

S.A.Y Newsletter

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Currently looking to hire community contractors for cultural programming - Contact Sabrina with your information, or to recommend someone!

Community Call Out!

We are actively seeking an MC for Skowkale Christmas Gathering, December 13, 2023.

Contact Kelsey for more information!

kelsey.littler@skowkalefn.com

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Upcoming Closures

SAY Community Health Centre - Holiday Office Closure
December 22, 2024 - January 1, 2025. Regular business to resume January 2, 2025.

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CHRISTMAS

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DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Family Skating 2:30-4:00pm	4 Indigenous Flow Youth Group 4:30-6:30pm	5	6 Indigenous Flow Youth Group 4:30-6:30pm	7 Halq'emeylem Class & Cultural Programs Wreaths & Centerpieces 5:30-7:30	8 Skowkale Member Benefit Payment Date	9 Christmas Light Tour 6:00pm
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CONTACT INFO & DIRECT DEPOSIT

With the holiday season quickly approaching we are looking forward to sharing Christmas gifts with everyone. Adult gifts will be DIRECT DEPOSIT this year at the beginning of December - which will require the finance department having your deposit information. Please contact lisa.hall@mvbookkeeping.ca to ensure they have that information. For those that do not have their deposit information on file, we will purchase gift cards for you that will be available at our Community Dinner on December

13.

**LET'S
TALK**



Cultural Programming & Halq'emeylem

November remained a busy month for our cultural programming! Our sessions included:

- Medicine making with Dr. Jeanie Paul
- Bath bombs and salts
- Fire cider with Yvonne Tumangday
- Candle making
- Dream catchers with Dionne McGrath.

Cultural classes run weekly Tuesday & Thursday 5:30-7:30pm.

Halq'emeylem classes run weekly on Thursday evening 5:30-7:30.

Participants share a meal and the two language teachers guide the group through teachings, practices and language.



Want more information?

Contact Skowkale Cultural Programs Coordinator

Sabrina Bob via Sabrina.Bob@saylandsoffice.ca / 604-262-9835

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Worker / Skowkale First Nation

Temporary Coverage

Engaging youth of various ages for youth-led programming. The essence of the work is to offer a wide range of community-based programming to enhance the health and wellbeing of youth. This work will be done through after-school programs and drop-in programs but may also include secondary programs such as gender specific groups, recreational activities groups and outreach programs.

Halq'eméylem Language & Heritage Preservationist / Skowkale First Nation

This role is vital in preserving our Halq'eméylem language by interacting with the last fluent speaker to formally learn and document, archiving reference (language and culture) materials for future generations. In addition, after learning the language, this person will mentor and share knowledge to strengthen language use and competence through language classes and programs.

Habitat Stewardship Coordinator / SAY Lands

Short Term Position - December - January

This Habitat Stewardship Coordinator (HSC) is responsible for coordinating the Habitat Restoration Project. This position will facilitate input and participation from the community. In addition, the HSC will develop work plans to restore, repair and protect aquatic habitats now and for the future.

This role will also build capacity in the community by developing and delivering training to members.

Community Law & Safety Enforcement Officer / SAY Lands

The Community Law Enforcement Officer is responsible for administering SAY laws for all community members and citizens. In addition, this position will also play a role in promoting a positive work environment and a culture of safe work practices across the organization.



HAWK SYSTEMS COMMUNICATIONS APP



DOWNLOAD NOW!!!

This is a mobile app designed to allow easy sharing of community information with members. Members and staff can download the app to their mobile device through the app store or google play store, request an account, log in after their account and membership has been approved by administration.



QR CODES

FOR QUICK DOWNLOAD OF THE HAWK APP—hold your camera over the right QR CODE or your device and install the APP

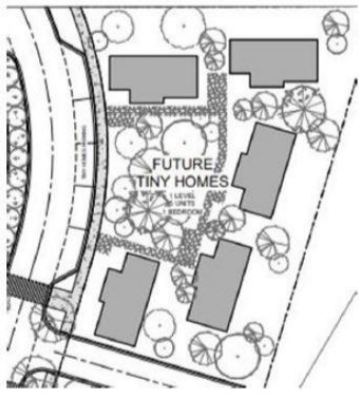


APPLE DEVICE



GOOGLE PLAY STORE

Instruction booklets available by email or pick up at SAY Lands reception.



