



### EMERGING LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH A HUGE SUCCESS

July 20, 2012—The Emerging Leadership Program was offered by Membertou's Governance Committee for the second consecutive summer. The Program focused on teaching Membertou youth from grades 5-7 leadership skills and to offer cultural workshops. Approximately 20 youth participated throughout the two-week program held July 9-20, 2012. During the program last year the participants were asked "What are your expectations for next summers Emerging Youth Leadership Program?" They recommended:

- Build knowledge of Membertou's history
- To gain the skills needed to become a good leader
- To learn Mi'kmaq Crafts (beadwork, quill work, dream catchers)
- To gain knowledge of traditional Mi'kmaq Ceremonies (Sweat lodge, sacred fire)

Their recommendations helped design this years program.



International Indigenous Rights Workshop, July 31, 2012 Membertou Heritage Park



**Membertou Youth Council Members:** Back Row: Mariah Joe, Jenna Bernard, Evan Simon, Jamie Gould, Storm Christmas, Tuma Stevens, Grayson Googoo, Sierra Christmas, Brad Paul, Charlie Young, Dakota Christmas . Front Row: Raven Paul & Kennedy Marshall.

### MEMBERTOU YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTED

July 20, 2012 – Seniors Centre. The Membertou Youth met this summer and voted for the Membertou Youth Council. In Governance Workshops held in 2011, the youth had recommended that a Membertou Youth Council be set up to give the youth a Membertou a voice in Community decisions. The youth voted in Tuma Stevens as Youth Council Chief. Thirteen youth councilors were also selected: Storm Christmas, Kelsie Francis, Mariah Joe, Kennedy Marshall, Bradley Paul, Raven Paul, Grayson Googoo, Evan Simon, Dakota Christmas, Sierra Christmas, Jamie Gould, Charlie Young, and Taylor Gould. The Youth will meet once a month to discuss issues impacting youth and create a voice for youth on council. Their next meeting is Oct. 18, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. at the Membertou Heritage Park.

**Youth Learn about Leadership & Traditional Activities**

July 9-20, 2012—Membertou, Nova Scotia

The first day of the camp, the participants were introduced to the Emerging Youth Leadership Camp Coordinator, Deanna Joe; facilitator Rebecca Scirocco-Paul; and governance committee member Angela Paul. On the second day, the youth were taught to gain the skills to make a dream catcher; to learn the proper sacred fire protocols; to learn how to make a sacred fire and to understand the sacred fire and its importance. Deanna Joe, Evan Simon and Danny Paul lead activities on the second day. The youth were very engaged in this activity and asked many questions. When the session was finished, Evan allowed the youth to try to light a fire using his flint. Evan Simon was a participant from last year's Emerging Youth. On the third day, the youth gained knowledge of Mi'kmaq Medicines during a medicine walk which took place in Malagawatch which was guided by Tuma Young and Elder Flo Young. The tour began at Flo Young's cabin where Flo and Tuma taught the group about the different medicines and its uses. The youth were very interested in learning the medicines. The youth also went on a Kluscap legends tour. Most of the Youth hiked to Kluscap's caves but many of the elders were went to view the Caves and Kluscap's canoe by boat.



**Membertou Elders and youth at Kluscaps Legends Boat Tour:** Margaret Paul, Ashley Paul, Peter Paul and Elizabeth Laporte.

**NOTICE: The Next Membertou Youth Council meeting will be held afterschool on October 18, 2012 at the Membertou Heritage Park. The purpose of the session is for the Youth Council to develop Terms of Reference and a work plan. Pizza will be served.**

**Schedule of Upcoming Events\***

October 17-18, 2012  
Facilitator Development Workshop  
Membertou Heritage Park  
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October 18, 2012  
Membertou Youth Council meeting  
Membertou Heritage Park  
3:30-4:30 p.m.

October 24, 2012  
Governance Committee –  
Membertou Heritage Park  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

November 5-8, 2012  
Lands Management  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Membertou Heritage Park

November 20-21, 2012  
Honouring Citizenship  
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Membertou Heritage Park

November 29, 2012  
Governance Committee –  
Membertou Heritage Park  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

February 26-27, 2013  
Membership Code Development  
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Membertou Heritage Park

\*Please note the above dates are subject to change.

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