



**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day
at Assiniboine Park and Zoo
– Saturday, September 30 –**

For immediate release: Winnipeg, September 28, 2023 – In observance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day (Saturday, September 30), the Assiniboine Park Conservancy will host a Sacred Fire in the Indigenous Peoples Garden at The Leaf and engage with visitors to support the important work of two Indigenous-led organizations.

**Sacred Fire | 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Fire Node, Indigenous Peoples Garden at The Leaf**

Park visitors are encouraged to take this opportunity to reflect on the importance of this day as a time for our community to pause and reflect on the tragic legacy of Canada's residential school system and honour the Survivors of residential schools, the children who never came home, their families and communities.

Indigenous educator Cree Crowchild will be present from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm to share teachings and ceremonies.

Donation

Fifteen per cent of sales earned on Saturday, September 30 from admissions at the Zoo and The Leaf will be divided evenly and donated to the Orange Shirt Society and the Manitoba Aboriginal Sports & Recreation Council.

Orange lapel ribbons purchased from Dreamcatcher Promotions will be offered to visitors and guests at the Park Café, the Fire Node in the Indigenous Peoples Garden at The Leaf, and several locations within the Zoo with a request for donations. 100% of guest donations will be added to the amount donated to these organizations.

All Park attractions will be open regular hours of operation, which can be found on our [website](#).

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