DECLARATION OF UNITY

We the undersigned Chief and designated Representative of the Secwepemc (Shuswap), Syilx (Okanagan, and Nlaka’pamux (Thompson / Couteau) Indigenous Nations, the original signatories of the Sir Wilfred Laurier Memorial of 1910, gather together 100 years later to honor our ancestors efforts to find a just and lasting resolution to the Land Question and to rededicate our efforts to uphold and carry on the Spirit and Intent of the original Memorial this 11th day of June, 2010 at Nkemcin, in the Nlaka’pamux territory.

In December 2009 the Cooks Ferry Indian Band, a member community of the Nlaka’pamux Nation, completed construction of a memorial gathering site to honor the tremendous work of the Interior Allied Tribes of BC during the period 1908 – 1922. The Memorial was constructed at Nkemcin, on Kumsheen Indian Reserve #1 at the confluence of the Nicola and Thompson Rivers.

The year 2010 marks the 100th anniversary of the meeting of Chiefs from across British Columbia who met at Spence’s Bridge in May 1910 and the Memorial to Sir Wilfred Laurier was created then and there. The Declaration was delivered to Prime Minister Laurier on August 25, 1910 when he visited Kamloops. The full text of the Declaration can be read at: http://www.shuswapnation.org/news-and-meetings/memorial.html

Nation Chiefs gathered and signed the Unity Declaration at Spences Bridge on Friday June 11, 2010
June 28th, 2010

Chief Robert Edward
Lower Similkameen Indian Band
Box 100 517-7th Avenue
Keremeos, B.C. V0X 1N0

Dear Chief Edward and Council;

RE:  Colville Confederated Tribes & Okanagan Nation Unity Declaration Signing

July 15, 2010

Pursuant to the last CEC Meeting there was decision on significant historic events have recently transpired between the Syilx Okanagan Nation: the seven member Bands and the Colville Confederated Tribes. These events occurred on May 12th 2009 Unity – Tribal History Making Gathering and June 01st 2009 Border Crossing Rally.

To ensure these events and the significance of each do not fade I have been asked to call up the member Chiefs and Council of the Syilx Okanagan Nation to witness the Declaration of Unity of the Colville Confederated Tribes Business Council in becoming affiliate members of the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA). This Declaration of Unity will take place on Thursday July 15th at the Okanagan Annual General Assembly.

Enclosed is a Final Draft of the Declaration of Unity for your reference. It is time to work towards Unity amongst us all. In celebration of this agreement we would like to invite each Okanagan Community to contact and invite at least 2 of their eldest community members (preferably 1 man and 1 woman) and find the means to accommodate their travel and attendance at this memorable event.

I will look forward to your presence at our formal signing of this Declaration of Unity at our Annual General Assembly on July 15th and 16th, 2010 at Spirit Ridge Resort in Osoyoos B.C. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have further questions. You can reach me on my cell 250-490-5314.

Sincerely,

OKANAGAN NATION ALLIANCE

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Grand Chief Stewart Phillip
Chair
attach.

ONA Final Draft Declaration of Unity.
**OKANAGAN NATION ALLIANCE**

**2010 Annual General Assembly**

**JULY 15th & 16th 2010**

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Legal Update, including Bill C-3
- Youth Leadership Conference  
  (see agenda)
- Language and Education
- Inter-Community Protocol
- **HISTORIC OKANAGAN NATION AND COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES UNITY DECLARATION SIGNING AND CEREMONY 3:00PM DAY 1**
- Community Celebration 5:00 PM
- Presentation of the 2010 ONA/Terasen Gas Bursary Recipients

For More Information Contact:
Tara Montgomery
Mobile (250)-862-6866 or Toll Free 1-866-662-9606  
tmontgomery@syilx.org
2010 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
Okanagan Nation Alliance  
July 15 & 16, 2010  
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Spirit Ridge Vineyard & Resort  
1200 Rancher Creek Road  
Osoyoos, BC V0H 1V0  
(250) 495-5445

1-bedroom suites - $130/night  
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Villas - $195/night

Check-in time is 4:00pm.  
Check-out time is 11:00am.

