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To help promote, maintain, and facilitate the participation of Cree people in the traditional lifestyle and harvesting activities as a way of life.

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ABEL WAPACHEE, OLD NEMASKA

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EDITORIAL

IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE PRODUCED OUR CREE HUNTER AND TRAPPER MAGAZINE – BUT HERE IT IS FINALLY! OUR LAST ISSUE WAS IN THE WINTER OF 2021 (NUMBER 31) AND THAT COVER FEATURED JASPER ISERHOFF HOLDING TWO RABBITS.

It took a while to get things back in production, but we are proud to present this issue – which will highlight trips and images from March 2022 all the way to March and April 2023! Although this version is mostly pictures, it shows our intent to start again highlighting activities of hunters on the land and the work that our staff does to promote the Cree way of life!

Talking about the Cree way of life, you will see in this issue a whole series of pictures that I took when I visited the students of Eeyou Ituun program. I plan to go visit this year's class as well, so don't be surprised if you see me in Eeyou Istchee again soon!



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THE INFORMATION CONTAINED
IN THIS MAGAZINE REMAINS
UNDER THE INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY OF THE BOARD.

ECONOMIC SECURITY PROGRAM AND OVERPAYMENTS

The best practices are put in place to manage files efficiently. However, it is still possible for a beneficiary to end up with an overpayment of benefits.

WHAT IS AN OVERPAYMENT?

If you received a higher amount of benefits during the year than what you are entitled to, when taking into account the final result of your harvesting and other activities at the end of the year.



EXAMPLE OF OVERPAYMENT



WHAT CAUSES OVERPAYMENTS

- Less days in the bush than what was planned at the start of the year, or
- More income received than what was declared, or
- Change in a family situation

HOW IS IT PAID BACK?

The amount is automatically deducted from your monthly benefits.

WHEN WILL I FINISH PAYING IT OFF?

The overpayment will be paid back by the end of the year (in 1 year). If requested, it can also be paid off in 2 years.

HOW TO AVOID AN OVERPAYMENT?

- Meet with your Local Administrator every 3 months.
- Inform them whenever a change happens.
- Provide all documents without delay.

NEWS & REPORTS

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The 2022 Christmas dinner was held in Lac-Beauport, Quebec and most staff and Board members attended. After a nice meal and some fun games for prizes, a special thank you was offered to Jean-Guy Dugré, who recently retired after more than 30 years as a Board Member. Team building is important in small organizations and it is always nice to get together with colleagues and Board Members!





CTA MEETING

On February 28, 2023, Director-general Serge Larivière met with the executives of CTA and representatives of the Cégep St-Félicien in Montréal to discuss potential implications with the Program Eeyou Ituun planned for 2023.



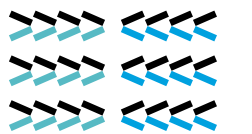
MEETING WITH THE GRAND CHIEF

On March 1st, 2023 in Montréal, Kathy Shecapio, Rodney Mark and Serge Larivière attended a meeting with Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty and representatives from the Cree Trappers Association to present an update, and discuss future plans for the Cree Hunters Economic Security Program.



MEETING IN CHISASIBI

George M. Shecapio, Sally Herodier and Serge Larivière were invited to speak for the Chief and Council of Chisasibi to explain the importance and the role of Local Committees in the administration of the Program. Chief Daisy House extended an invitation for a full-day community presentation of the Economic Security Program in Chisasibi – an event we are already in the process of planning for the summer of 2023!



BOARD MEETING IN OIJÉ-BOUGOUMOU

The Board of the Cree Hunters Economic Security recently met in Oujé-Bougoumou on March 27, 2023 for a Board meeting, the first of 2023! Always nice to meet in one of the communities we serve!



INSCRIPTIONS FOR THE ECONOMIC SECURITY PROGRAM FOR CREE HUNTERS

**TO BE ENROLLED
FOR 2023-2024**

RIGHT NOW

MEET WITH YOUR LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR

To request to be added to the *Local Committee list* of your community. This list contains the names of people that are recognized as choosing traditional harvesting and related activities as their main occupation.

