

2022 FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Optional Pipe Ceremony

8:00 a.m. Sunday, November 13, Prince Albert Room, Double Tree Hotel

The Pipe Ceremony is a sacred Ceremony for Indigenous peoples. It is considered the most powerful way of communicating with the spirit world is to smoke tobacco in a sacred Pipe. When used in a sacred Pipe Ceremony, the smoke from the tobacco carries the prayers to the Creator and is offered to the Creator and the 4 directions. The smoke creates an avenue of dialogue between the human world and the spirit world.

Everyone is invited to attend the Pipe Ceremony. Participants are requested to read the Pipe Ceremony Protocol below prior to attending.

Protocol for Pipe Ceremony

- Everyone is asked to participate in smudging as the Pipe Ceremony is about to begin.
- Everyone should remove their hats, eyeglasses, and metal jewelry while smudging and participating in the Pipe Ceremony.
- Everyone sits in a circle to the left of the Cultural Advisor.
- Those who are able to sit on the floor, are asked to sit on the floor.
- Cultural Advisor will explain any Pipe Ceremony Covid-19 protocols.
- Participants are asked to remain silent and refrain from visiting and conversations while the Pipe Ceremony is underway.
- Women are asked to wear a long dress/skirt that reaches below the knee or cover with a blanket and must not sit cross-legged.
- Women who are menstruating are asked to refrain from participating in the Pipe Ceremony.
- Taking photos/videos of the Pipe Ceremony is not permitted.

Optional Smudging Ceremony

7:30 a.m. Monday, November 14, Prince Albert Room, Double Tree Hotel

7:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 15, Prince Albert Room, Double Tree Hotel

Smudging is a tradition observed by many Indigenous cultures which involves the use of one or more medicines gathered from the earth. Indigenous Peoples in Saskatchewan generally use sweetgrass, sages, cedars and other plants for smudging. To smudge is an act of purifying the body, soul, mind, and physical surroundings for the day. Smudging provides an opportunity for people to stop, slow down, and become mindful and centered. This allows people to remember, connect and be grounded in the event, task or purpose at hand.

Everyone is invited to attend the smudging ceremony.