Reservations can be made by:  
Calling 1 (877) 737 6782 or (250) 495-5445.  
Email to stay@spiritridge.ca

All participants are responsible for their room costs.

Please quote the group name “2010 ONA AGA Conference” or the group code “ONAAGA” in order to be offered conference rates.

Reservations for this event must be made by June 28, 2010.

PLEASE SEND ALL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS TO:  
OKANAGAN NATION ALLIANCE  
Attention: Tara Montgomery, Communications  
3255 C Shannon Lake Road Westbank, British Columbia V4T 1V4  
Fax 250.707.0166 Email: tmontgomery@syilx.org
The OKANAGAN NATION YOUTH LEADERSHIP conference aims to inspire youth to embrace their culture and their roles as leaders and in creating a better future for themselves and their nation.

By the youth coming together as peers to learn traditional teachings and practices, as well as share in friendship and fun we promise that they will leave inspired!

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JULY 14-16, 2010

WKSHPS INCLUDE:
Cultural Laws and Values, Connecting to the Land, Drumming, Language, Chaptkwil (stories)
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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY:

OSTWELVE
Is from the Sto:lo Territory of BC. Ostwelve has been recording music and acting, landing a lead character role and music composition credits on the APTN dramatic series “Moccasin Flats” and movie of the week “Moccasin Flats: Redemption” for which he has received several Best Actor nominations. Ostwelke has shared the stage with acts such as Coolio, Snoop Dogg, Guru, K’naan, Masta Ace, Abstract Rude, Swollen Members, Moka Only, Joey Stylez and Kinnie Starr just to name a few. www.ostwelve.com

MARIEL BELANGER, ACTRESS
Is a member of the Okanagan Nation who has been in many motion films such as Legacy, Stone Butterfly and various television shows, commercials, and select theatre performances most recently Mariel plays the “Third Wife” in the Twilight saga Eclipse.

GEORGE LEACH, MUSICIAN
George was raised in the Sta:at’l’imx Nation, located in the mountains of Lillooet, BC. He is a multi-disciplined artist who has achieved success as a musician, actor and visual artist. George’s first choice for self-expression is music. He is a singer, songwriter and guitarist who performs his original compositions with his own distinctive and unpredictable style.

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For More Information or to Register Contact Tara Montgomery, Communications tmontgomery@syilx.org or call toll free 1-866-562-9609
FAQ

USE AND OCCUPANCY MAP SURVEY (UOMS)

WHAT IS A USE AND OCCUPANCY MAP SURVEY (UOMS)?

The UOMS is a research method that gathers information about how a person uses and/or occupies a particular part of their territory.

HOW DOES THE UOMS WORK?

The UOMS uses a questionnaire and a map to interview individuals about their use and occupancy activities in a study area. The information from the interviews is turned into computer data that can be used to produce different kinds of maps.

WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION IS GATHERED?

The UOMS gathers data about harvesting sites and fixed cultural sites. Harvesting sites include sites where animals, plants, fish, wood, earth materials, drinking water, and other resources were obtained for family or community use. Fixed cultural sites include burial, ceremony, legend, birth, death, community gathering, cabin, pit house and other fixed cultural sites.

HOW IS MY INFORMATION PROTECTED?

Each band that participates in a UOMS signs a Confidentiality Resolution that states how the Interviewee’s information will be protected. Basically, no one can look at another person’s maps or listen to their cassette tapes without permission, and no one’s name will appear on maps that are produced from the UOMS project.

HOW WILL MY INFORMATION BE USED?

The information from the UOMS interviews is turned into computer data that are used to produce different kinds of maps. For example, a map may show all harvesting sites from all interviewees, while another may show only plant gathering sites.

WHY IS THE UOMS IMPORTANT?

The UOMS methodology is more rigorous to social science. Therefore the UOMS data can stand up in a court of law or at a negotiating table. The data from a UOMS project is used to help make decisions about the land. Maps that are produced from the UOMS are useful when the government or industry proposes to develop on the territory because they show how they’re proposed.