WE ARE READY!

These were designed specifically for our elders but can accommodate singles. Rental rate: \$800.00 monthly (subject to change)

Applications can be found on the Skowkale website, Skowkale Facebook page or by email request to: crystal.george@saylandsoffice.ca

Submit by January 5, 2024 at 4pm



1 BDRM



1 BATH



765
SQFT

APPLICANTS WILL BE
NOTIFIED BY:

JANUARY 31, 2024

Successful applicants will be selected according to our housing policy, which can be found on Skowkale website:

www.skowkalefn.com

7256 CHILLIWACK RIVER ROAD
CHILLIWACK, B.C., V2R 4L9

P: 778.730.0776



Sqwéy First Nation

Housing Application

Confidential once completed

Please ensure all parts of the application are completed in full

Rental type:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Small home	<input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bedroom <input type="checkbox"/> 2 bedroom <input type="checkbox"/> 3 bedroom	<input type="checkbox"/> Town home <input type="checkbox"/> 3 bedroom <input type="checkbox"/> 4 bedroom

Date: _____ Received by: _____

Applicant's Name: _____ Status #: _____ Member of: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Work #: _____ Other #: _____

Social Insurance Number (SIN): _____

Mailing Address if different than above: _____

Current living situation: Rent Own Board (ie with parents) Other: _____
Please check applicable

Off Reserve, OR: On Reserve: _____
 (Name of First Nation)

How Long at present address?: _____

Marital Status: please check applicable

Couples with Children Single Adult
 Single with Children Elderly

List those who will be living with you at your home:

Name: _____ Status #: _____ Relationship: _____ Birthdate: _____

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Application #: _____ Date Received: _____

Notification of Receipt Sent: _____ Delivered by: _____

Are you moving in with a pet? Yes No

If yes, what type of pet: _____

(Reminder: if you move in with a pet, you may be required to pay pet deposit. That is half month's rent)

Current Situation:

Current Landlord: _____ Phone #: _____ How Long?: _____

Address: _____

Previous Landlord: _____ Phone #: _____ How Long?: _____

Have you previously rented from Skowkale? Yes No If yes, when? _____

References

1) Name: _____ relationship: _____ Phone: _____

2) Name: _____ relationship: _____ Phone: _____

3) Name: _____ relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Proof of Income: last two paystubs
 Recent Notice of Assessment
 Recent Credit Check

Do you or your spouse own property and/or a house(s) anywhere? Yes No

If yes, list address: _____

Employment History

Present Employer: _____ Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Phone: _____

Dates of employment: Month: __ Day: __ Year: __ Full-Time Part-time Temporary
Other _____

Previous Employer: _____ Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Phone #: _____

Dates of employment: Month: __ Day: __ Year: __ Full-Time Part-Time Other _____

Do you need 30 days' notice to move? Yes No

Do you require accessibility accommodation? Yes No

If yes, please specify (ie wheelchair) _____

I/We declare that the information provided herein is true and correct, and realize that any false information provided will result in cancellation of the application.

I/We also authorize Skowkale First Nation to make enquiries necessary to process this application.

I/We understand that accommodation availability it subjects to placement on a waiting list and that the band does not provide emergency shelter, nor can the Skowkale accommodate "URGENT" referrals from other agencies.

I understand that this application is for the type of housing selected on the application form.

I understand if I am not selected as a tenant that my application will be destroyed.

1. 3 References are provided in this application Yes No

2. I/We have read and understand the Housing Policy Yes No (please refer specifically to the criteria as laid out in the selection process)

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's Signature

Date

Membership Announcement



Please join us in welcoming the below to
Skowkale membership!

TYSON MATTHEW SEPASS son of Quentin Sepass.

Birthday : DECEMBER 25, 2017

Looking for membership?

