

# In Memoriam



Each dash around the medicine wheel represents the loss of an innocent life at the Kamloops Indigenous Residential School. To commemorate these children 215 **ninwanzh** – milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) seeds were planted on this site. These plants will aid in the conservation of **memengwanh** – monarch butterflies (*Danaus plexippus*). By working to preserve life at this site, we begin a journey towards health and healing of people and the planet and commit to averting further harm to indigenous peoples.

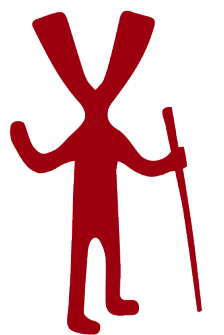
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*EBC conserves habitat on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas, Anishinabewaki (Anishinaabe), Ho-de-no-sau-nee-ga (Haudenosaunee), Wendake-Nionwentsio (Hurons and Wendat), Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Attiwonderonk, Odawa, Michif Piyii (Métis) and Petun. We recognize their enduring presence.*

Nanabush is an important character in many Anishinaabe legends. Half human, half spirit he served to teach the Anishinaabeg how to live and has served to preserve indigenous culture and language for generations.

*We respectfully acknowledge Don McIntyre from Temiskaming First Nation for sharing the legend of Nanabush.*

## Nanabush and the Butterflies

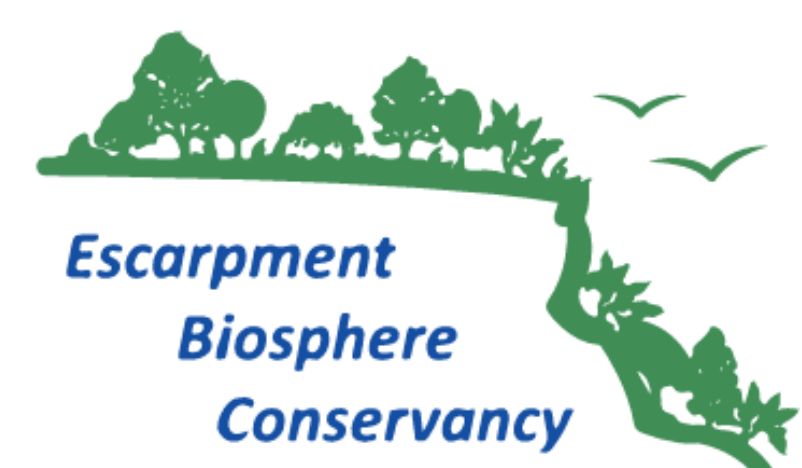


**One day Nanabush came to visit the Anishinaabe, he could feel the heaviness of the people. To return joy to the community he threw rocks to the winds and let out a big laugh as the rocks magically turned into beautiful butterflies. The people smiled and laughed as the butterflies danced down from the sky.**

memengwanh



ninwanzh



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