**YOUR APPLICATION
MUST BE RECEIVED**

**IN MAY 2023
AND YOU MUST PROVIDE:**

- **Cree Beneficiary number** / *All members of the family*
- **Birth Certificate** / *All members of the family*
- **Social Insurance card** / *Adults of the family*
- **Notice of Assessment from Revenu Québec for 2022**
Adults of the family
- **Information on your harvesting activities, your harvesting territory, your equipment.**

JULY AND AUGUST 2023

REVISION OF ALL FILES AND REQUESTS BY THE HEAD OFFICE

END OF AUGUST 2023

FIRST PAYMENT OF THE 2023-2024 PROGRAM-YEAR

INTERVIEWS

**FOR THE BENEFICIARIES OF
THE ECONOMIC SECURITY PROGRAM FOR CREE HUNTERS**

**All Beneficiaries must meet
with the Local Administrator**

4 times a year

OCTOBER



JANUARY



APRIL



JUNE



**At the office
of the Local Administrator.**



**If you do not
meet
with them:**

1

**Your file will be put on hold
(no payment issued),**

or

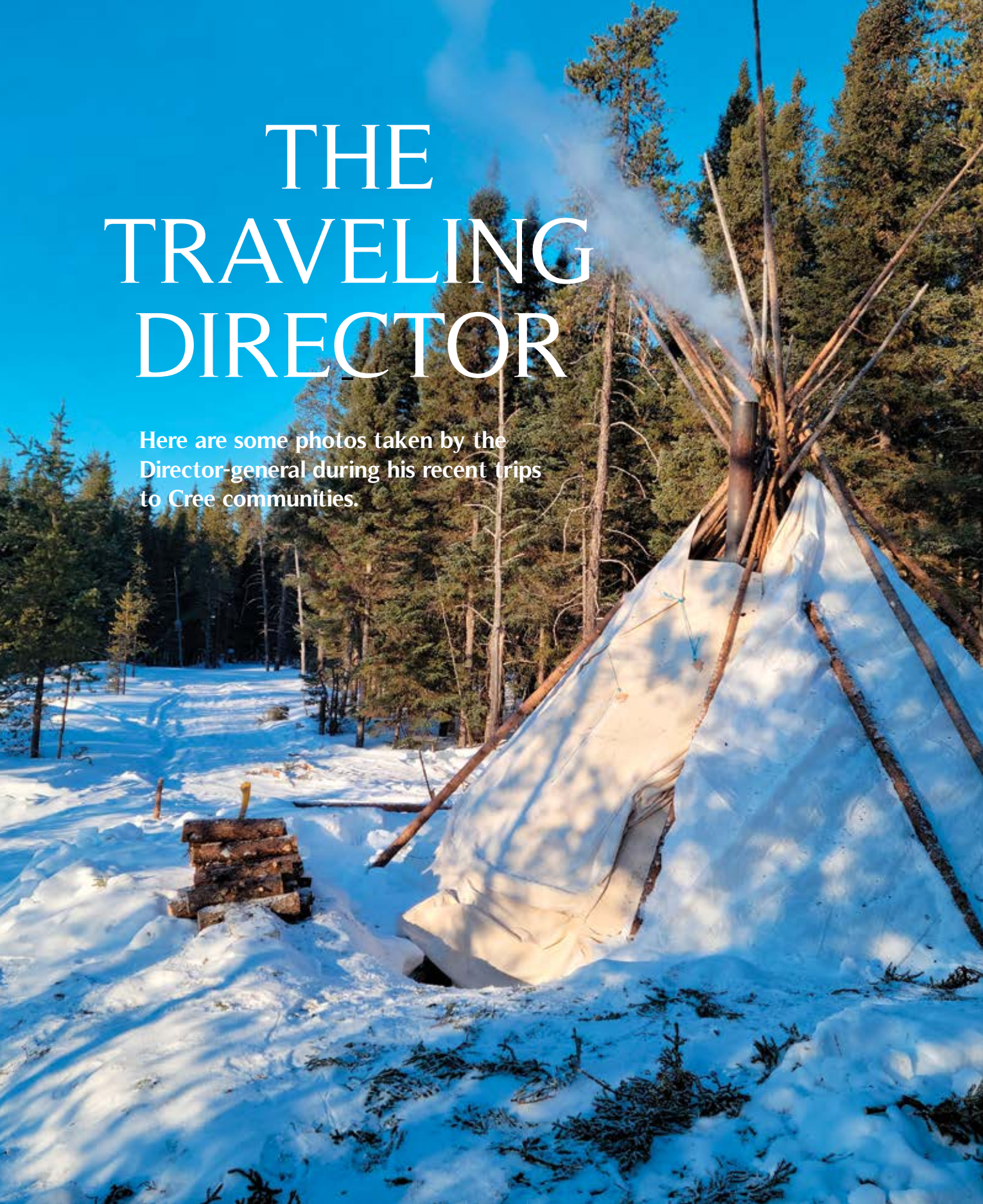
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**You will receive a cheque instead of a direct
deposit. You will need to meet with
the Local Administrator to update your file
BEFORE a payment can be issued.
No interviews can be done by phone.**