WHAT ABOUT RESEARCH THAT WAS DONE IN THE PAST?

Research that was done in the past, like the Traditional Use Study (TUS), was largely driven by the provincial agenda, particularly by the forest industry. This research served the industry’s interests very well, but not the First Nations’ interests. The data from government-driven research did little to protect aboriginal rights. However, past research is still very important to us because it documented valuable information about Syilx culture and history.

DOES THE UOMS CONFINE OUR USE TO OUR TERRITORY TO SMALL AREAS? WHAT ABOUT OUR RIGHTS TO USE OUR ENTIRE TERRITORY?

The UOMS research does not eliminate aboriginal rights to the entire territory. The UOMS interview has 44 questions and takes at least two hours to complete. We need to have small study areas to work with in order to be efficient. The goal is to complete many UOMS projects in order to cover all the areas of the territory that have extensive use and occupancy activity on them. For areas of the territory that are not used extensively right now, we will use a different research method; one that is more in-depth and that works with smaller numbers of people.

HOW IS THE USE AND OCCUPANCY MAP SURVEY DIFFERENT THAN THE LAND USE PLANNING THAT THE OKANAGAN NATION ALLIANCE IS DOING?

The land use planning maps show how Okanagan people want their land to be used. It shows what their vision is for the territory. For example, someone may want an area of land kept aside for eco-tourism, or for range land, or for protection of habitat and wildlife. The Land Use Plan shows what Okanagan people desire for their territory. The use and occupancy maps show how Okanagan people are using the land for cultural activities. Therefore, the UOMS will inform any development that takes place on the territory, including the land use plan.

For more information on this or any other item regarding research and archival information please contact:

Kathy Holland at 250-707-0095 or email: kholland@syilx.org
Barry Macdonald has written a book for parents/teachers raising or teaching boys. Check out his website at [www.MentoringBoys.com](http://www.MentoringBoys.com)

He recently gave a workshop in Vernon and had great information/advice:

- Look beyond misbehavior-do not shut down ingenuity
- Capacity to hear- males have more difficulty
- Testosterone has a powerful effect on brain development
- Movement facilitates processing-Learning loves movement- Some boys just can’t sit still- (It gets called ADHD or other things but some boys are just different-He shared a story about a nurse whose baby boy broke her ribs in the womb/made it down 3 flights of stairs when he was a toddler/he was adventurous…Mr. Macdonald says some boys need more freedom…don’t be afraid to give them more string/freedom; making them sit still is not the answer
- One important message was showing interest in the things your son likes. For example, instead of arguing about the amount of time spent on the video games…plays with him…give him 5-10 minutes. A mother played with her son’s game and got a better understanding of why sometimes that extra 5 minutes your son asks for is so important. She found out why getting to the next level is important and why it is hard to stop playing.
- Talking about the body and sex is important. Things will be learned on the play ground and its important for them to discuss topics with their parents/care givers. It is easy for misconceptions to happen.
- The saying “Boys will be Boys” is counterproductive. Understanding and responding to sons/boys is important
- REMINDER- Lighten up; laughter lubricates learning!

Barry Macdonald says that BOYS are Half Our Future! His book has information that parents and educators need to read. The information is helpful in all areas. Ie. Model respect for women, fight homophobia, avoid shaming boys, practice inclusiveness with low income families, are just a few important topics covered in his book. Barry Macdonald’s goal is educating people on how we can help our sons/ boys become caring, courageous and ethical men!

For more information regarding this article please contact: Freda McLean, Aboriginal Child &Youth Mental Health Wellness Coordinator 250-707-0095 ext. 150 or email fmclean@syilx.org
On Behalf of the Okanagan Nation Chiefs Executive Council we would like to congratulate the following graduates of 2010 on their success and hard work.