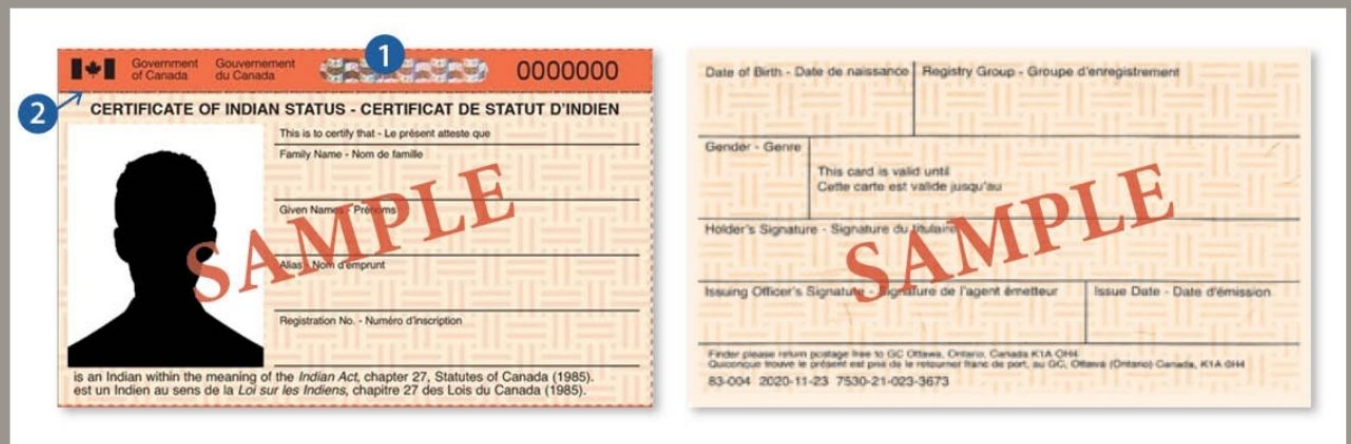


Check out Skowkalefn.com under the members login section for
membership application form.



For more information, please connect with Skowkale records
clerk; Shayla Malloway via shayla.malloway@saylandsoffice.ca /

778-731-0776



Project updates

- Skowkale south subdivision housing development project - small home construction is well underway!
- Skowkale small homes - taking applications as of December 1st for move in May/June.
- Skowkale south subdivision - pre-load is ready to start coming off and be relocated to Yakwekwioose new subdivision.
- Skowkale sports court - construction to begin in the spring!
- Skowkale Cultural Centre is being designed and has been added to the long-term capital plan.
- Yakwekwioose longhouse and hall parking lot paving lot complete! Flowers to come in the spring.
- Trail extension from SAY Centre to Edna Lane is complete! Please check it out.
- Skowkale Maintenance Compound is fenced and pending motorized gate entry.
- Aitchelitz subdivision serving design is almost complete and with funding approval, will start construction in 2024.

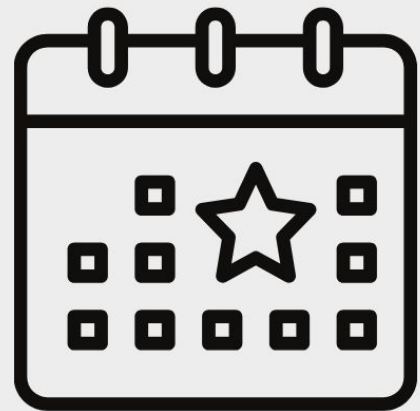


Quarterly Open House

Four times each year, we host an Open House to share the programs and services that are offered to community as well as provide updates.

NEXT OPEN HOUSE :

Mark your calendars and join us January 31,2024 for the last quarter of the fiscal year. Open house style with more information to come on service providers attending!