THE TRAVELING DIRECTOR

Here are some photos taken by the Director-general during his recent trips to Cree communities.



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EYYOU ITUUN / KM 298
BILLY DIAMOND
HIGHWAY
MARCH 2022



**BEAR TRAPPING
DEMONSTRATION!**



**FRANÇOIS PAYETTE, TEACHER AT EYUUN ITUUN FOR
THE CÉGEP ST-FÉLICIEN, ADJUSTS A TRAIL CAMERA
WHILE GEORGE KATAPATUK LOOKS ON!**



**GEORGE KATAPATUK AND NORMAN WHISKEYCHAN WON THE BEAR TRAPS
OFFERED BY THE CREE HUNTERS ECONOMIC SECURITY BOARD!**



**WAAPIKUM COONISHISH AND
NORMAN WHISKEYCHAN.**



**JEFFREY
WHISKEYCHAN
ADJUSTS A TRAP
FOR MARTEN.**



TERYLL HESTER



THE GROUP HARVESTED A NICE BEAVER UNDER THE ICE!



SERGE LARIVIÈRE IS PROUD OF STUDENT COLIN CROWE WHO HAS SKINNED HIS FIRST RED FOX!



JEFFREY WHISKEYCHAN EXPLAIN HOW TO SKIN A MARTEN TO EEYOU ITUUN STUDENT MARCUS CROWE.

NORMAN WHISKEYCHAN
PLUCKS A FRESHLY KILLED
PTARMIGAN!



JEFFREY WHISKEYCHAN CARVES SOME
TOOLS OUT OF CARIBOU ANTLERS.



PTARMIGAN CAUGHT IN A SNARE
SET FOR SNOWSHOE HARE!



MARY FIREMAN



RYLIN
WHISKEYCHAN



WAAPIKUM COONISHISH



CHARLENE CAPASSISSIT



EEEYOU ITUUN PARTICIPANTS, CLASS OF MARCH 2022 AT KM 298
ON THE BILLY DIAMOND HIGHWAY.



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STAFF TRAVEL
MISTISSINI
FEBRUARY 2023



QUICK STOP AT THE PUBLIC MEETING: FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, MICHAEL WILSON, GEORGE M. SHECAPIO, CHIEF MICHAEL PETAWABANO, JOHN S. MATOUSH AND SERGE LARIVIÈRE.

STAFF FROM THE ECONOMIC SECURITY PROGRAM: WINNIE BOSUM, MICHAEL WILSON, GEORGE M. SHECAPIO AND TANYA LYNN STRONG.



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OUJÉ-BOUGGOMOU
FEBRUARY 2023



SERGE LARIVIÈRE
EXAMINES A
BEAVER PELT WITH
GERY BOSUM.





OUJÉ-BOUGOUMOU EENOU:
 GERY BOSUM, ALICE SHECAPIO-BLACKSMITH,
 BETHANY SHECAPIO-BLACKSMITH AND
 MAGGIE SHECAPIO-BLACKSMITH.



GUIDED TOUR OF THE OUJÉ
 MUSEUM FOR TANYA LYNN
 STRONG (RIGHT) AND
 MICHAEL WILSON (CENTER) WITH
 GUIDE CARL CHABOYER (LEFT).





**WASWANUPI
FEBRUARY 2023**

QUICK BITE TO EAT AT THE WASWANUPI CULTURE CAMP.
FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: JERRY GULL, SERGE LARIVIÈRE,
MICHAEL WILSON, DARLENE DIAMOND, TANYA LYNN
STRONG AND GEORGE M. SHECAPIO.