**Penticton Indian Band**

**High School Graduates:**
- Amber Cardenas
- Chantelle Desjarlais
- Marleen Jack
- Alyx Lezard
- Layne McLean
- Emilio Paul
- Cory Squakin
- Elizabeth Sky Prince
- Tyler Jack

**Post-Secondary Graduate:**
- Vern Bevis, Methodica School of Acting, Vancouver BC, November 2009
  - Aaron Lecoy, Diploma in Film Production, Vancouver BC, December 2009
  - Dr. Jeannette Armstrong, Doctorate of Philosophy, Greifswald University, Greifswald Germany

**Osoyoos Indian Band**

**High School Graduates:**
- David Alex
- Brock Matutat
- Bradley Tanner
- Marlin Tanner
- Jordon Matutat
- Trent Gabriel

**Upper Nicola Indian Band**

**High School Graduates:**
- Clint Alexander
- Thelma Chillihtcia
- Sylvester Colton
- Tyron Holmes
- Jacob Lindley
- Connie LeCloude
- Jesse Monroe
- Boomer Sheena
- Bryce Tom
- Cassie Tom

**Post-Secondary Graduates:**
- Crystal Lindley
- Nadine Chillihtcia
- Gina Egan
- Sandra Smith

**Lower Similkameen Indian Band**

**High School Graduates:**
- Kirsten Lindley
- JC Richter
- Gaeln Illbrern
- Ali Butler

**Post-Secondary Graduates:**
- Zeke Terbasket
- Dustin Louis
- Alicia Louis
- Karen Terbasket
- Tiinesha Begeye Terbasket

**Upper Similkameen Indian Band**

**High School Graduates:**
- Corey Squakin
Congratulations to
Okanagan Indian Band Graduates

High school Graduates and Post-Secondary Graduates:

- Pavel Bonneau
- Jazmine Gregoire
- Tallin Gregoire
- Pikala Goodwater
- Lepika Saddleman
- Matthew Soares
- Kaitland Laverman
- Zachery Lawrence
- Jade Louis
- Susan Louis
- Inquala Vedan
- Lane Brewer
- Megan Muik
- Jacqueline Jones
  Masters of Nursing
  University of Alberta
- Shawna Buchholz
  Masters of Public Health
  Lakeland University
- Julie Brown
  Doctorate of Medicine
  University of British Columbia
- Amiel Logan
  Bachelor of Design
  Emily Carr of Design
- Libby Kennedy
  Bachelor of Journalism
  University of British Columbia
- Devy McMillan
  Certificate of Esthetician
  Okanagan College
- Lorraine Marchand
  Bachelor of Science Nursing
  BCIT
  *No picture available*
Westbank First Nation

High School Graduates:
Makwala Marshall Derickson-Hall
Devon Miller
Bobbi-Dee Stillas
Sherry Cahoose
Tannis Ferland
Matt Fortier
Hailey Cawston
Julian Hall
Shasheen Lindley

Post-Secondary Graduates:
Aaron Derickson
Leann Miller
Pearl Barnette

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Strengthening First Nations through the spirit of entrepreneurship

November 22nd-25th
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Lower Similkameen Indian Band

Intensive Beginning Nsyilxcn
July 12 - 30, Mon - Fri, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
*90 hours of communicative, direct acquisition instruction
*covers all 45 lessons in the book, *Nsəlxcin 1: A Beginning Course in Colville-Okanagan Salish
*tuition covers classroom instruction, book, audio CDs, and computer software
*only 15 seats available, classes held on the Lower Similkameen Reserve
*tuition is $300.00

Intermediate/Advanced Nsyilxcn
July 5 to Sept 14, flexible scheduling
*five hours per week immersion with fluent Nsyilxcn speakers
*weekly examinations, evaluations and presentations
*tuition covers study plan and exams, book, audio CDs, and computer software
*only 10 seats available, immersion sessions held on the Lower Similkameen Reserve
*tuition is $300.00

For more information, email Chris at cparkin@interiorsalish.com or call ʔʕʔ at 250-499-5234.

