

Family Jamboree 2025: A Metis Cultural Gathering and Music Festival

The Pomeroy Group and the BC Metis Federation in collaboration with the North Peace Metis Community Association to host a two-day **Family Jamboree 2025: A Metis Cultural Gathering and Music Festival** in Fort St. John, BC. We will create a safe circle bringing to life an opportunity to share our culture through kinship and embracing the moments to heal our souls and feel the rhythm in unity. We will include reconciliation into the festival, by removing barriers and creating a dialogue around repairing relationships and building up and empowering ourselves as a northern community and inviting the entire region to join us!

Historically, Metis people were identified as having a joy of life attitude, expressed in our unique forms of dance, song and music. We are committed to educating the public about the historical meaning and teachings behind traditional Metis dances like jigging, broom dancing and other patterns of steps. Traditional Metis fiddling has a distinct style that incorporates a multitude of influences from our diverse kinship network, like French-Canadian or Scottish-Irish. The Metis style of fiddle music and the Red River Jig are considered national symbols of the Metis Community and we want to keep the fiddle alive and the feet moving to the rhythm of the Metis beat! Quick Program Details include:

Friday, June 6	Saturday, June 7
• 5-6pm: Family Bingo, Complimentary Hotdogs • 6-7pm: Country Mavericks • 7-8pm: Country Horizon Sounds • 8-9pm: Rebel Heart • 9-10pm: Classic Country	• 10-11am: MéTEA Party, Pancakes @1030 Family Bingo • 11am-12pm: Country Mavericks • 12-1pm: Country Horizon Sounds • 1-2pm: Rebel Heart • 2-3pm: Classic Country • 3-330pm: Family Bingo • 330-430pm: Country Mavericks • 430-530pm: Country Horizon Sounds • 530-630pm: Rebel Heart • 630-730pm: Classic Country • 730-8pm: Family Bingo • 8-930pm: Art Napoleon & The Smokehouse Jacks

**Daily Draws
@ 10pm**

We will gather together and connect to appreciate the healthy and social ecosystems we have created. Some of the key activities that will have a direct impact in the communities will include:

"The BC Metis Federation is pleased to support our Metis partner community host an important Metis cultural gathering in conjunction with National Indigenous Peoples Month this June. The BC Metis Federation leaders recognize the importance of supporting our Metis culture first, this is why we are one of the major sponsors for this upcoming gathering. Thank you to the Metis Leadership from the Peace Region Metis Community Association."

– Keith Henry, President & CEO of BC Metis Federation

"Gathering in unity is a powerful energy – it's an honor to bring the Family Jamboree 2025 to life for the 2nd annual in our region, and we invite all our relations to join us this June."

– Jocelyn Eisert, CEO, Bizzybody Enterprises

This event comes to life because of the financial contributions from our community and local businesses. This year's current list of supporters include (to date): Alta Gas, Bizzybody, BC Metis Federation, Driving Force, FSJ Coop Association, JEM Well Services, Ovintiv, Pembina Pipeline, Petronas, Pomeroy Group, Skeena Valley Music Festival, and TC Energy. For sponsorship, call 604-404-4046 or email peaceregionmetisca@gmail.com we will work with you to build a unique way for you to support this unique family initiative.

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