STANLEY SAGANASH
- CTA STAFF AND A
GOOD FRIEND - HARD
AT WORK!



ALBERT OTTEREYES CAN SHARPEN A
KNIFE VERY WELL!

ALBERT OTTEREYES AND MATTHEW
OTTEREYES SR. SKINNING MOOSE
LEGS IN PREPARATION FOR COOKING!



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CHISASIBI
MARCH 2023



ROGER ORR, OWNER OF
 THE DAZE CAFÉ AND
 GREAT PHILOSOPHER!

OUR STAFF IN CHISASIBI: NATALIE
 SCIPIO, ANGELINA RATT-LOUTTIT,
 AND SALLY HERODIER.



MEETING ABOUT THE ECONOMIC
 SECURITY PROGRAM WITH THE
 CHIEF DAISY HOUSE AND THE
 COUNCIL IN CHISASIBI.

EASTMAIN
MARCH 2023

CTA STAFF AND FRIENDS: FROM LEFT TO RIGHT,
STEPHANIE VARTY, SAMUEL MOSES, FRED TOMATUK,
CLAYTON TOMATUK AND FRANCES TOMATUK.



WASHAW SIBI
MARCH 2023



SIMEON TRAPPER
IS HAPPY AT WORK!

INIMIKI POLSON,
ANNIE MAPACHEE-SALT
AND AGNES MACKENZIE.



THE NEW OFFICE
OF WASHAW SIBI IN
DOWNTOWN AMOS.



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WASKAGANISH
MARCH 2023



THE 381: A POPULAR PLACE TO STOP FOR GAS AND FOOD IN EYYOU ISTCHEE!



WALTER HESTER SR. AND KEN TAYLOR HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR OVER 50 YEARS!



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BILLY DIAMOND HIGHWAY
MARCH 2023





—
WEMINDJI
MARCH 2023

KRISTA KAKABAT,
 GEORGE M. SHECAPIO AND
 WEMINDJI CHIEF
 CHRISTINA GILPIN.

MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE IN WEMINDJI.



DENNIS GEORGEKISH IN ACTION!





NEMASKA
MARCH 2023

THE LADIES THAT PREPARED A FANTASTIC TRADITIONAL MEAL IN NEMASKA: MARY-ANN JOLLY, EMMA COONISHISH-COON, HARRIET WAPACHEE, AND BELLA JOLLY.



FREDDIE JOLLY (RIGHT) TELLS STORIES TO GEORGE M SHECAPIO DURING BREAKFAST!



ECONOMIC SECURITY PROGRAM AND DAILY ALLOWANCE

In
2023-2024

each day spent practicing harvesting and related activities in the bush within the cree traditional territory will be paid

85.09\$ / day

*All rates are indexed according to inflation rate every year.
For 2023, the indexation rate is 6.5%.*

ÉDITORIAL

CELA FAIT UN CERTAIN TEMPS QUE NOUS AVONS PUBLIÉ NOTRE MAGAZINE "THE CREE HUNTER AND TRAPPER" - MAIS LE VOICI ENFIN! NOTRE DERNIER NUMÉRO REMONTE À L'HIVER 2021 (NUMÉRO 31) ET LA PAGE DE COUVERTURE PRÉSENTAIT JASPER ISERHOFF QUI TENAIT DEUX LIÈVRES.

Il a fallu du temps pour reprendre la production, mais nous sommes fiers de vous présenter ce numéro qui mettra en lumière des voyages et des images de mars 2022 jusqu'à mars et avril 2023! Bien que cette version soit principalement composée d'images, elle montre notre intention de recommencer à mettre en valeur les activités des chasseurs sur le terrain et le travail que notre personnel fait pour promouvoir le mode de vie des Cris!

À propos du mode de vie cri, vous verrez dans ce numéro toute une série de photos que j'ai prises lorsque j'ai rendu visite aux étudiants du programme Eeyou Ituun. J'ai l'intention de rendre visite à la classe de cette année également, alors ne soyez pas surpris si vous me voyez bientôt à Eeyou Istchee!



PROGRAMME
EEYOU ITUUN
MARS 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Serge Larivière'.

