

# Association of Metis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan

## Metis Heritage Days - 1981

July 17, 18, 19, 1981

### FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1981

7:00 pm Native Talent Show  
10:00 pm Welcoming Dance  
Lawrence Joseph Band

### SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1981

10:00 am Ball Tournament Begins  
Children's Movies  
Horseshoe Tournament begins  
11:00 am Bannock Baking contest  
1:00 pm Metis Dancers  
2:00 pm Pow Wow Demonstration  
Children's Puppet Show  
Native Fashion Show  
3:00 pm Metis Drama presentation  
Children's Movies  
4:00 pm Metis Dancers & Dance Workshop  
5:00 pm Trappers event  
6:30 pm Jigging & Fiddling  
(qualifying rounds)  
8:00 -  
10:30 pm Native Concert  
\* Mr. & Ms Batoche  
11:00 pm Dance - Shannon Two Feathers

### SUNDAY, JULY 19, 1981

10:00 am Memorial Service at Batoche  
mass grave site  
11:00 am Ball Tournament continues  
Children's Movies  
12:00 a.m. 2 man Canoe Race  
Tug-O-War  
1:00 pm Metis Dancers  
2:00 pm Fiddling Contest  
3:00 pm Jigging Contest  
4:00 pm Metis Drama presentation  
Children's Movies  
Pow-Wow Demonstration  
5:00 pm Metis Dancers & Dance Workshop

\* Mr. & Ms Batoche will be chosen on the following basis:

- Traditional dress
- Participation in the cultural events
- Congeniality

There will be three secret judges who will be checking around on the site and keeping tabs on who is dressed traditionally and participating in the cultural events.

### GROUND RULES

- ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL.
- No vehicles in tenting area unless authorized.
- Speed limit on grounds 8 k.p.h.
- Positively no vehicles in activity area except service vehicles.

### FOOD STORE/Concession Booths

There will be a food store available on grounds selling basics food at cost price.

Concession stands will also be provided by AMNSIS Locals.

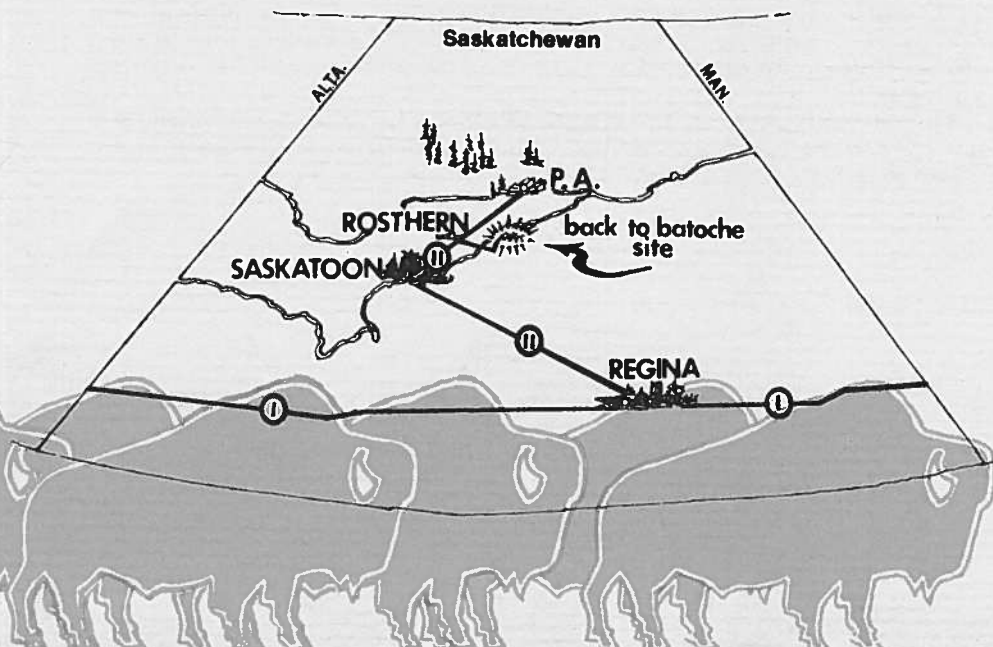
- \* Tents and rations will not be provided.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE: July 19, 1981, 10:00 am at Mass grave site

Everyone is urged to come and give tribute to our heroes of the past. Together we will remember those who fought and gave their lives for a way of life, for a culture, for the pride and dignity of the Metis Nation.

### NATIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Top Native entertainment will be provided for dances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings along with an all Native concert on Saturday. Performers include: Reg Bouvette, Shannon Two Feathers, Lawrence Joseph, Tom Jackson and Henry and Delores Gardippi.



## BACK TO BATOCHÉ 1885-1981

Ninety years ago our heroic ancestors fought to their deaths at Batoche. Buried here in Batoche cemetery which is now becoming a shrine to their heroism are Damase Carriere, Andre Letendre, Joseph Ouellette, Donald Ross, Calixte Tourand, Elzear Tourand, John Swain and Joseph Vandal.

It is also a shrine to the memory of Michael Trottier, Isidore Boyer and Ambrose Jobin who later died of wounds received at the Battle of Batoche.

The site of Batoche is much more than a shrine to these heroes. It is also the symbol of all the Native people who fought to defend their homes, property and civil rights in Saskatchewan. It is a symbol of the struggle against injustice elsewhere in the world as well. Japa-Topa, Wa-pa-to-te-tyie, Ah-si-we-in and Cha-pi-to-la-ta are Sioux warriors who came north from the United States to fight and die here at Batoche with their Metis brothers. The political and historical significance of Metis Heritage Days is one of great significance to the pride and dignity of the Native people.

For these few days at Batoche we will be once again living close to this piece of earth that has nourished us by reuniting us to our glorious history and culture.

The Metis of Batoche have a long history of being fun-loving, jovial people who can turn a simple event into a celebration including feasting, dancing, singing, and Red River jigging.

So the largest ever gathering of Native people is about to take place to celebrate once again with our brothers and sisters from all across Canada, to commemorate not only the heroism of our war dead, but also to relive the happy times of our fathers and mothers. This will include a cultural celebration of pow-wows, jigging, old and modern dancing, bingos, fiddling contests, amateur and professional entertainment and a variety of sports events for old and young alike.

This all adds up to making Metis Heritage Days the best tribute we can give to our heroes of the past, and it is the time and place to unite again to achieve our aspirations for the future.

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