January 24,2024

**Is there anything you would like to see?
Service providers?
Updates/Information?**

**Please contact Events Coordinator
Kelsey Littler - kelsey.littler@skowkalefn.com**

S.A.Y Health & Community Centre Contacts

SAY Health and Community Centre Reception

778-731-0776

Skowkale Executive Director / SAY Lands Governance Director

-Stacy McNeil via stacy.mcneil@skowkalefn.com / 604-891-6281

Skowkale Community Services Program Manager

-Ashley Lockerby via ashley.lockerby@skowkalefn.com / 604-891-6221

Events Coordinator /Facility Rentals

-Kelsey Littler via kelsey.littler@skowkalefn.com / 604-891-6263

Skowkale Childcare Centre Manager

-Jemma Bowen via jemma.bowen@skowkalefn.com / 604-991-0307

SAY Lands Property Manager

- Jesse Fraser via jesse.fraser@saylandsoffice.ca /604-891-6251

Records Clerk / Membership & Status Cards

-Shayla Malloway-Seward via shayla.malloway@saylandsoffice.ca / 604-262-9845

Tomiyeqw Development Corporation

-Michael Geoghegan via Michael.Geoghegan@tomiyeqwdevcorp.ca / 250-881-0969

WEBSITES:

www.saylandsoffice.ca

www.skowkalefn.com



SKOWKALE S'IWESÁ:YLHEM CHILDCARE CENTRE



46337 SMOKEHOUSE RD

HEAD START PROGRAM

PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM FOR CAREGIVERS WITH CHILDREN AGES 0-6 YEARS OLD. DAILY ACTIVITIES, CIRCLE TIME, OUTDOOR PLAY, & SNACK. OCCASSIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS, FIELD TRIPS, & MONTHLY FAMILY NIGHTS!

MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:30AM-11:30AM,

SEPT-JUNE

CHILDCARE SERVICES

INFANT TODDLER CARE, 3-5 YEAR OLD CARE, & OUT OF SCHOOL CARE (5-12 Y/O); WHICH OFFERS AFTER SCHOOL CARE & FULL DAY SPRING/SUMMER/PRO DAY CARE.

TO ADD YOUR
CHILD TO
OUR WAITLIST
CALL/TEXT
604 991 0307



QUESTIONS:
JEMMA.BOWEN@SKOWKALEFN.COM
604-991-0307
46337 SMOKEHOUSE RD

TOMIYEQW BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEEDED!

Are you interested in being a part of our BOARD OF DIRECTORS for Economic Development??

- **Developing partnerships with funders, businesses, government.**
- **Researching and writing grant proposals.**
- **Developing policies to support community programs and projects that educate and grow the community.**



CONTACT

**Michael Geoghegan at
michael.geoghegan@tomiyeqwdevcorp.ca
or 778-731-0776**



Sq'ewqéyl Community Meeting

TOMIYEQW

Economic Development Town Hall

*December 19 @ 4:00-6:00pm
Round Table and Light Refreshments*

WHAT ARE SQ'EWOQÉYL'S VALUES?

If you are a member of Skowkale First Nation, come have input on what the values are for the land and community and how we are going to generate revenue to sustain us into the future.

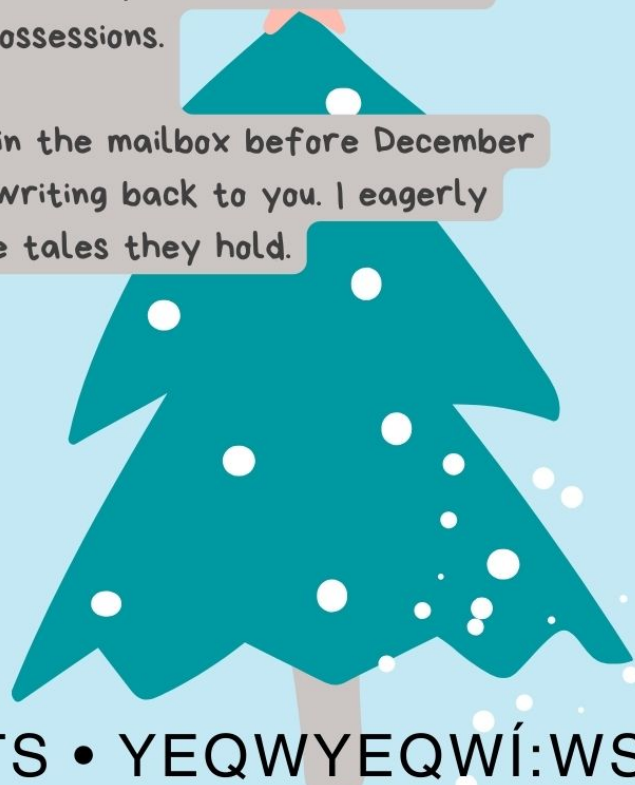
To the S.A.Y. Community

From the glacial wilderness of the North Pole, I shall soon embark on a journey that will bring me to your lands, dear friends of Skowkale, Aitchelitz, and Yakweakwoose. I have heard whispers of your tales, of the tomes of knowledge you have amassed, the feats of athleticism you have achieved, and the leadership you have shown. These stories fill me with a sense of wonder and joy, and I am eager to hear more.

