

## IO20-33 Cultural Observing the Fall Equinox at the Viking Ribstones

**PRESENTED BY****Clifford Cardinal****SERIES SESSIONS**

Date	Time
September 21, 2019	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**LOCATION****Ribstone Historical Site - Near Viking****FEE****\$40.00****QUESTIONS?****Contact Us:****780-623-2248****REGISTER ONLINE****Visit our website to register:****Ines.ca**

### Learning Opportunity

Near Viking, Alberta, on the top of a hill, at the highest point for miles around, rest the only Ribstones in Alberta that have not been moved since ancient times. The Viking Ribstones are one of the few monumental carvings remaining from ancient times which can be viewed in their original natural setting. All other known ribstone sites have been disturbed. In most cases the ribstones themselves have been removed. Join Cree elder Clifford Cardinal (Saddle Lake Nation) for a special visitation to the Ribstones as he welcomes us into ceremony recognizing their cultural and spiritual significance. Clifford will also speak to the history of the Ribstones and of the significance of the fall equinox. As is the custom, the event will conclude with the sharing of a feast of traditionally prepared foods.

**NOTES:**

The cultural observance of women wearing long skirts and covered head will be honoured at this event. The pipe ceremony is conducted in the open and on the ground.

Participants should bring a blanket to sit on, and anyone who is unable to sit for an extended time on the ground is welcome to bring a lawn chair. Participants are reminded to dress for the weather (whatever it may

be). There are no toilet facilities at the Ribstone site.

This learning opportunity is being offered through a grant from Alberta Education.

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## Presenters

### **Clifford Cardinal**

Clifford Cardinal is a Plains Cree person from the Saddle Lake Cree Nation located in north eastern Alberta. Clifford holds a B.ED. degree and currently teaches the Cree language and culture courses at the St. Paul Regional High School. Clifford holds many teachings around the history and cultural traditions that have been passed down to him from generations ago. The knowledge he shares has been shared with blessings from the elders of his community.

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## Registration Notes

Lunch will be included.