



Blackfeet Community College Language Colloquium.

Tsimstah 'stootsik

Voices in Dialogue

Blackfoot Language Colloquium

06/15/26-06/17/26

Location:

Blackfeet Community College

9am-4:30pm everyday

Day 1

June 15th, 2026

Field day- Attendees will choose between 4 different field trips to culturally significant sites on the reservation.

-Meet at BFCC @ 9:00, leave by 10:00 and return by 2:30.

-Snacks, water/gatorade, sack lunches

- Foster TEK, land knowledge, history and ideas to bring into classroom/everyday life

Sites:

- **Buffalo lake;** Participants will engage in looking for Iniskims while learning the story and meaning behind them.
 - Pouch making- Day 2, afternoon.
- **Rock City;** Participants will learn the story of Kutoyiss while also learning the scientific significance of the location
- Stop at Lewis and Clark fight site.

- **Chewing Black Bones/Glacier Park;** The importance of the park/mountain ranges to Blackfoot people. Story of the Beaver Bundle/painted lodge.
- **Traditional Harvest-**Blackfeet Community College.

Day 2

June 16th, 2026

Breakfast 8:00-9:30

Language Colloquium kick-off and Welcome

- Opening prayer- Laura Gervais
 - Brad Hall
 - Wayne Smith, Treyace Yellow Owl

Breakout sessions/facilitated conversations 1& 2, 9:00am-11:00pm

11:00-12:00- Q&A, discussion.

Topics

- Pedagogy/intergenerational knowledge&teachings.- Group 1
- Piikani Wellness Index/Education standards- Group 2
 - 45 minute discussion, switch.

Lunch 12:00-1:00

Activities & CEU/teacher trainings 1:00-4:30

CEU/Teacher Trainings

Activities

<u>CEU/Teacher Trainings</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Language Class -Blackfoot Language teaching methods	Pouch making-Iniskims
Sign Language for the classroom	Parfletch making
Napi/Traditional stories	How to make moccasins
Incorporating culture into the classroom-	Traditional cooking methods.

Day 3

June 17th, 2026

Breakfast 8:00-9:00

Opening Prayer

Breakout/facilitated conversation, 9:00am-12:00pm

Topics

- Painted Lodges- Large groups
 - Knowledge and experience with painted lodges.
- Intergenerational learning/Ceremony protocol- Small groups

Lunch 12:00pm-1:00pm

Group feedback from topics 1:00-1:30.

- Activities and continuing topics. 1:30-4:30