As I travel, I invite you to share your own stories and wishes with me. A magical mailbox will appear in the main lobby of the S.A.Y. Community and Health Centre on November 14, 2023. Address your letters to my humble abode in the North Pole, but beware, for the merry elves sometimes mistake your mail for their own.

In your letters, I want to know more than just what presents you desire. Tell me of your heart's truest wishes, your ambitions, and the things that fill you with joy and hope. Share with me the goals you have set for yourself, the things that drive you forward, and the gifts that you seek beyond material possessions.

Do not forget to drop your envelopes in the mailbox before December 11, so that I may have the honour of writing back to you. I eagerly await your letters, dear ones, and the tales they hold.



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S.A.Y. HEALTH AND COMMUNITY
FITNESS CENTRE

WE ARE

OPEN

24/7

Join Now - Contact Avana Halicki
avana.halicki@skowkalefn.com

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Rebalance Rehab Presents

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ELDER-CISE



Fitness Program for All Ages and Levels: Low and High Impact Workouts and Stretching

Whether you're young or old, fit or just starting, our fitness program is ideal for everyone. We provide both low and high-impact workouts, along with stretching routines that are especially beneficial for elders.

Join our program today and meet Julia Devrij, our experienced Kinesiologist who can help you reach your goals. You can also set up a one-on-one appointment with Julia @ 604-798-5496.



avana.halicki@skowkalefn.com
604-359-5600

<https://form.jotform.com/232855586940266> 7256 Chilliwack River Road



Sole Mates Walking Club

October 24, 2023

Join us Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:30PM – 6PM as we tour different walks around Chilliwack. Meet at the S.A.Y. Community Health Centre to join.

Please dress for the weather with appropriate footwear.

Please leave your pets at home.

Event will happen every Tuesday and Thursday unless otherwise posted.

RSVP @

<https://form.jotform.com/232757041282252>



Please RSVP with Avana Halicki –
Recreation Coordinator @
avana.halicki@skowkalefn.com

First walk will be leaving Skowkale and returning here when finished using walking paths.

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S.A.Y. and School District 33 presents



Indigenous Flow Youth Group

After school youth and recreation program
for School District Students aged 10-18

S.A.Y. Community Health Centre
7256 Chilliwack River Road



Every Monday and Wednesday 4:30-6:30PM

Activities include:

- Culture & Language

Providing a safe space for S.A.Y, STO:LO & SD 33 students

Join us weekly for youth recreation & tutoring. We encourage the youth to bring their ideas forward for activities and other initiatives that the group can make possible

Please don't forget to bring the following items to the group: gym shoes, water bottle, school work, and a positive attitude. Snacks will be provided. Times and locations are subject to change. Transportation is available for those who need it.

Contact Avana Halicki at 604-359-5600

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Baby

Family Skate Days

- December 3 - 2:30PM - 4PM
- December 10 - 2:30PM - 4PM
- December 17 - 2:30PM - 4PM
- December 24 - 2:30PM - 4PM

Dates and times are
subject to change



Chilliwack Coliseum
45323 Hodgins Ave, Chilliwack, BC

avana.halicki@skowkalefn.com



SAYLANDS MEMBERS

*Wreaths & Center
Pieces/
Halgemelyem
Class*

December.7/2023

Thursday | 5:30-7:30

RSVP w/ Sabrina Bob at

sabrina.bob@saylandsoffice.ca or

604.262.9835

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S.A.Y. CHILLIWACK



Christmas

BUS LIGHT TOUR

Join us as we tour Chilliwack and all the Christmas lights while wearing our best holiday sweaters and singing our favourite carols. Snacks and hot cocoa provided.

