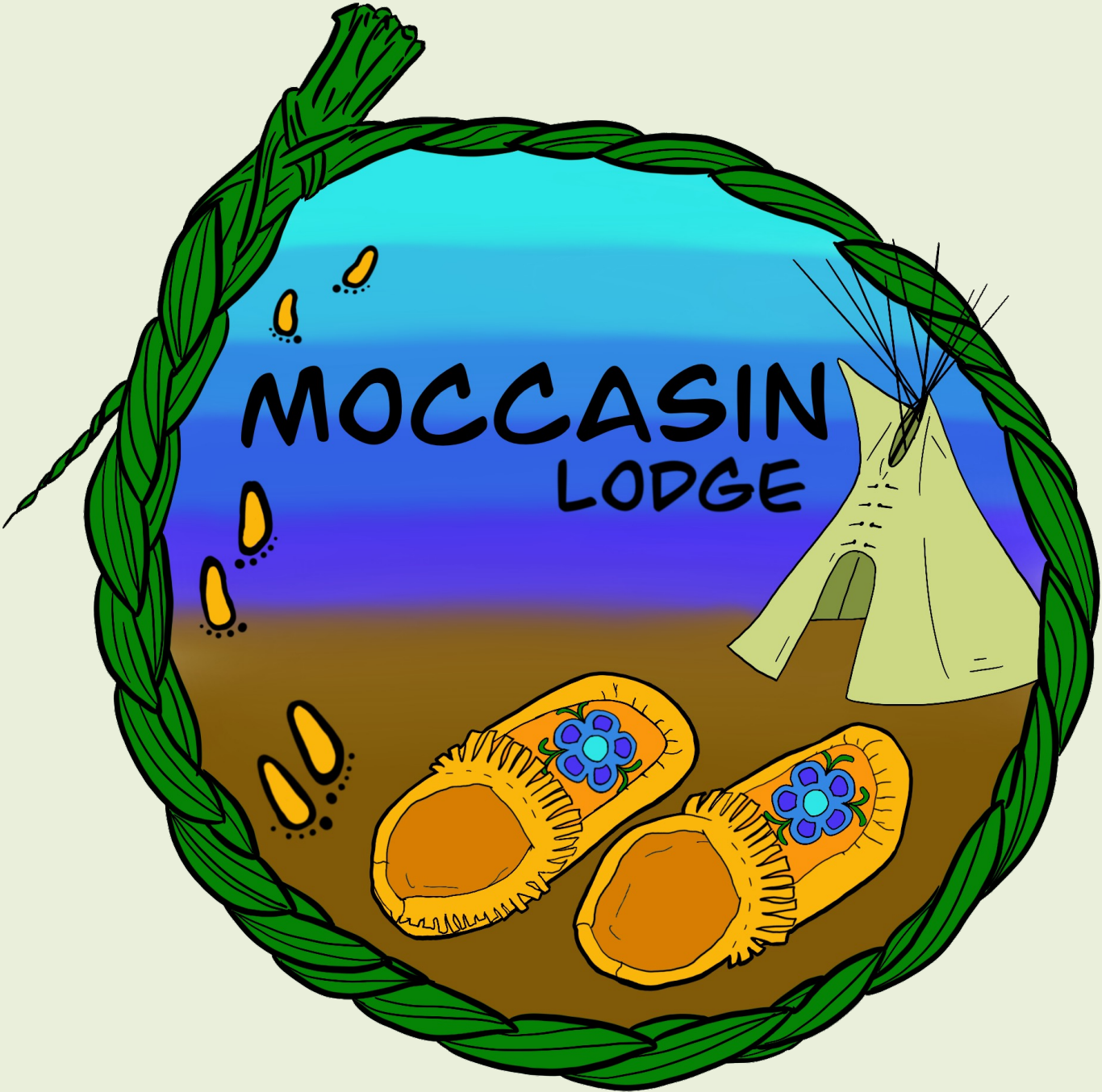
**Therefore each of
you must put off
falsehood and
speak truthfully to
your neighbor, for
we are all members
of one body.**

—Ephesians 4:25 (NIV)



To cherish knowledge is to know **Wisdom**
To know **Love** is to know peace
To honour all of creation is to have **Respect**
To face life with courage is to know **Bravery**
To walk through life with integrity is to know **Honesty**
Humility is to know yourself as a sacred part of creation
Truth is to know all of these Things.





AHNII, TANSI, Welcome!

- ▶ As Indigenous people we need to reclaim our identity by addressing how we see ourselves, a picture which has become distorted through the lens of colonization.
- ▶ Indigenous People need to address the effects of colonization in connection with their identity and way of life not excluding language, culture and spirituality.
- ▶ This can be done by reconnecting with our Elders and Knowledge Keepers as they share their knowledge, wisdom and teachings as were traditionally practiced long ago.



