

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

## BOYS COMING OF AGE CULTURAL CAMP

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Issued by:

**WEECHI-IT-TE-WIN FAMILY SERVICES**

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### INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

Weechi-it-te-win Family Services is seeking interested individuals, groups or programs in the 10 First Nations to plan, coordinate and facilitate a Boys Coming of Age Cultural Camp. Weechi-it-te-win Family Services is accepting proposals in response to this Request for Proposal ("RFP") in order to find a qualified source to provide a Boys Coming of Age Cultural Camp.

### PROJECT GOALS AND SCOPES OF SERVICES:

***Our goal with respect to a Boys Coming of Age Cultural Camp is to:***

1. Provide male youth between the ages of 9-14 with opportunity to learn their roles as young men in relation to First Hunt/First Kill, skill development, hunting teachings/ceremonies and cultural protocols around harvesting wild game;
2. Increase their sense of purpose, identity and self-esteem;
3. A ***family based*** camp to strengthen and empower families to actively participate and have the opportunity to share coming of age activities with their sons, grandsons and nephews; Families will come together to act in the best interest of their child (ren) participating in the Boys Coming of Age Cultural Camp;
4. To ensure that the camp is organized and facilitated under the guidance of community Elders;
5. Increase shared responsibility in the upbringing of children, thereby, restoring a traditional child rearing practice.

***The selected communities will be responsible for:***

1. Planning, coordinating and facilitating a Boys Coming of Age Cultural Camp for male youth between the ages of 9-14;
2. Narrative and Statistical Reporting on the Boys Coming of Age Cultural Camp to Weechi-it-te-win Family Services;

## **ANTICIPATED SELECTION SCHEDULE:**

The Request for Proposal timeline is as follows:

Request for Proposal Application Available: September 4, 2019

Deadline for Submissions: September 25, 2019

Selection, Approval and Notification of Approval of Submissions: (September 30, 2019)

## **TIME AND PLACE OF SUBMISSION AND PROPOSALS:**

The RFP will be posted on our website, [www.weechi.ca](http://www.weechi.ca), and can be downloaded from there directly as of September 4, 2019.

Respondents to this RFP must submit one original and 4 copies of their proposal. Responses must be received **September 25, 2019 no later than noon**. Responses should be clearly marked "**RFP-Boys Coming of Age Cultural Camp**" and can be emailed, faxed or hand delivered to the contact person noted above.

## **TIMELINE**

The project must be completed within 4 months.

Submission of Financial Statement (with original receipts), Service Data Reporting Template, one-page narrative and evaluation of camp must be submitted no later than **March 1, 2020**.

## **ELEMENTS OF PROPOSAL:**

A submission must include, at minimum, the following elements;

1. Signed and dated Request for Proposal Application Form;
2. Completed Work Plan template including:
  - i. Project Deliverables
  - ii. Activities
  - iii. Person (s) Responsible
  - iv. Projected Financial Budget
  - v. Timelines
  - vi. Provisions in plan to ensure families

3. Formal Financial Statement upon completion of Camp. All original receipts must be included
4. Service Data Reporting Template
5. A one-page narrative outlining the outcomes, strengths and challenges of the Camp
6. Evaluation of Camp (e.g. Client Satisfaction Survey)

**EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

**The successful respondent will:**

1. One of the 10 Treaty Three First Nation communities in the Fort Frances-Rainy River District;
2. Provide First Hunt Camp to male youth between the ages of 9-14;
3. Ensure participants normally reside on the First Nation Community and are registered or eligible to be registered;
4. Priority will be given to First Nation (s) that have not already received funding for Cultural Camps through Weechi-it-te-win Family Services/Developmental Support Services.