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# The Nation Builder

## Celebrating a Milestone: Jordan Louie's 10-Year Anniversary

### *A Decade of Dedication: Leadership in the Woods*

This past week, the Tsain-Ko family gathered to celebrate a major milestone for one of our dedicated team members—Jordan Louie. Jordan recently reached his 10-year anniversary with the Tsain-Ko Group of Companies, a decade marked by growth, leadership, and unwavering commitment to our Swiya.

### **A Decade of Growth**

Jordan began his journey with Tsain-Ko as a Project Liaison for the Blue Run of River project. After a year and a half of navigating the complexities of that initiative, he transitioned into our Forestry department, and he hasn't looked back since.

When Jordan first stepped into the forestry world, it was essentially a "one-man show." He handled the vast responsibilities of the land with grit and determination. Today, ten years later, Jordan has built and mentored a professional team of five. His leadership continues to expand as the department prepares to welcome a summer student to the crew in the coming weeks.



Jordan's career path is a perfect example of the professional growth we strive for at Tsain-Ko. From project coordination to leading an essential field team, his work ensures that our resources are managed sustainably and with the future of the Nation in mind.

On behalf of the entire Board, management, and staff at Tsain-Ko, we want to send a huge congratulations to Jordan. Thank you for your ten years of hard work, your mentorship of the next generation, and your dedication to the shishalh Nation.

## Forestry and Cultural Teams Unite for Cedar Harvesting

### *Preserving Tradition and Strengthening Stewardship at Tzoonie River*

The **Tsain-Ko Forestry team** recently had the privilege of joining staff members from the **shishalh Nation** for a day of traditional cedar stripping near the **Tzoonie River**.

While the final plans for the cedar are still being finalized, the harvest is destined for a cultural purpose that will benefit the Nation. This collaboration offered our forestry team a unique opportunity to step away from industrial operations and engage directly with the land through a traditional lens.

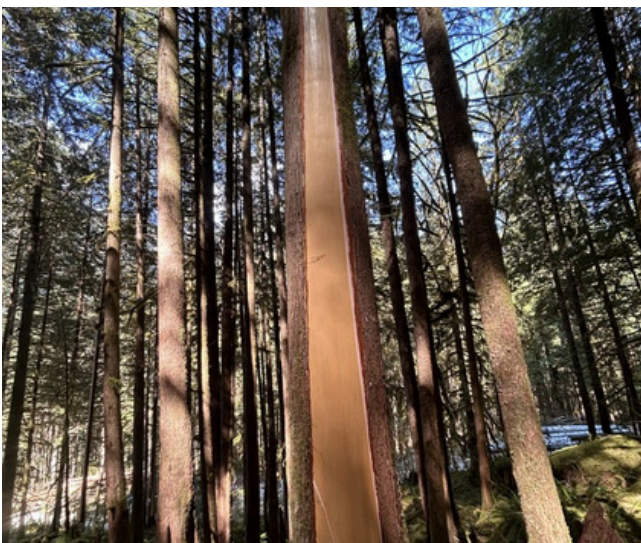
### **Learning from the Land**

The process was a physical reminder of the skill and patience required for traditional harvesting. According to Callum Fallis, while the initial stripping required precision, the true challenge lay in the secondary stage—peeling the inner bark from the outer layers. "The stripping was the easy part," Fallis noted. "It was the peeling that proved to be the real work."

### **Honoring Our Roots**

Our team is deeply honored to have been invited to participate in this cultural work. Witnessing firsthand how to properly and respectfully harvest cedar—a resource so central to our identity—is invaluable. It reinforces our commitment to land stewardship that respects both the environment and our deep-rooted cultural traditions.

We look forward to seeing the final form this cedar takes and are grateful to the shishalh Nation staff for sharing their knowledge and time with us.



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**SERVE YOUR SWIYA**

## We Are Back in 2026

Serve Your Swiya is more than a checkbox—it's our commitment to the land and the community we all call home. It's about strengthening connections across the shishálh Nation and everyone who shares this swiya. Join us for our 2026 Kickoff Event at the shishálh Longhouse on May 28, 2026.

## Join Our 2026 Kickoff



**Location: Shishalh Longhouse!**

**Date & Time: May 30, 2026 - 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



**Work: Fire Smart Clean I Phase 2 focusing on the backside of the longhouse grounds**

**Volunteers needed - Show up and lend a hand - Everyone's welcome!**



**This is just the beginning for Serve Your Swiya this year. If you're interested in what's coming next, email [eaugust@tsain-ko.com](mailto:eaugust@tsain-ko.com) for more information.**

## Serve your Swiya - Why your Presence Matters

*Protecting Our Land, Preserving Our Legacy*

Last year, while we accomplished a great deal, we missed seeing many of your faces. We want to take a moment to remind everyone why **Serve Your Swiya** exists.

This program wasn't just built to finish projects; it was built to **build community**. Every event we host is designed with the **Seventh Generation Principle** in mind. When we show up, we aren't just working for today—we are:

- **Protecting our Swiya:** Ensuring our land remains healthy and resilient through active stewardship.
- **Protecting our People:** Creating safer, more vibrant spaces for our elders and youth to gather.
- **Strengthening our Spirit:** Reconnecting with one another and our neighbors on the Sunshine Coast to ensure the shishalh Nation remains a pillar of leadership and unity.

## Join the Movement

We are calling on all Nation members to bring your energy, your hands, and your stories. This is our home, and it takes all of us to care for it.

**Mark your calendars for May 30th!** Let's make 2026 the year we truly show the Sunshine Coast the power of a Nation working together.

## Unleash Your Creativity: The Tsain-Ko Banner Project

*A Canvas for the Next Generation to Leave Their Mark*

Do you want to see your artwork displayed for the whole community to admire? We are still looking for talented young artists to help us transform the Tsain-Ko Centre with vibrant, new banners!

This is a unique opportunity to showcase your creativity and contribute to the visual storytelling of our Swiya. We are looking for four distinct designs that will be featured on 12 banners throughout the shopping centre.

### Project Guidelines:

- Who: shishalh Nation Youth (Ages 15–25)
- The Canvas: Vertical banners, 2.5ft x 5ft in size.
- The Reward: Each of the four winning artists will be awarded \$200 for their work.

### Why Participate?

This isn't just about the prize—it's about representation. The Tsain-Ko Centre is a hub for our community and visitors alike. By submitting your work, you are helping ensure that our culture, our talent, and our future are front and center for everyone to see.

### How to Submit:

Email your designs to: [eaugust@tsain-ko.com](mailto:eaugust@tsain-ko.com)  
Don't miss out on the chance to leave your mark! We can't wait to see the incredible talent our youth have to offer.



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