Artist Simone McLeod

A BIT OF BACKGROUND . . .

- ▶ Moccasin Lodge has been born out of a passion to provide a space to reclaim one's cultural identity in an environment that is spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically safe.
- ▶ Cultural identity is fundamental to how we see ourselves and the world. Establishing an identity is not an easy process. Identity is dynamic, complex and changes over time. Cultural Identity begins in the womb and then develops by the environment that surrounds us. It impacts our wholistic well-being.
- ▶ For Indigenous people, our culture, is the core essence of our sense of identity, sense of belonging, the land we come from and the interconnectedness with each other and Creator.
- ▶ Indigenous people need to reclaim a healthy sense of identity and what it means for them to be Indigenous living on their traditional territories.



MISSION

We desire to inspire Indigenous young people to seek out and stand up against adversity and reflect on their qualities of inner strength, courage, and resiliency.



VISION

We are passionate about fostering pathways, cultivating relationships and journeying alongside Indigenous youth, their families and communities to equip and engage them in reclaiming their culture within a holistic framework and rediscovering their Creator-given identity and purpose.

**ACCET-BASED
TRAINING**

Appreciative Cross Cultural
Engagement Training

PEYAKOHEWAMAK
One Family

**KIDS CULTURE
CAMP**

OSKISKWEWAK
Young Women
Helpers

MIWAYAWIN
Well-Being,
60s Scoop
Healing Circle

KIDS CULTURE CAMP


- For children and youth 6-12 years of age
- Indigenous kids and youth experience a Creator-centered, life-giving family camp environment, where they could enjoy summer activities, while learning more about their unique cultural heritage and traditions.
- The camp fosters a community environment in which we honor Creator within an Indigenous way of life.
- The focus is learning about themselves, their people, and their Creator.
- Being out on the land, living in tipi's, being part of a clan, learning traditional games and crafts.





ACCET-BASED TRAINING

Appreciative Cross Cultural Engagement Training

- A positive way to build people, organizations, communities and futures!
 - Identifying and mobilizing existing and sometimes, unrecognized assets.
 - The key is to use what is already in the community.
 - Draws out the strengths and successes of a community's shared history as its starting point for change.
 - Activates participation as the basis of practice.
 - Focus is on relationships.
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- The role of the Oskiskwewak involves honouring the Creator, learning through service and gaining experience surrounding ceremonies.
- This is an opportunity to influence others, grow internally and be part of community life.
- For teen girls 13 – 17 years old.
- A space to reclaim their cultural identity.
- Will be equipped to become effective and authentic leaders.
- Encompass relationship building.



