

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP GATHERING

JULY 23-24, 2025 | NICOLA VALLEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



## Day 1: Wednesday July 23 Leadership & Creativity

**9:00 AM**  
**OPENING CEREMONIES**  
Assembly Grand Entry, Welcome, & Opening

**9:30 AM**  
**WELCOME GAMES & ICEBREAKERS**  
Playful & fun introductory games!

**10:00 AM**  
**LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP**  
Discover all your personal leadership roles.

**11:00 AM**  
**LEADERSHIP CREATIVITY WORKSHOP**  
Share your message through short videos, art, writing, or photos.

**12:00 PM**  
**LUNCH**

**1:00 PM**  
**CREATIVITY WORKSHOP, CONTINUED**  
Continuing our creative project from this morning.

**2:00 PM**  
**ON-THE-LAND TOUR**  
Wishing Rock, spaxm̓ən (Douglas Lake)

**5:00 PM**  
**DINNER**

**6:30 PM**  
**SUMMER NIGHT FUN**  
Slo-pitch games, inflatable games, batting practice machine, music, & ice-drinks.

## Day 2: Thursday July 24 Teamwork & Sharing Our Voices

**9:00 AM**  
**ON-THE-LAND TOUR**  
Coyote Rock, Stump Lake

**12:00 PM**  
**LUNCH**

**12:45 PM**  
**KEYNOTE: GRAND CHIEF S. PHILLIP**  
GCSP advocates for the inclusion leadership of Syilx youth, ensuring youth voices are heard.

**1:30 PM**  
**YOUTH PRESENTATIONS AT AGA**  
Presentation of Perspectives on Leadership

**2:00 PM**  
**WRAP-UP GAMES & PRIZES**  
Concluding YLG with games and prize giveaway

**3:00 PM**  
**CLOSING CEREMONIES**  
Join us back at the AGA for closing remarks.

**3:15 PM**  
**RETIRING THE STAFFS**  
Concluding the 2025 AGA and YLG

*Safe Travels Home*

## Activities Tours & Details

**WISHING ROCK**  
spaxm̓ən (Douglas Lake)

Individuals visit this location to express their desire to become skilled hunters or fishers; it serves as a place of hope where they can learn and make offerings. To participate, you will need to provide tobacco or shiny objects, like dimes or nickels.

**COYOTE ROCK**  
Stump Lake

Coyote Rock is an intriguing geological formation located near Stump Lake. Learn about the captikw̓ł in which the Stone People were transformed into rocks by sn̓klip as a consequence of their lies.

### INFORMATION BOOTHS

Fill out our Booth Passports to be entered for a chance to win some amazing prizes, such as a Luxurious Two-Night Stay in an Opulent Two-Bedroom Mountain View Suite at The Cove! Booths will also have individual prize draws too.

### WIN AWESOME YOUTH PRIZES!

- Summer Fun Packs
- Bluetooth Speakers
- Wellness Kits
- iPads
- Cozy Hoodies
- and Gift Cards worth up to \$300!

### For More Info:

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### Youth Wellness:

Youth Wellness is intended to support and guide youth by incorporating a Syilx perspective through culture, unity, and land-based activities