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REGISTRATION FORM

51st Elders Gathering - THEME: "ELDERS REUNITING"

Dates: EVENT August 24-25, 2027

Location Again is: The Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building

GROUP LEADER CHECK-IN IS MANDATORY NOW ON MONDAY August 23, 2027, from noon to 5 pm.

This is because TOO MANY ELDERS ARE MISSING THE GRAND ENTRY DUE TO THEM NOT HAVING THEIR Reg. Bags with their Lanyards, Name Cards, and AGENDA FOR THE DAY 1 MORNING **by 7 am.**

If you need to send someone else to pick up your group's bags that is what you will need to do

So, Your Elders All Have Time To fill In Their Name Cards.

ALL GROUPS MUST NOW SCAN YOUR FORM (**page 3 only**) TO bcelders@telus.net to register.

It is just too time-consuming chasing registration forms when Groups forget to send them with payments.

You may now pay again via Express Post **BUT NOT REGULAR POSTAGE** through Canada Post or Courier your Cheque/Money Order.

You may also pay via EFT which many of you are now set-up for **BUT NOT WIRE TRANSFER.**

The REGISTRATION FEE is \$700 PER ELDER, HELPER, and DRIVER. **EVERYONE.**

NOTE: We raised the fee for 2026 as we had not raised the reg. fee in the previous 3 years even though the price of food, coffee etc. had skyrocketed. Thank you for your understanding on this.

But it is **necessary** to raise the fee again for 2027 to safeguard the quality of the event for the elders as the provincial government has almost completely cut its support for the event due to its other priorities.

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 WHEN YOUR FORM IS SENT IN]

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/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 but do ask if they have a continental breakfast.

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 ELDER'S EVENT. EVERYONE PAYS THE SAME \$700.

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. AND HELPERS CAN NOT ACCESS THE REST OF THE VENUE. EVERYONE PAYS AND REGISTERS. NO ONE STAYS OUT IN THE HALLWAY! Because you are still taking up space at the venue.

REGISTRATION CUT-OFF/CANCELLATION IS: JULY 16, 2027 AT 4 PM. Though this date will be extended for registration if seats are still available. BUT 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 24-25, 2027. 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 and 2:30 pm Day 1. And 8:30 am and 3:00 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.

HOWEVER on DAY 2 beginning at 1 pm to 5 pm HELPERS ARE ALLOWED TO ACCESS THESE SERVICES WITHOUT TICKETS. IF THERE ARE ELDERS WAITING THEN THE HELPERS WILL HAVE TO WAIT.

(IN THE PAST WE TRIED THIS AND HELPERS WENT ON DAY 1 AND IN THE MORNING ON DAY 2 AND THAT IS NOT WHAT WAS TO HAPPEN).

SO REMEMBER THAT HELPERS MAY UTILIZE THE UPSTAIRS SERVICES STARTING AT 1-5 PM DAY 2 only!

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

*There will be a \$60 NON-REFUNDABLE admin. fee deducted from ALL Registration Fees even cancellations.

*FIRE: In the event of a local fire evacuation after the July 16, 2027 cancellation date we will only be able to reimburse the registration fee (less the \$60 admin. fee) if it is before 4 pm July 26, 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 STOP SENDING US A LIST OF YOUR ELDER'S NAMES OR MEDICAL INFO!!! That is for you to have in case of emergency. And your elders must have their reg. bags/lanyards from you TUES. BY 7 AM.

*Parking/Drop Off/Bus Lot Parking Map Will All Be Sent Out Via Email Before The Event. NOTE: Drop-off is a short walk from the front of the WEST building to us at the EAST building.

GROUP LEADERS:

YOU AND ANY HELPERS MUST STAY WITH YOUR GROUP AT ALL TIMES. SOMETIMES HELPERS HAVE TAKEN OFF FOR A 'VANCOUVER VACATION' AND LEFT THEIR ELDERS THERE WITHOUT SUPPORT. THAT IS NOT PERMITTED. WE WILL CONTACT NATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS AFTER THE EVENT IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN.

TABLE NUMBERS WILL BE SENT TO YOU August 1st VIA EMAIL. You will need to reply to this email.

The ELDERS all need your group's table numbers AND reg. bags before arriving at the venue on DAY 1. THERE IS A FLOORPLAN OF THE MAIN HALL/DINING ROOM ON THE FRONT PAGE OF EACH PROGRAM. PLEASE note on each program where your seats are so the elders have the info in their registration bag.

There is an ATM across the street at the Food Court if needed but there are NO ATM machine at the Venue. Some Craft Vendors only take cash.

Groups Leaders: **You MUST Bring All Wheelchairs, Walkers and Canes With You** for your elders.

We do not provide these. In the past some elders could not participate in the Grand Entry because their wheel chairs or walkers were left at home and this is dangerous.

If your elder needs a walker at home they need to be evaluated to determine if they need a wheelchair and someone to push them around the large all in one facility.

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$700 PER ELDERS/HELPER/DRIVER (EVERYONE PAYS THE SAME FEE)

GROUP/NATION'S NAME – (THIS IS THE NAME YOUR REG. WILL BE UNDER):

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

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 (ALL PAY) ARE YOU REGISTERING TODAY? _____

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

Group Leader's CELL NUMBER: _____

Group Leader's EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

*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 these are no guarantees.