



Nak'azdli Baby Welcoming 2016 - 2017



FULL Baby's Name: _____

DOB: _____ **Clan:** _____

Phone number (s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parents:

Siblings:

Grandparents:

Great Grandparents:

Include family members that may have passed on if you would like to include them. Please check each line carefully, correct spelling, date and clan. Please include only the information that you would like to be announced at the Baby Welcoming Ceremony.

I, _____, do wish to have my child _____
to participate in the Baby Welcoming Ceremony 2017. I have checked that the
above information is accurate and I do consent, to the announcement of the
above information at the Baby Welcoming 2017 Event.

Signature

Date

Nak'azdli Baby Welcoming Ceremony

Nak'azdli t'enne (the people of Nak'azdli) introduce themselves in a way so people know who you are, what clan you belong to and where you come from. When you introduce yourself to the Elders, you say who your parents, grandparents and great-grandparents are so they know who you are and where you come from.

Traditionally, the elders were the teachers in the community and children the learners. The parents'/adults' job was to make sure food was gathered, water was collected and wood was burning, so the teaching and learning could happen.

Over time, the passing of knowledge has changed; the Elders' and the community connection has been weakened but not completely lost. The Baby Welcoming Ceremony is our way of strengthening the connections of our family members, clan members and community members. Our teachings taught us to guide, protect, discipline and love all of our children. Some of us still do this, but we all don't do it to the extent to include all children, regardless of family, clan, race, and community.

The ceremony is our way of reestablishing our connection to each other through genealogy and clan systems. The ceremony reaffirms our personal responsibility, by reminding us of our roles in the life of each child introduced. This will strengthen and guide our families and communities for generations to come.