

# VGATHERING OUR VOICES 2008

## Aboriginal Youth Conference

*“Sport, Recreation and Wellness”*

at

Victoria Conference Centre  
Victoria, British Columbia

March 17-20, 2008

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### EARLY REGISTRATION PACKAGE

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Please complete the registration form and return **BEFORE FEBRUARY 22, 2008** either by:

**Fax: 250-388-5502**

**Mail: BCAAFC, #200-506 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 1E6**

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#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Early Registration Fee	\$100.00	<b>EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 22, 2008</b>
	<i>(INCENTIVE: 6<sup>th</sup> registrant FREE for every group of 5 registered!)</i>	
Regular Registration Fee	\$150.00	<b>March 1-17, 2008</b>

**Deadline for Early Registration: EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 22, 2008**

**Deadline for Regular Registration: March 9, 2008** *(registration received after deadline cannot be confirmed)*

**Payment Options: Cheque or money order payable to BCAAFC**

**Mail Payment To:** BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCAAFC)  
Attention: Youth Conference Coordinator  
#200 – 506 Fort Street  
Victoria, BC, V8W 1E6 Canada

**Important:** To be officially registered, we must receive your completed registration form and registration fee. Once your fee has been received, we will provide a registration confirmation notice and confirm workshop selection.

For further information, please contact: **Ken Watts, Youth Conference Coordinator**  
BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres  
**E:** [kwatts@bcaafc.com](mailto:kwatts@bcaafc.com)  
**P:** (250) 388-5522 / 1-800-990-2432 **F:** (250) 388-5502

## ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

As the conference is being held at the Victoria Conference Centre, youth delegates and chaperons are responsible for securing their own accommodations off-site. A listing of accommodations near the centre is attached. Please reserve your rooms as soon as possible to secure off-season rates.

## MEALS

Delegates are **responsible for their own dinners**. (Except during opening ceremonies on the night of Monday, **March 17<sup>th</sup>**). **Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all two out of the four days**. The Victoria Indian Friendship Centre will host a Pancake Breakfast the morning of **Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> (tentative)** at 231 Regina Avenue. On **March 20<sup>th</sup>** delegates will be on their own for meals before and after the conference closing ceremonies.

## WORKSHOPS

This year's theme is **Sport, Recreation and Wellness**. A description of workshops will be available at [www.bcaafc.com](http://www.bcaafc.com); a Workshop Selection Form will be made available to registered delegates February 16, 2008 as part of the registration process to ensure pre-registered delegates have first choice for workshops.

## SPORT AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Please note that there will be Sport and Recreation activities on the evenings of **March 18<sup>th</sup>** and **19<sup>th</sup>** at various locations. Some of those events may require special clothing (i.e. running shoes or shorts) so please pack appropriate apparel. Which sports and recreational activities will take place has yet **to be determined** but will a list of activities and registration forms for those events will be made readily available to registered participants at a later date.

## CONFERENCE CODE OF CONDUCT

**In completing your registration form, it is duly accepted that you have read and understood the Conference Code of Conduct and will be expected to honour these guidelines at the conference.**

### ***You are a Representative of your Community***

Your personal conduct, both in and out of the conference reflects upon your community and it is your responsibility to safeguard the reputation and pride of all Aboriginal people.

### ***It's a Matter of Respect***

You are a guest and you can go a long way towards assuring yourself and the other delegates a warm and memorable welcome through a simple show of respect.

- ✓ Respect for all participants of the conference.
- ✓ Respect for the social / cultural values of other youth from other communities.
- ✓ Respect for regulations and standards set down by the organizing body and host community.
- ✓ Respect for people of the host organization (staff, volunteers, guests, presenters, service personnel).

### ***Curfew***

All participants and chaperons respect the **conference curfew of 11:00 p.m.** Participants are encouraged to be at their accommodations by the curfew time.

### ***Recreational Activities***

In recreational activities, participants will represent their community with dignity, personal integrity, and spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play. Please bring

proper clothing; shoes and your bringing own equipment is optional.

### ***Chaperon(s)***

There must be **one chaperon for every five participants under the age of 18** and he/she is:

1. Responsible for the safety, welfare, and conduct of their youth at all times.
2. Expected to be a positive role model and set positive example to all youth.
3. To assist youth in locating workshops and arriving in a timely manner, and ensure youth remain in their workshops until the session is complete.
4. Be in attendance with their youth during evening performances as there is a 'no re-entry' policy once performances begin.

### ***Disciplinary Policies and Procedures***

**THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY ZERO TOLERANCE FOR DRUGS AND ALCOHOL USE BY DELEGATES, CHAPERONS, AND GUESTS.**

Weapons brought into the Victoria Conference Centre and workshop sites and/or criminal activity of any kind **will not be tolerated**. Offenders of the Code of Conduct will have all privileges suspended, along with their group, and will be asked to leave the conference.