DECEMBER

SATURDAY

9

At 6:00pm

S.A.Y. Health and Community Centre

7256 Chilliwack River Road, Chilliwack BC



avana.halicki@skowkalefn.com

Transportation Available Upon Request

S.A.Y. Presents



Dueling Pianos
Featuring The Piano Men



To the esteemed Elders of
S.A.Y. , Coqualeetza, and
Qwí:qwelstóm

Monday, December 11, 2023 11:30-3:00pm

Holiday Lunch Provided

S.A.Y. Community Health Centre

7256 Chilliwack River Road

Transportation available upon request

RSVP by Dec 7, 2023

Scan QR Code or click link to RSVP



SKOWKALE, AITCHELITZ, YAKWEAKWIOOSE

**CHRISTMAS
SONGS IN
HALQEMELYEM**

**14TH
DEC**

**W/ WENDY RITCHIE &
VIVIAN WILLIAMS**

5:30-7:30 MEAL PROVIDED REGISTER W/
SABRINA.BOB@SAYLANDSOFFICE.CA

SAY Band Hall





Skowkale Christmas Dinner

**COMMUNITY
CALL OUT!!!**

**WE ARE SEEKING A MC FOR SKOWKALE
CHRISTMAS GATHERING DEC 13, 2023
5:00-8:00PM**

**INTERESTED?
PLEASE CONNECT WITH KELSEY
KELSEY.LITTLER@SKOWKALEFN.COM
778-731-0776**

SKOWKALE ANNUAL
COMMUNITY



CHRISTMAS DINNER

13 DECEMBER 2023 | 5:00-8:00PM

7256 CHILLIWACK RIVER
ROAD, CHILLIWACK BC V2R4L9

Open to Skowkale member families to join us to share a lovely evening together with a seasonal meal, kids crafts, and a visit from Santa (member & community children will receive a gift according to our household data on hand - if needing to update please connect Crystal George - crystal.george@saylandsoffice.ca Please use the attached link/scan the QR code to register your family, and secure your seat. This year we are trying assigned seating.





Skowkale First Nation

Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

5:00 p.m. Doors Open & Social Hour

5:25 p.m. Official Welcome & Prayer

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:00 - 7:00pm Leadership & Open Mic

7:00 p.m. Santa Arrives

7:45 p.m. Door Prizes & Closing Remarks

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S.A.Y. YOUTH

CHRISTMAS PARTY



- **Social Time 4:30**
- **Dinner Served 5:00**
- **Games and Activities 5:30**
- **Door Prizes 7:00**
- **Community members can bring one guest.**

DECEMBER 15TH

AGES 12-17 | 4:30-7:30

7256 CHILLIWACK RIVER ROAD

kelsey.littler@skowkalefn.com

avana.halicki@skowkalefn.com

Say Lands

RATTLE MAKING

All Supplies Provided, Dinner
Provided! MUST RSVP with
sabrina.bob@saylandsoffice.ca to
ensure materials and a meal!!

TIME
5:30-7:30



DATE
Dec.19/2023



MENTOR
Ritchie Seward

REGISTER NOW





CHRISTMAS BREAK

CLOSURE DATES

22 DEC 2023 - 01 JAN 2024

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Fridays and
Sundays

- Learn to swim
- Learn to breathe
- Learn to float
- Practice style
- Taught based on level
- Class size of 3 students at a time
- Ages 30 months to 18
- Classes run 10 weeks @ 45 minutes per class.
- One class per child per week

SWIMMING

Lessons for S.A.Y. Youth

All levels of swimming ability welcome. Students will be assessed first class and taught based on their current level. Transportation and Chaperone Available.

Sundays 9:30AM - 12:30PM

Fridays 3:00PM - 6:00PM

Avana Halicki @ 604-218-2541 or avana.halicki@skowkalefn.com

Skowkale, Aitchelitz, Yakweakwoose
Join us at SAY Hall

Family Traditions Cooking Night (Indian Icecream)

Lets make Family Traditions meals and share a recipe , cook delicious food!

**Please Register
w/
Sabrina.bob@sa
ylandsoffice.ca**



JAN.4TH
5:30-7:30