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Directeur général,
Office de la sécurité économique des chasseurs cris

PROGRAMME DE SECURITÉ ÉCONOMIQUE ET

TROP-PAYÉS

Les meilleures pratiques sont mises en place pour gérer efficacement les dossiers. Cependant, il demeure possible qu'un bénéficiaire se retrouve avec un trop-payé de prestations.

QU'EST-CE QU'UN TROP-PAYÉ?

Si vous recevez un montant de prestations plus élevé au cours de l'année que le montant auquel vous avez droit, compte tenu du bilan final de vos activités de récolte et autres activités durant l'année.



EXEMPLE DE TROP-PAYÉ



RAISONS D'UN TROP-PAYÉ

- Moins de jours passé en forêt que ce qui était prévu, ou
- Autre revenu plus élevé que ce qui a été déclaré, ou
- Changement de votre situation familiale

COMMENT REMBOURSER LE TROP-PAYÉ?

Le montant est automatiquement déduit de vos prestations mensuelles.

QUAND EST-CE QUE LE TROP-PAYÉ SERA REMBOURSÉ?

Le trop-payé sera remboursé d'ici la fin de l'année (sur 1 an). Sur demande, il peut également être remboursé en 2 ans.

COMMENT ÉVITER UN TROP-PAYÉ?

- Rencontrez votre administrateur local tous les 3 mois.
- Informez-le chaque fois qu'un changement se produit.
- Fournissez tous les documents sans délai.

INSCRIPTIONS POUR LE PROGRAMME DE SÉCURITÉ ÉCONOMIQUE POUR LES CHASSEURS CRIS

**POUR S'INSCRIRE
EN 2023-2024**

MAINTENANT

**RENCONTRER VOTRE
ADMINISTRATEUR LOCAL**

*Pour demander à être ajouté à la liste
du comité local de votre communauté.
Cette liste contient les noms des personnes
reconnues comme ayant choisi les activités
traditionnelles comme leur occupation
principale.*

**VOTRE INSCRIPTION
DOIT ÊTRE REÇUE**

**EN MAI 2023
ET VOUS DEVEZ FOURNIR:**

- **Numéro de bénéficiaire cri** / *Tous les membres de la famille*
- **Certificat de naissance** / *Tous les membres de la famille*
- **Carte d'assurance sociale** / *Les adultes de la famille*
- **"Avis de cotisation" de Revenu Québec, pour 2022**
Pour les adultes de la famille
- **Information sur vos activités de récolte,
votre territoire de récolte et votre équipement.**

JUILLET ET AOÛT 2023

RÉVISION DE TOUTES LES DEMANDES ET DOSSIERS PAR LE SIÈGE SOCIAL

FIN AOÛT 2023

PREMIER PAIEMENT POUR L'ANNÉE-PROGRAMME 2023-2024

ENTREVUES

**POUR LES PRESTATAIRES
DU PROGRAMME DE SÉCURITÉ ÉCONOMIQUE POUR LES CHASSEURS CRIS**

**Tous les prestataires doivent
rencontrer l'administrateur local**

4 fois par année

OCTOBRE



JANVIER



AVRIL



JUIN



**Au bureau
de l'administrateur local.**



**Si vous ne vous
présentez
pas:**

1

**Votre dossier sera mis en suspend
(aucun paiement émis),**

ou

2

Vous recevrez un cheque au lieu d'un dépôt direct.

**Vous devrez rencontrer votre administrateur local
pour mettre à jour votre dossier **AVANT****

qu'un paiement ne soit émis.

Aucune entrevue par téléphone.



YOUTH PAGE

FIND THE 7 ERRORS AND COLOR THE PICTURE / TROUVE LES 7 ERREURS ET COLORIE LE DESSIN



**PROGRAMME
DE SECURITÉ
ÉCONOMIQUE ET**

ALLOCATION QUOTIDIENNE

En
2023-2024

pour chaque journée passée
à pratiquer des activités de
récolte et activités
accessoires en forêt, sur le
territoire traditionnel cri,
vous recevrez

85.09\$ / jour

*Les prestations sont
indexées en suivant le
taux d'inflation
chaque année.
En 2023, le taux
d'indexation est 6.5%.*



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