

## **Batoche Métis Fall Festival: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):**

**What is the Métis Fall Festival?** The Batoche Métis Fall Festival is a one-time only, in-person, on-site celebration of Métis culture and tradition at the historic Batoche Festival Grounds from September 2 to 5, 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced all of us to be apart from friends and family. This has been an especially difficult time for Elders and veterans, many of whom have been isolated. As many parts of the country re-open, Métis Nation–Saskatchewan believes the mental health and wellbeing of our citizens dictates that now is the time for us to be together.

**Isn't the Batoche National Historic Park usually closed by September long weekend?** MN–S has a strong partnership with Parks Canada and because of that, the Batoche National Historic Park is extending its season to accommodate the Métis Fall Festival.

**Is camping allowed?** Yes, there is camping and for this special event, campsites and power are free. Wood, water, and sewer charges still apply. You can book a site by calling 306-930-9115 or emailing [backtobatoche@mns.work](mailto:backtobatoche@mns.work).

**How much does the festival cost?** To make the Batoche Métis Fall Festival a true celebration of being together and enjoying each other again, MN–S has announced there will be no admission fees at the park gate.

**Is there going to be a slo-pitch tournament this year?** Yes, there is! For the Batoche Métis Fall Festival, we are bringing back the weekend co-ed slo-pitch ball tournament. Registration is \$500/team. A \$250 deposit will be required upon entry and is non-refundable. Contact Jason at [306-940-9636](tel:306-940-9636) or email [sportsandrec@mns.work](mailto:sportsandrec@mns.work) for more information or to register a team.

**Are there other ways I can get involved in the festival?** Yes please! Volunteer to help at the festival site. MN–S is looking for people in all areas! Contact Corinne at 306-922-2206 or email [backtobatoche@mns.work](mailto:backtobatoche@mns.work) to sign up.

**Are we able to set up booths at the festival?** You most certainly are. We are looking for information booths and artisan vendors to set up during the Batoche Métis Fall Festival. Contact Corinne at 306-922-2206 or email [backtobatoche@mns.work](mailto:backtobatoche@mns.work) for details.

**Are there costs associated with that?** Yes. Artisan Vendors can set up for the entire festival for \$350 plus tax or \$100 per day plus tax. The charge for an information booth is \$50 plus tax. Contact Corinne at 306-922-2206 or email [backtobatoche@mns.work](mailto:backtobatoche@mns.work) for details.

**What can we expect at the fall festival?** You can expect all the enjoyment you usually find at Back to Batoche Days, with a few twists. This celebration allows us to come

together after a period of separation. We will pay tribute to lost lives and take the opportunity to mentally heal.