



**“Tsel q̄eneten re semeces  
re Stsmémelt”**

**Bringing the Spirit of our  
Children Home from St.  
Joseph’s Mission**

**July 30 – August 1, 2021**

**Sponsored by: Esk’etemc (Alkali Lake)**

In 1902, eight-year-old Duncan Sticks from Esk’etemc, ran away from Mission and never made it home, he froze to death. We will release his spirit. There was an inquest into the children’s being beaten and starved.

Esk’etemc are a strong, powerful, resilient peoples. Our ancestors predicted our future with the Qelmuw (the people) and prepared us for this time! They walked for Fasting, we will walk. Our ancestors brought us the healing spirit of the horses; we will ride.



Our ancestors worked with Elder Floyd Dick and brought us our Sekani7 cane and song so that our children will stand with the rest of the world, we will walk with our canes and sing for our children



Our Elder Fred Johnson brought us the commitment sticks and former Chief Charlene Belleau committed to stand with dignity before our Elders and children that we will not let another generation of our women and children fall victim to a cycle of violence and abuse.

***Be the CHANGE that Canada Needs!  
~Thú Hayqwtun (Mynard Johnny Jr)***

**Pre-registration required.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bringing-the-spirit-of-our-children-home-walk-ride-tickets-161689378283>

Day 1 – Mission to WL Stampede Grounds and ceremony for Duncan Sticks. Camp overnight.

Day 2 - Leave WL Stampede Ground to Two Mile turnoff on Dog Creek Road. Camp overnight.

Day 3 – Two Mile to Alkali Pow Wow Arbor. Camp overnight. Closing and honoring ceremonies, Feast, Lahel.

Counsellors and Traditional Healers onsite throughout the Event.

Visiting Nations, please use protocol when joining: Secwepemc used red flags to identify themselves; Tsilhqot’in used yellow flags; St’at’limc used blue flags; Dekelh used green flags.

For more info contact Ashley George, Event Coordinator, 778-267-8497  
Or 1 250 440 5611, Edna Robbins, Esk’etemc.

*Esk’etemc is not responsible for any personal injuries, accidents. Covid-19 regulations in effect throughout the event.*