

Camp Assiniboia Land Acknowledgement (July 1st, 2022)

At Camp Assiniboia, we are located on the land of the Oji-Cree, Michif Piyii [*Mi-chiff Pi-yi*] (meaning Metis), Anishinaabeg, Cree, and Očhéthi Šakówinj [*Oh-chey-tee Sha-koh-vin*] (meaning Dakota) peoples. We now share this land through Treaty 1, which was negotiated and entered into in 1871 at Lower Fort Garry, with the Athabaskan [*A-tha-ba-sken*] (Dene) peoples as well. The water we drink comes to us from the Assiniboine River, also here in Treaty 1 territory.

Part of our theology at camp is creation care, and we are beginning to see this as an element of reconciliation in addition to our Christian worldview. As we spend hours outside we remember that we are privileged to be on this land, and will hope to use it in an effort of reconciliation. As we sleep in the forest, we consider how this land takes care of us. Through this gift, it shows us how to care for ourselves, all people, and the land.

This land acknowledgement is impermanent. While we state these words for our collective understanding, we know there are opportunities for reconciliation in other ways, and in the evolution of this acknowledgement. We invite these ideas into this space.