

**Welcome to our 2026 Toronto and York Region Métis Council  
Rendezvous Weekend!**

**Schedule of Events**

**All-Day indoor activities** in the Indoor pavilion include: Dot Art, Wooden Spoon Painting, Crafts, Games.

Artisan Vendors will be on hand to showcase their creations, along with our TYRMC merchandise table.

You'll also find the following Métis Nation of Ontario information tables and staff:

- Great Lakes Advisory Group (GLAG) – Complete their survey for Sat. draw to win 1 of two \$50 gift cards.
- Healthy Babies, Healthy Children
- Community Wellbeing
- Self-Government – Join in their workshop at 12:15 pm Saturday.
- Advocacy Program

**All-Day outdoor activities** on the Willowgrove grounds include: The Hayloft, Crazy Carpet Tobogganing, Hiking, Snowshoeing

**Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

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| 8:45 am  | Rekindling the Fires – Tobacco Offering ( <i>Fire Pit</i> )   |
| 9:00 am  | Registration ( <i>Dining Hall</i> )   |
| 9:30 am  | Breakfast ( <i>Dining Hall</i> )  |
| 10:30 am | A Weaver's Tale – Reflections on Healing, Love, Land, and Reconciliation<br>Presented by Virginia Barter ( <i>Indoor pavilion</i> )   |
| 11:15 am | Canning Workshop – Learn best practices, take home a sample.<br>Presented by Kathy Morgan and Alicia Blore ( <i>Indoor pavilion</i> )   |
| 12:00 pm | Finger Weaving Workshop – Come try your hand at it. Learn about patterns, techniques, and the heritage of finger weaving in Métis culture.<br>Presented by Virginia Barter ( <i>Indoor pavilion</i> ) |
| 12:15 pm | Self-Government Workshop<br>Presented by Kate Stewart-McNeil, Alicia Blore and MNO ( <i>Indoor pavilion</i> )   |
| 12:30 pm | Outdoor Education Lesson with Willowgrove Staff ( <i>Outside Dining Hall</i> )  |
| 1:30 pm  | Lunch ( <i>Dining Hall</i> )  |

- 2:15 pm Snowshoe Sled-Pull – Practice / Warm-ups  
Sign-up and Sports Waiver Required (Parental Consent)  
See Senator Paul for Sign-up & Sports Waiver forms
- 3:00 pm Snowshoe Sled-Pull Competition – Gold & Silver Medals and Prizes  
Adult Doubles / Youth Doubles / Adult Single / Youth Single  
Name your Team / Handle  
(*On field in front of Dining Hall*)
- Medal Presentation following Final Heats
- 5:30 pm Dinner (*Dining Hall*)
- 7:00 pm Amanda Rheume and her Band (*Indoor pavilion*) – We are thrilled to welcome Amanda for a very special performance, highlighting day one of our Rendezvous.
- 8:00 pm End of day – See you tomorrow!

See above for **All-Day indoor and outdoor activities.**

**Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2026**

- 8:45 am Rekindling the Fires – Tobacco Offering (*Fire Pit*)
- 9:00 am Registration, if necessary (*Dining Hall*)
- 9:30 am Breakfast (*Dining Hall*)
- 10:30 am Beading – Pin Back Medallions Workshop  
Presented by Kathy Morgan (*Indoor pavilion*)
- Fiddle Lessons Workshop – Everyone is welcome! Fiddles will be provided.  
Presented by Master Métis Fiddler Alicia Blore (*Indoor pavilion*)
- 11:30 am Fiddle & Jigging Workshop – Learn jigging from the very best!  
Presented by Alicia Blore with Métis Jiggers, Meagan and Teagan (*Indoor pavilion*)
- 1:30 pm Lunch (*Dining Hall*)  
Gathering of the Wise Oldsters (*Dining Hall*)
- 2:30 pm Free time, enjoy yourself, work on your crafts, explore Willowgrove, wind down...
- 4:00 pm End of Rendezvous 2026 - See you again next year!