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LWIC youth gathering in Misipawistik Cree Nation

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On August 21st-24th, 2017, LWIC partnered with Misipawistik Cree Nation and the Northern Manitoba Food, Culture, and Community Collaborative to host the first LWIC youth gathering. This gathering brought Indigenous youth to the Misipawistik Culture camp to learn about the cultural, spiritual, recreational and economic value of Lake Winnipeg.

Traditional ceremonies, including a pipe and sweat lodge ceremony were held. The youth also heard traditional songs and teachings from elders. Local representatives from Misipawistik Cree Nation also spoke to the youth about the history of their territories, the impacts of hydropower development on the well-being of the people, and the ongoing environmental challenges facing Lake Winnipeg.

The youth were also given the opportunity to tour their traditional territories by boat, participate in shoreline cleanup activities and traditional fishing activities, including catching and dressing fish. Youth were also given the opportunity to paint local signage for their community to help protect the shorelines from debris.

LWIC would like to thank Misipawistik Cree Nation and the Northern Manitoba Food, Culture, and Community Collaborative for supporting this event. We look forward to continuing this initiative in future years.

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