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## CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

(DRAFT AGENDA-SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT A LATER DATE, IF NECESSARY FINAL AGENDA WILL BE SENT OUT AT A LATER DATE OR DISTRIBUTED AT CONFERENCE)

<b>Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>12:00noon-5:00pm:</b> Early Registration
<b>5:00-6:00:</b> Opening ceremonies: Welcome from host Nations and Keynote Speakers
<b>6:00-7:30pm:</b> Dinner buffet
<b>7:30-10:00pm:</b> Comedian/Hypnotist
<b>Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>7:30am-8:30am:</b> Breakfast
<b>8:30am-6:00pm:</b> Sport and Wellness Fair
<b>8:30-10:00am:</b> Workshops
<b>10:00-10:30am:</b> Wellness Break
<b>10:30am-12:00noon:</b> Workshops
<b>12:00noon-1:30pm:</b> Lunch
<b>2:00pm-4:00pm:</b> Workshops-sports related (optional if not attending sporting events)
<b>2:00pm-7:00pm:</b> Sporting/Recreation events at other venues
<b>7:00-10:00pm:</b> Dance Party
<b>Wednesday, March 19</b>
<b>7:30am-8:30am:</b> Breakfast
<b>8:30am-6:00pm:</b> Sport and Wellness Fair
<b>8:30-10:00am:</b> Workshops
<b>10:00-10:30am:</b> Wellness Break
<b>10:30am-12:00noon:</b> Workshops
<b>12:00noon-1:30pm:</b> Lunch
<b>2:00pm-4:00pm:</b> Workshops-sports related (optional if not attending sporting events)
<b>2:00pm-7:00pm:</b> Sporting/Recreation events at other venues
<b>7:00-10:00pm:</b> Keynote Speakers, Talent Showcase & Cultural events and games
<b>Thursday, March 20</b>
<b>9:00am-12:00pm:</b> Sport and Wellness Fair
<b>9:00-10:30am:</b> Workshops
<b>10:30-11:30am:</b> Debriefing, speeches, door prizes and grand prize draws in main hall
<b>11:30-12:00pm:</b> Closing Ceremonies and Prayer

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## VICTORIA HOTEL/MOTEL ACCOMMODATION

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The following list includes hotels/motels near the Victoria Conference Centre (720 Douglas Street). Some have provided a special/off-season/discount rate. Rooms are available on a first come basis and are subject to **16% tax (6% GST + 10% Room tax)**. Please book as soon as possible. **When contacting each hotel, please make sure to ask first if they are supplying a special rate for the conference and make sure you are getting the rate listed.** Some hotels require a code or special name which is usually: BCAAFC, BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, Youth Conference or Provincial Aboriginal Youth Conference.

For a list of other accommodations and map of the city, check out [www.tourismvictoria.com](http://www.tourismvictoria.com)

### Delta Victoria

600 Quebec Street  
250-360-299 / 1-800-667-4677

**Rates:** Delta Courtyard View - \$129.00 single/double, \$159.00 triple, \$189.00 quad  
Premier Outer Harbour View - \$159.00 single/double, \$189.00 triple, \$219.00 quad

Deluxe Inner Harbour View - \$189.00 single/double, \$219.00 triple, \$249.00 quad

*Only available 30 days prior to Conference*

**Email:** [reservations.deltavictoria@chiphospitality.com](mailto:reservations.deltavictoria@chiphospitality.com)

**Website:**

<http://www.deltahotels.com/hotels/hotels.php?hotelId=51>

### Howard Johnson Victoria

770 Brunswick street  
1-800-663-1144 / 250-563-0121

**Rates:** Std Room with no Kitchen-\$55.00 2 double beds or 1 King / Queen

Mini Suite with Kitchen -\$65.00 1 king or 2 double with fully equipped kitchen

Executive Suite -\$85.00 Separate bedroom with large TV + living room with 2 doubles + dining area + full kitchen

**Amenities:** heated indoor pool, fitness room, wireless

**Website:** <http://www.holidaycity.com/hojo-city-victoria/index.htm>

### Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour

728 Humboldt Street  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 3Z5

Reservations: 1-866-306-5451.

