



# National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

## September 30

The Town of Banff marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30.

The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

### Blanket Exercise

Saturday, September 20, 2 – 5 p.m.

The Blanket Exercise is an experiential exercise that explores the nation-to-nation relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples within Canadian history—created in response to the 1996 Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. The Blanket Exercise is a fully immersive experience. This experience is part of our National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

**Location:** Okâch – Îyethkabi Oûgitûbi - pavilion building, Sundance Park

**Cost:** Free

**Registration:** [banff.ca/NDTR](https://banff.ca/NDTR)

### Gentle Reflection Walk

Tuesday, September 30, 9 – 11 a.m.

Join Dani, granddaughter of a Métis residential school Survivor, on a gentle reflection walk to Bow Falls in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. On the walk, Dani will share her journey of joining a Truth and Reconciliation committee and will help us pay homage to those who walked on these lands before us. The walk will end with light snacks and refreshments.

**Cost:** Free

**Registration:** [banff.ca/NDTR](https://banff.ca/NDTR)

### Stories We Have Earned: The Stoney Nakoda Film Project

Tuesday, September 30, 7 – 10 p.m.

Stories We Have Earned: The Stoney Nakoda Film Project examines the exploitation of the Stoney Nakoda people's culture and customs for tourism and entertainment purposes through their involvement in events such as Banff Indian Days, the Calgary Stampede, and the dozens of Hollywood films they have appeared in.

Through interviews with Stoney Elders, the film explores how, by participating in the tourism industry and Hollywood films, the Stoney were allowed to gather and participate in ceremonies and cultural practices that were otherwise heavily restricted on the reserve due to government control of Stoney movement, including the pass system.

Bill Snow and Cody Lefthand will be onsite to answer questions after the film.

**Location:** Lux Cinema Banff

**Registration:** [LuxBanff.com](https://LuxBanff.com)

