



**TREATY 7 COMMEMORATION**  
**1877 – 2002**  
**125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**



**TREATY 7 OFFICIAL SITE • BLACKFOOT CROSSING**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • SEPTEMBER 16 – 22, 2002**

Sunday, September 15, 2002:

Treaty 7 Commemoration Ride begins from the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Browning, Montana and scheduled to arrive at Blackfoot Crossing, Siksika Nation on September 20, 2002.

Monday, September 16, 2002: ⇒ **Activities to be held in Big Top – except noted**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:      **JACK ROYAL - SIKSIKA NATION**

- 08:00 a.m.      Sunrise Ceremony and Blessing by Horn Society
- 08:30 a.m.      Flag Raising (11 Flags) and Flag Song
- 09:00 a.m.      Grand Entry and Welcome Remarks:
- Siksika Nation Host Chief Adrian Stimson Sr.
  - Kainai Chief Chris Shade
  - Piikani Chief Peter Strikes With A Gun
  - Tsuu T'ina Chief Sanford Big Plume
  - Stoney:      Bearspaw Chief Darcy Dixon  
                  Chiniki Chief Aaron Young  
                  Wesley Chief Ernest Wesley
  - Barrie Robb, Regional Director General, Alberta Region Indian and Northern Affairs – Presentation to Treaty 7
  - Paddy Meade, Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development
  - Mark Rasmussen, ADM of Alberta Community Development
- 10:30 a.m.      ♦ Commemoration Poster – unveiling  
                  ♦ Dance Demonstrations
- 12:00 p.m.      Lunch Break
- 01:00 p.m.      Viewing of Treaty 7 document reproduction (separate tent 1:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- 01:00 p.m.      Siksika Nation Panel Discussion on Treaty 7
- 01:00 p.m.      Demonstrations: activities to be held throughout commemoration site  
                  ♦ Dancing, Tipi Raising, Holy Handgames, Archery
- 04:00 p.m.      Friendship Round Dance Hosted by Siksika Nation
- 06:00 p.m.      Retiring of Flags

**Tuesday, September 17, 2002:** ⇒ All activities to be held in Big Top – except noted**MASTER OF CEREMONIES: BLOOD TRIBE**

- 08:00 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony and Blessing by Buffalo Woman Society
- 08:30 a.m. Flag Raising (11 Flags) and Flag Song
- 08:45 a.m. Remarks from Societies - Words of Encouragement
- 09:00 a.m. Demonstrations: activities to be held throughout commemoration site
  - ◆ Tipi Raising, Holy Handgames, Dancing, Archery
- 10:00 a.m. Viewing of Treaty 7 document reproduction (separate tent 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- 10:00 A.M. Museum opens for visitors – Exhibit Tipi onsite
- 10:00 a.m. Blood Tribe Panel Discussion on Treaty 7
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 01:00 p.m. Tour of Historic Sites
- 04:00 p.m. Friendship Round Dance Hosted by Blood Tribe
- 06:00 p.m. Retiring of Flags
- 06:00 p.m. Youth Talent Show (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

**Wednesday, September 18, 2002:** ⇒ All activities to be held in Big Top – except noted**MASTER OF CEREMONIES: TSUU T'INA NATION**

- 08:00 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony and Blessing by Tsuu T'ina Elders
- 08:30 a.m. Flag Raising (11 Flags) and Flag Song
- 08:45 a.m. Remarks from Societies - Words of Encouragement
- 09:00 a.m. Blackfoot Crossing Interpretive Centre – sod turning ceremony (Treaty Flats)
  - ◆ The Honorable Ralph Klein Premier of Alberta
  - ◆ The Honorable Pearl Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs (AAND)
- 09:00 a.m. Demonstrations: activities to be held throughout commemoration site
  - ◆ Tipi Raising, Holy Handgames, Dancing, Archery
- 10:00 a.m. Viewing of Treaty 7 document reproduction (separate tent 10.00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- 10:00 a.m. Museum opens for visitors – Exhibit Tipi onsite
- 10:00 a.m. Tsuu T'ina Nation Panel Discussion on Treaty 7
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 01:00 p.m. Youth Forum • Treaty 7 History
- 04:00 p.m. Youth Drum Group (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
- 06:00 p.m. Friendship Round Dance Hosted by Tsuu T'ina Nation
- 06:00 p.m. Retiring of Flags

**Thursday, September 19, 2002: ⇒ All activities to be held in Big Top - except as noted****MASTER OF CEREMONIES: PIIKANI NATION**