**Rates:** will vary based on availability. Rates currently range from \$169-\$329

**Website:** <http://www.victoriamarriot.com>

### Paul's Motor Inn

1900 Douglas Street  
1-866-333-7285 / 250-382-9231

**Rates:** \$49-59

**Amenities:** restaurant, free local calls

**Website:** <http://www.paulsmotorinn.com/>

### Harbour Towers Hotel & Suits

345 Quebec St.

Direct: 250-4803533 res: 1-800-663-5896 Fax 250-480-6593

**Rates:** \$103.00 single/double occupants for Standard Guestroom

\$122.00 triple occupants for a Standard Guestroom

\$141.00 quad occupants for a Standard Guestroom (upgraded room types may be available upon request)

*Offer until January 17, 2008-Code name for bookings-*

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**Website:** <http://www.harbourtowers.com>

**Email:** [reservations.harbourtowers@chiphospitality.com](mailto:reservations.harbourtowers@chiphospitality.com)

### Embassy Inn

520 Menzies Street

Phone (250) 382-8161 or toll free 1-800-268-8161

**Rates:** \$83.00 for a single room \$89.00 room with two beds for up to four persons per night

**Amenities:** family restaurant, outdoor heated pool, dry sauna, laundry and free parking

**Email:** [embassyinn@shaw.ca](mailto:embassyinn@shaw.ca)

**Website:** <http://www.embassyinn.ca>

### Best Western Carlton Plaza

642 Johnson Street

Phone (250) 388--5513 or toll free 1-800-663-7241

**Rates:** \$85.00 event rate-maximum 4 people

Ask for "Friend Rate"

**Amenities:** fitness gym, De Dutch Restaurant,

**Website:** <http://www.bestwesterncarltonplazahotel.com>

### The Days Inn Victoria on the Harbour

427 Bellville Street

Phone (250) 386-3451

**Rates:** Single/Double \$77.00 or Twin/Quad \$97.00

*Hotel may be closed by March*

**Amenities:** Restaurant free bus parking

**Website:** <http://www.daysinnvictoria.com/>

**Admiral Inn**

257 Belleville St.

Phone (250) 388-6267 or Toll Free 1-888-823-3472

**Rates:** Double occupants Standard room \$109.00 or Best View Room \$139.00 Hotel has very limited availability

**Amenities:** great views of harbour front

**Website:** <http://www.admiral.bc.ca/>

**Chateau Victoria**

740 Burdett Avenue

Phone 1-800-663-5891

**Rates:** \$87.00 standard room based on single or double occupancy - \$107.00 in a one bedroom suite based on single or double occupancy

**Amenities:** restaurant, heated indoor pool, fitness room,

**Website:** <http://www.chateauvictoria.com/>

**Email:** [reservations@chateauvictoria.com](mailto:reservations@chateauvictoria.com)

**Hotel Grand Pacific**

463 Bellville Street

Phone 1-250-386-0450 or Toll Free: 1-800-663-7550

**Rates:** \$179 single or double occupancy  
\$30 for each additional person

**Amenities:** Indoor pool, athletic club, spa and restaurant

**Website:** <http://www.hotegrandpacific.com>

**Email:** [reserve@hotegrandpacific.com](mailto:reserve@hotegrandpacific.com)

**Accent Inn**

3233 Maple Street

Phone: (250): 475-7500

**Rates:** \$69 single occupancy, \$79.00 double occupancy  
Rates available under "BC Assoc. of Aboriginal Friendship Centres"

**Amenities:** free local calls, free parking, free Fitness World Pass, restaurant

**Website:** <http://www.accentinns.com/locations/victoria.htm>

**Email:** [victoria@accentinns.com](mailto:victoria@accentinns.com)

**Queen Victoria Hotel & Suites**

655 Douglas Street

Phone (250) 386-1312 or 1-800-663-7007 Fax: (250) 381-4312

**Rates:** \$99.00 single or double occupancy  
\$124.00 triple occupancy

\$149.00 quad occupancy (upgrades available upon request)

Check in under "BCAAFC" Offer only until February 17, 2008

**Amenities:** swimming pool, Jacuzzi, workout room, restaurant

**Website:** <http://www.qvhotel.com>

**Email:** [reservations@qvhotel.com](mailto:reservations@qvhotel.com)

**Sandman Hotel Victoria**

2852 Douglas Street

Phone 1-888-388-0787 / 250-388-0788

**Rates:** \$89 (double) / \$119 (kitchenettes)

**Amenities:** Pool, whirlpool, fitness facilities, guest laundry, cafe, Shark Club Bar & Grill, Cold Wine & Beer outlet, complimentary parking and meeting rooms.

**Website:** [www.sandmanhotels.com](http://www.sandmanhotels.com)

**Traveller's Inn**

**9 locations in Victoria**

1961 Douglas Street

710 Queens Avenue

1850 Douglas Street

3020 Douglas Street

2898 Douglas Street

626 Gorge Road East

3025 Douglas Street

2828 Rock Bay Avenue

120 Gorge Road East

Please see website for phone numbers

**Rates:** \$49.95 for 1 bed (maximum 2 people)

\$59.95 for 2 beds (maximum 4 people)

Please ask for "Aboriginal Youth Conference" Rate

**Amenities:** free local calls, free parking, free internet computer in lobby, free, scheduled shuttle service and in-room coffee and tea

**Website:** <http://www.TravellersInn.com>

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## CHAPERONE INFORMATION BRIEF

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### General Overview of Conference:

The Gathering our Voices 2008 – Provincial Aboriginal Youth Conference will occur March 17-20, 2008 at the Victoria Conference Centre in downtown Victoria, B.C. Exploring this year's theme of *Aboriginal Sport, Recreation and Wellness*, over 1,000 youth, chaperons, presenters and guests will network and learn new techniques and skills in workshops, share knowledge through cultural activities, witness performances by talented individuals, and explore career and education possibilities at the career fair. This year's event is in partnership with the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCAAFC), Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Association of BC (ASRA), Provincial Aboriginal Youth Council (PAYC), and sponsored by The Province of British Columbia.