To register, mail a completed registration form with payment by June 30th to:
The Paul Creek Language Association PO Box 524 Keremeos, BC V0X 1N0
REGISTRATION FORM: DUE JUNE 30, 2010
Summer 2010 Nsyilxcn Language Classes
ʔtn / Lower Similkameen Indian Band

NAME
___________________________________________________________________________

MAILING ADDRESS
________________________________________________________________

PHONE __________________________ EMAIL __________________________

Which class do you wish to enroll in?
_____ Intensive Beginning Nsyilxcn _____ Intermediate/Advanced Nsyilxcn

Do you have prior experience learning Nsyilxcn? If yes, please explain. _____ No _____ Yes
Explain:
__________________________________________________________________________

Agreement
My signature below indicates my agreement with the following terms: tuition for all classes is due at the time of registration. Tuition may be refunded up until the first day of instruction, at which time no refunds shall be made. Nsyilxcn courses offered by The Paul Creek Language Association and Lower Similkameen Indian Band are designed to move learners toward fluency in Nsyilxcn, but are not accredited through any institution. A record of student attendance and achievement will be maintained by the instructors and this information will be shared with the student at the end of the course. All meals, lodging, transportation, and other expenses are the sole responsibility of the student. Students absolve and releases The Paul Creek Language Association and the Lower Similkameen Indian Band from any liability for expenses or damages incurred by the student while attending the summer 2010 language courses. Student must be 14 years old or older to participate, and students younger than 18 must have parent/guardian permission.

__________________________________________________ __________________________
Student signature date

__________________________________________________ __________________________
Parent/guardian signature if student is younger than 18 yrs date

Return this form by June 30, 2010 with check or money order for tuition payable to:
The Paul Creek Language Association, PO Box 524, Keremeos, BC V0X 1N0
Pathways to Mainstream Health Care Curriculum

The purpose of this project was to develop culturally relevant resources and curriculum to assist the Syilx peoples to successfully navigate the complex and ever-changing mainstream health care system. The program initiated a pilot of the training which took place in February 2010 and which received a positive response. Further training for all 7 member bands is planned for the fall 2010.

The Project Vision is to improve the health of Syilx by increasing and supporting their capacity to self-advocate and navigate health care programs and services in the Interior Health region, whilst maintaining Syilx identity and traditional beliefs and practices related to health and wellness.

For more information please feel free to contact: Pamela Crema, Health Analyst at: pcrema@syilx.org
**Syilx Health Plan**

The Syilx Plan is almost complete and July 31, 2010 is the anticipated date for completion. The next step in the Health Planning process will be to validate the findings of the Environmental scan with the communities, determine Nation Health Priority areas and develop a number of specific strategies to address the health needs.

Obtaining feedback from the community is crucial to the success of this plan and to the success of any future actions on the identified priorities. Feedback from the ONA Wellness Advisory Committee- has already been sought:

- At a working session on May 26 & 27, 2010 at Spirit Ridge in Osoyoos;
- From community visits from the Health Analyst
- By connecting with ONA Wellness representatives at the Hub meeting held on June 9, 2010 in Westbank; and
- Via the e-mail distribution of Sections of the draft health plan report.

The draft document will continue to be circulated for input until the next ONA Wellness meeting which will be held on July 8, 2010.

A presentation to each community on the Syilx Health Plan will take place in the fall 2010. Please contact Pamela Crema to set a date for your community.

**For more information please feel free to contact:** Pamela Crema, Health Analyst at: pcrema@syilx.org

**OKANAGAN NATION HEALTH MANDATE**

“To advocate for Syilx control and management of their health, programs and services”

Okanagan Nation Health Committee

Meeting

10:00am-2:30pm

July 8, 2010

ONA Boardroom-Carrington

Contact Pam Crema, ONA Health Analyst

pcrema@syilx.org

Next Quarterly HUB Meeting

October 7 & 8, 2010

For More Information:

Vanessa Mitchell, Community Hub Coordinator
vmitchell@syilx.org

Health Links

http://www.fnhc.ca
- Information on First Nations Health Council

http://www.interiorhealth.ca/
- Information on Interior Health Services

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-sprnia/index-eng.php
- First Nation Inuit Health-Health Canada web site
JUNE EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS:

Selkirk College Ground Breaking Ceremony June 25th 2010

Photo: Selkirk College Castlegar. The College celebrated the development of the aboriginal gathering place, allowing a place for aboriginal students to come together to celebrate and support one another in their educational careers. For more information regarding the Selkirk College please visit www.selkirk.ca

First Salmon Ceremony in Omak June 18th 2010

The Salmon Ceremony was a success with the community involvement and visiting neighbors. The ceremony continues to show Colville’s dedication to having the salmon return to the Colville Reservation.
The year-end youth rally for the R’Native Voice program was a weekend filled with educational workshops and activities as a celebration for the completion of the program.

RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT COMPLETION IN OLIVER June 5th 2010

The celebration of Phase 1 was completed in the Okanagan River Restoration Project. This completion of phase 1 will allow the natural habitat of fish and other marine species to increase fry survival.
The Okanagan Nation R’Native (RNV) Program is getting ready to wrap up for this year’s curriculum. That’s right we are almost done! Time sure has gone by fast. We have all enjoyed each other’s company during the weekly gatherings. We covered so many topics while talking about the points of wisdom at the end of each chapter and learnt so much from the journaling. You all had so many great ideas for weekly activities and we are sorry we didn’t get around to all of them. But we do have to leave some activities for our next program visit right?

RNV SUMMER YOUTH GATHERING!

The summer youth gathering was held on June 4th, 5th and 6th at the ECOmmunity in Penticton. This year’s gathering was a success, filled with fun activities for the youth as well as memorable moments.

THANK YOU

We would like to send a BIG “thank you” out to the Youth workers and community members in each community that helped in the success of this program and we look forward to working with all of you in the next program delivery.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

WHERE:
Spirit Ridge Conference Center,
Osoyoos BC

WHEN:
July 14th, 15th and 16th 2010

WHAT TO EXPECT:
Workshops covering Syilx identity, traditional practices, community celebration, special performers, door prizes and much more……

For more information on this event please contact Tony Adolf at 250-707-0095

RNV is wrapping up in the following communities:

Sookinshoot
Mariel B (250) 549-2921
3:30 pm - 6:30pm every Monday
Sookinshoot Youth Centre

Okanagan Indian Band
Dwayne L (250) 542-5094
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm every Tuesday
OKIB Health Centre

Penticton Indian Band
Kim Gouchie (250-809-7069
3:30pm-6:30pm every Wednesday
PIB Youth Centre

Westbank First Nations
Justin Lott (250) 768-0227
4:30 pm – 7:30pm every Thursday
WFN Community Youth Centre

Any questions regarding the programs please contact:

Amanda Montgomery
R’Native Voice Coordinator
(250) 707-0095 ext. 128
**Jay Louis Memorial Canoe Trek**  
**July 7-11, 2010**

Day 1: Start at Head of Okanagan Lake July 7th at 7 am – end of day at Fintry Park for overnight camp

Day 2: Fintry to Bear Creek Park – end of day and overnight camp at Bear Creek Park

Day 3: Leave Bear Creek to Okanagan Provincial Park and overnight camp at Okanagan Park

Day 4: Leave Okanagan Provincial Park to Oka for lunch and arrive at Penticton Okanagan Lake at 4pm. Dinner in Penticton.

Contact: Pam Louis at pam_louis@hotmail.com or call (250)493-4902 or Cell (250)462-0686

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**Annual General Assembly 2010**

Spirit Ridge Conference Centre, Osoyoos BC

Highlights include:

- Legal Updates, including Bill C-3
- Youth Leadership Conference
- Language and Education
- Inter-Community Protocol
- HISTORIC OKANAGAN NATION AND COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES UNITY DECLARATION SIGNING AND CEREMONY
- Community Celebration July 15th 2010 at 5pm
- Presentation of ONA/Terasen Gas bursary

Hosted by Osoyoos Indian Band

For more information please contact Tara Montgomery at 250-707-0095 or email tmontgomery@syilx.org

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**Masters Fastball Game Saturday**  
**August 07, 2010**

Bonaparte Ball Field @ 11am  
Ages: 40+ (No Kids)  
Teams will be made by drawing names out of a hat  
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