- 08:00 a.m. Recreation activity – Golf Tournament (Hidden Valley Golf Resort)
- 08:00 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony and Blessing by Brave Dog Society
- 08:30 a.m. Flag Raising (11 Flags) and Flag Song
- 08:45 a.m. Remarks from Societies - Words of Encouragement
- 09:00 a.m. Recreation activity - Foot Races at Crowfoot School
- 10:00 a.m. Viewing of Treaty 7 document reproduction (separate tent 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- 10:00 a.m. Elders and Veterans – remarks & acknowledgements
- 10:00 a.m. Museum opens for visitors – Exhibit Tipi onsite
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 01:00 p.m. Piikani Nation Panel Discussion on Treaty 7
- 01:00 p.m. Tour of Historic Sites
- 04:00 p.m. Friendship Round Dance Hosted by Piikani Nation
- 06:00 p.m. Retiring of Flags
- 06:00 p.m. Hand Drum Competition (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

**Friday, September 20, 2002: ⇒ All activities to be held in Big Top – except as noted****MASTER OF CEREMONIES: STONEY TRIBES**

- 08:00 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony and Blessing by Prairie Chicken Society
- 08:30 a.m. Flag Raising (11 Flags) and Flag Song
- 08:45 a.m. Remarks from Societies - Words of Encouragement
- 09:00 a.m. Corporate Sponsors – recognition by Treaty 7 Chiefs
- 10:00 a.m. Viewing of Treaty 7 document reproduction (separate tent 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- 10:00 a.m. Museum opens for visitors – Exhibit Tipi onsite
- 10:00 a.m. Recreation activity – Horseshoe Tournament (onsite)
- 11:00 a.m. Stoney Tribes Panel Discussion on Treaty 7
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 01:00 p.m. Commemoration Ride arrives at Blackfoot Crossing ♦ victory dance & ceremonies
- 04:00 p.m. Friendship Round Dance Hosted by Stoney Tribes
- 06:00 p.m. Retiring of Flags
- 07:00 p.m. Pow-wow Competition begins

Saturday, September 21, 2002: ⇒ **All activities to be held in Big Top – except as noted**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

- 08:00 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony and Blessing by Mark Wolf Leg Sr.
- 08:30 a.m. Flag Raising (9 Flags) and Flag Song
- 09:00 a.m. Cross-country run begins from Crowfoot monument to Blackfoot Crossing
- 09:00 a.m. Story Telling in Tipis
- 10:00 a.m. Viewing of Treaty 7 document reproduction (separate tent 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- 10:00 a.m. Museum opens for visitors – Exhibit Tipi onsite
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 01:00 p.m. Grand Entry – pow-wow competition continues
- 04:00 p.m. Retiring of Flags
- 06:00 p.m. Supper Break
- 06:00 p.m. Handgames Tournament begins
- 07:00 p.m. Grand Entry – pow-wow competition continues.

**Sunday, September 22, 2002:** ⇒ **All activities to be held in Big Top – except as noted**MASTER OF CEREMONIES: **GREGG SMITH**

08:00 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony and Blessing by Mark Wolf Leg Sr.

08:30 a.m. Flag Raising (9 Flags) and Flag Song

09:00 a.m. Viewing of the original “Treaty 7 Document” (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

10:00 a.m. OPENING CEREMONY:

- Grand Entry of Chiefs & Dignitaries
- Presentation: Treaty Medallions by her Honour Lois E.Hole, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta
- Gift presentations
- Re-affirming Treaty Seven

CLOSING REMARKS:

- Siksika Nation Host Chief Adrian Stimson Sr.
- The Honourable Minister Robert Nault – Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs
- Deputy Minister Paddy Meade – Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
- Royal Canadian Mountain Police Representatives
- Ian E. Wilson, National Archivist – National Archives of Canada
- Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come – Assembly of First Nations
- Kainai Chief Chris Shade
- Piikani Chief Peter Strikes With A Gun
- Tsuu T’ina Chief Sanford Big Plume
- Stoney: Bears paw Chief Darcy Dixon  
Chiniki Chief Aaron Young  
Wesley Chief Ernest Wesley

12:30 p.m. Traditional Feast (Big Top)

- Corporate Sponsors – recognition by Treaty 7 Chiefs
- Honor dance and recognition – Committee & Volunteers

02:00 p.m. Grand Entry – pow-wow competition continues and ends before 12:00 a.m.

06:00 p.m. Handgames Tournament continues

06:00 p.m. Retiring of Flags