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### Rules and Respect:

Please see the information in the registration package for more information. Always remember that youth and chaperones must be respectful in every sense and you are representing your communities to the best of your abilities.

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### What to expect:

Expect to have a lot of fun and learn a lot from the whole conference experience. Please be aware that Victoria is also a large city and can be quite overwhelming for some youth.

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### Responsibility of Chaperones:

Please make sure that your designated youth are with you **AT ALL TIMES**. We are requesting that you do not simply drop off your youth and leave them alone. Victoria is a very large city and it is important to keep a very close eye on your youth. We also want to make sure that the youth are going to the workshops and if they are not participating that they are with you. There will be no alcohol or drug use tolerated by *youth or chaperones* at any time on your way to the conference, during the conference or on your way from home from the conference. We are all trying to set a good example for our youth and promote healthy living in our communities.

You are responsible for your youth delegates at all times! Remember that you are a role model for the youth and should conduct yourself in a proper manner.

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### Speaking to Youth before arrival at Conference:

We are asking all chaperones to please speak to their youth before arrival in Victoria or at Conference Centre. If could please let your youth know what to expect at the conference, how to behave, how to be respectful, debrief on rules and regulations, and curfew. Thank you for your time and consideration and let's make the 2008 Provincial Aboriginal Youth Conference run smoothly and go off without a hitch!

#### Ken Watts

*Youth Conference Coordinator*

BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres  
#200-506 Fort St. Victoria BC, V8W 1E6

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# “Gathering our Voices 2008”: Provincial Aboriginal Youth Conference

## EARLY REGISTRATION FORM

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation**  
 (Band/Nation, School, Org.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Province** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender**     Male     Female    **Birth Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FILL THE FOLLOWING SECTION AS IT APPLIES TO YOU:**

- Registering as a Youth (under 18 years of age)**  
 Name and Phone Number of the Adult Accompanying You:  
**Adult Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
- Registering as a Young Adult (18 – 24 years of age)**
- Registering as a Chaperon**  
 Names of Youth Under your Supervision (attach registration form for each youth):
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
  5. \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE:**

<b>Early Registration Fee</b>	(July 1, 2007 – February 28, 2008)	<b>\$100.00</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Regular Registration Fee</b>	(March 1 - 17, 2008)	<b>\$150.00</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Make Payable to**            **BCAAFC**

**Mail Payment to**            BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres  
    Attention: Youth Conference Coordinator  
    #200-506 Fort Street, Victoria, BC    V8W 1E6

**Registration Fee Paid by:**     **Self**             **Sponsor** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please name sponsor/organization*

If the registration fee is considered a barrier to your attendance, please contact us to discuss options.

**In the case of an emergency, please fill out the following contact information:**

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Number \_\_\_\_\_ Illness / Allergy \_\_\_\_\_

# GATHERING OUR VOICES 2008

## Youth Talent Showcase Application

<b>Name</b>	_____		
<b>Address</b>	_____		
<b>City</b>	_____	<b>Prov</b>	_____
		<b>PCode</b>	_____
<b>Phone</b>	_____	<b>Alternate Phone</b>	_____
<b>Chaperon / Parent Name</b>	_____		
<b>Contact #</b>	_____		
<b>Type of Talent</b>	_____		
<b>How many?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo	<input type="checkbox"/> Group (How many? ____)	
<b>How long?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-15 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 15-20 minutes
<b>Stage Requirements?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> specific floor space/dimension _____ <input type="checkbox"/> additional equipment _____		

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Performance time can range from 5 – 20 minutes, so space is limited – register early!
- You will be called to confirm your performance in the showcase.
- The following equipment is available - microphone, CD player. All other equipment is the responsibility of the youth entertainer.
- The “Youth Talent Showcase” will be held between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth Entertainers go on stage on a FIRST COME basis.

**You can either include this application with your registration form, and/or mail it to:**

BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres  
 Attention: Ken Watts, Youth Conference Coordinator  
 #200 – 506 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 1E6

**DEADLINE FOR YOUTH TALENT SHOWCASE APPLICATION IS MARCH 4, 2008**

**SUCCESSFUL PERFORMERS NOTIFIED BY MARCH 11, 2008**