Cree for Young Women Helpers

MIWAYAWIN

Well-Being,
60s Scoop
Healing
Circle

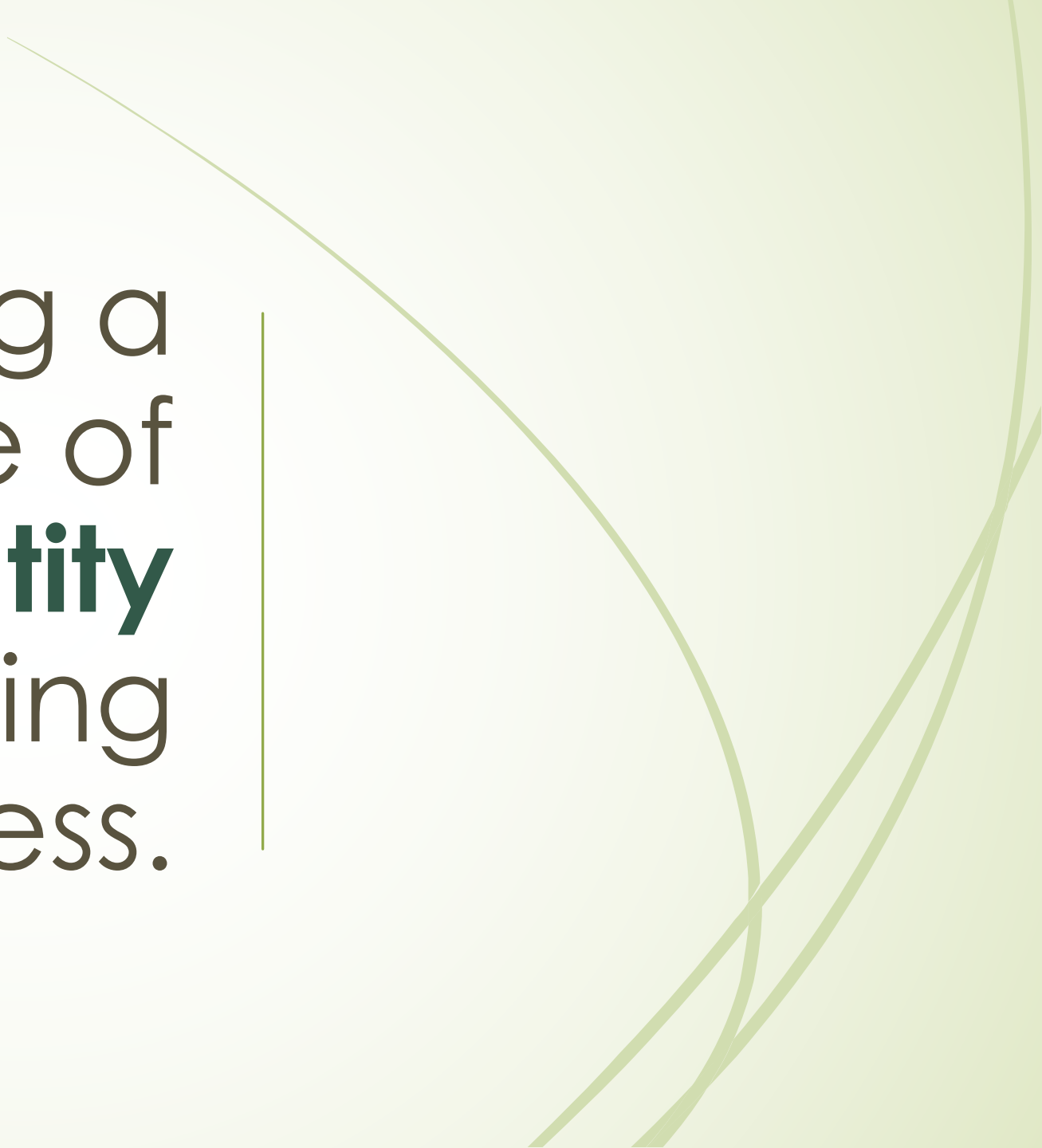
- By fostering healing through the sharing of cultural knowledge and teachings, one's core identity will be strengthened and restored as Creator intended it to be!
- Culturally-based space that fosters holistic health and well-being.
- Revitalize, recover and reclaim traditional customs that were lost, broken and/or forbidden.
- Will honour the spirit within each person.
- Promote harmony and balance.

PEYAKOHEWAMAK

One Family

- When the family has an opportunity to learn, laugh and come together through a wide variety of cultural activities – they learn to grow together in new ways.
- Families will be empowered to seek out their cultural identity through culturally rooted activities that are Indigenous led in an environment that will foster a sense of belonging and be culturally safe.
- The more traditional practices are restored, the stronger the cultural identity becomes for children and their families.
- Families will be supported holistically
 - Physical (Well-being)
 - Spiritual (Healing)
 - Mental (Education)
 - Emotional (Social Development)
- Fosters relationship building.

Establishing a
sense of
Cultural Identity
is an ongoing
process.

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As a Community . . .

- ▶ We are responsible for providing youth with the knowledge, skills and abilities to navigate their environment with understanding and confidence.
- ▶ It is our responsibility to prepare youth for the path ahead.
- ▶ We must give them the vital information needed to make informed choices as they explore their freedom and the responsibility that comes with this age.



- Promoting youth assets within a framework that emphasizes cultural connection.
- Promoting strong youth within a holistic framework that is culturally safe.
- When youth are approached from a place of respect and a place of partnership, then this work can be achieved in a way that honours them.





INTERVARSITY

CIRCLE
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CREEK



PARTNERSHIP
between
iEMERGENCE
and
INTERVARSITY



First Program
Implemented



OSKISKWEWAK



Autumn Peltier,
Anishnaabe water carrier

- ▶ Having positive role models and engaging youth in leadership activities ensures that youth can become more culturally active, feel proud about their accomplishments, and become more involved in their broader community.
- ▶ Having Aunties and Grandmothers take on the responsibility of guiding the young woman into womanhood by teaching them about their connection to the natural world and the responsibilities they carry as a woman.
- ▶ The purpose is to ensure that values, traditions, and identity are seen as a source of courage, strength, honour and pride for the future.
- ▶ It is important to reclaim this rite of passage as young women.



The Objectives of the Oskiskwewak Program are:

1. Create relationships where young Indigenous women are part of a community where they feel supported and cared for.
2. To promote personal and spiritual growth where young Indigenous women embrace who they are and ultimately, learn to love themselves.

LASTING RELATIONSHIPS

- Youth need **Love** and **Support**.
- Youth need to feel **Valued**.
- Youth need to be **Believed**
- Youth need someone who **Cares** for them.
- Youth need someone who is **Rooting** for them.
- Youth need someone **Praying** for them.



