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REGISTRATION FORM

50th Annual Elders Gathering - THEME: "STANDING SIDE BY SIDE"

Dates: EVENT August 25-26, 2026
Location Again is: The Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building

GROUP LEADER CHECK-IN IS MANDATORY NOW ON MONDAY August 24, 2026, from noon to 5 pm.
This is because TOO MANY ELDERS ARE MISSING THE GRAND ENTRY DUE TO THEM NOT HAVING THEIR LANYARD, AGENDA AND REGISTRATION BAG FOR THE DAY 1 MORNING.
If you need to send someone else to pick up your group's bags that is what you will need to do so you have time to fill in the elder's name cards and hand out their bags before they arrive on site.

YOU MUST COURIER THIS FORM with Cheque/Money Order To Be Registered.
Do not use Canada Post whether they are on strike on not.
Several times in the last few years their Express, Priority and even Registered mail have not arrived.

REGISTRATION is $650 PER PERSON.
NOTE: We have not raised the Reg. Fee for the last 3 years even though the price of food, coffee etc. has skyrocketed. It is necessary to raise it now to safe guard the event for the elders as the government has drastically cut its support for the event due to tariffs.

MAKE FEES PAYABLE TO:
BC Elders Communication Center Society, 1415 Weiwaikum Rd., Campbell River, BC, V9W 5W9

[NO Credit Cards AND NO E-transfers Allowed]
[BUT WE WILL SEND OUT OUR EFT INFORMATION AND INVOICE UPON REQUEST]

THIS IS THE GROUP REGISTRATION and INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM (THERE IS ONLY ONE FORM)

***THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION AS EVERYTHING IS PREPAID. And it is ALL ASSIGNED SEATING.**

***There is NO Early-Bird Registration. We don't get a deal on the venue or the food costs so we cannot give one.**

***There is no group discount rate as almost all of you are groups.**

***There are no free registration seats as we are a very small society and could never afford to do that.**

***ELDERS AGE for the Elders Gathering is 55 years old and up, though some are called Junior Elders.**

***THERE ARE NO ROOMS BLOCKED OFF ANYWHERE FOR THIS EVENT. We use about 1000 rooms in Vancouver, Richmond, Coquitlam, New Westminster etc. and there are no deals in peak season though most do give a First Nations rate so do inquire about that. Please use the internet to locate rooms as we do not have anything to do with the booking of rooms.**

CHILDREN UNDER 12 YRS. ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE ELDERS GATHERING AND THOSE 12 AND UP ARE EXPECTED TO BE HELPERS IF YOU DO BRING THEM.

***Seats are for elders, helpers, drivers only as it is an ELDERS EVENT. EVERYONE PAYS THE SAME $650.**

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS AS EACH YEAR GROUPS WANT TO BRING HELPERS WHO THEY THINK WILL EAT AT NO COST. ALL SEATS ARE ASSIGNED AND THERE IS NOWHERE FOR HELPERS TO SIT IF THEY ARE NOT REGISTERED.

REGISTRATION CUT-OFF/CANCELLATION IS: JULY 17, 2026 AT 4 PM. NO fees will be reimbursed after this deadline.

***REG. FEES cover the cost of 2 lunches (12 pm) and 2 dinners (5 pm), 4 coffee & tea breaks and the facility rental only for everyone on August 25-26, 2026. We provided all of the Services for the elders. Your fees do not pay for the services.**

There will NOT BE BREAKFAST ON EITHER DAY.

Coffee Break Times are 7:30 am Day 1, 2:30 pm Day 1 and 8 am Day 2 and 2:30 pm Day 2.

***All services upstairs are for the elders only i.e. haircuts, nails, mystics, therapeutic touch wellness, healing, etc. are for ELDERS 55 years of age and up. No Helpers or Drivers are permitted.**

HOWEVER on DAY 2 beginning at 1 pm to 4 pm HELPERS ARE ALLOWED TO ACCESS THESE SERVICES WITHOUT TICKETS.

THIS PAST SUMMER WE TRIED THIS AND HELPERS WENT IN THE MORNING ON DAY 2 AND THAT IS NOT WHAT WAS TO HAPPEN. WE WILL TRY THIS AGAIN ONE MORE TIME ONLY.

SO STARTING AT 1 PM DAY 2 HELPERS MAY UTILIZE THE UPSTAIRS SERVICES.

***There are NO separate tickets to buy for the Fashion Show as it is for Reg. ELDERS AND HELPERS ONLY.**

***There will be a $55 NON-REFUNDABLE administration fee deducted from ALL Registration Fees.**

***FIRE: In the event of a local fire evaculation after the July 17, 2026 cancellation date we will only be able to reimburse the registration fee (less the $55 admin. fee) if it is before 4 pm July 27, 2026. Food will be paid for by then and it is non-refundable from the facility. After this date there can be no refunds.**

***GROUP LEADERS: PLEASE DO NOT SEND US A LIST OF YOUR ELDER'S NAMES OR MEDICAL INFO!!! That is for you to have in case of emergency not us.**

[You will get blank name tags for your group/individuals and a black sharpie to use and keep].

***Parking/Drop Off/Bus Lot Parking Map Will All Be Sent Out Via Email Before The Event.**

***If you have unused seats after the cancellation date, you can list those seats with our office and we will try to resell them for you, but there are no guarantees.**

GROUP LEADERS:

YOU AND ANY HELPERS MUST STAY WITH YOUR GROUP AT ALL TIMES. SOME PEOPLE WHO WERE TO BE THERE TO HELP YOUR ELDERS TOOK OFF FOR A 'VANCOUVER VACATION' AND LEFT THEIR ELDERS THERE WITHOUT SUPPORT. THAT IS NOT PERMITTED.

IF IT CONTINUES TO HAPPEN WE WILL CONTACT INDIVIDUAL BANDS/HEALTH CENTRES/FRIENDSHIP CENTRES, ETC. TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THEIR ELDERS.

There is an ATM across the street at the Food Court if needed by there are no ATM machines at the Venue. Some Craft Vendors only take cash.

Groups Leaders: You must bring all wheel chairs and walkers with you for any elder that needs them. We do not provide these.

Some elders could not participate in the Grand Entry because their wheel chairs/walkers were left at home. You need to bring them if they are needed.

Also, if your elder normally needs a walker back home you need to determine if they will need a wheelchair at the Elders Gathering venue and bring a helper to push this wheelchair.

REGISTRATION FEE IS $650 PER ELDERS/HELPER/DRIVER (ALL PAY THE SAME FEE)

GROUP/NATION'S (or single registrant') NAME – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

THIS IS THE NAME YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE UNDER:

Name: _____

PLEASE ONLY SEND IN ONE GROUP/INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM.

DO NOT SEND ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON IN YOUR GROUP, EVEN IF YOU ARE A GROUP OF 2 OR 3 Registration is only one form and under one name.

HOW MANY ELDERS/HELPERS/DRIVERS ARE YOU REGISTERING TODAY? _____

GROUP LEADER'S NAME OR INDIVIDUAL'S NAME: _____

Group Leader's Onsite CELL NUMBER: _____

Group Leader's EMAIL ADDRESS: _____