

100 Years of Kin in Saskatchewan Anniversary Celebration Guide

Purpose

On April 1, 2026, clubs are encouraged to host a Saskatchewan Kin Centennial Flag Raising Ceremony with their local dignitaries and request that March 29 – April 4, 2026 be proclaimed *Saskatchewan Kin Centennial Week* in honour of 100 years of service to Saskatchewan communities.

This celebration will build excitement for the 100th anniversary, showcase the legacy of Kin in Saskatchewan, and highlight the impact our members have had over the past century in “Serving the Community’s Greatest Need.”

We want Saskatchewan communities to see Kin pride flying high and to recognize the contributions of Kin volunteers past, present, and future.

How it Works

1. You’ll receive your Saskatchewan Kin Centennial flag at Fall Leadership Conference in October 2025. Keep it safe until your ceremony date.
2. Connect with your local municipality to arrange:
 - A proclamation for *Saskatchewan Kin Centennial Week*
 - A flag raising at Town Hall or another central, high-traffic community space
 - Invitations to local dignitaries, media, and the public
3. Tie your event to Kin’s legacy – share the history of your local club, District 3, and Kin Canada.
4. Invite local media to cover your ceremony and highlight how Kin has shaped your community.
5. Optional Add-Ons:
 - Pancake breakfast or community BBQ
 - Mini “100 Years of Kin” display or timeline
 - Recognition of long-time members or local Kin history presentation

Timelines & Checklist

September 2025

- Order forms for the Saskatchewan Kin Centennial flag available this month.
- Submit your order by September 30th to ensure you receive your flag at FLC.
- Plan to pick up your items at Fall Leadership Conference in October or arrange for shipping if not attending.

October 2025

- Pick up your Saskatchewan Kin Centennial flag at FLC.
- Research your municipality’s process for proclamations (many require 1–3 months’ notice).

- Assign a planning committee to coordinate the ceremony.
- Decide if you'll add an extra activity (breakfast, entertainment, school choir, etc.).

November 2025

- Send official proclamation request to your municipality.
- Start inviting dignitaries (mayor, MLAs, MPs, school principals, past Kin leaders, community partners).
- Contact local media about your event.
- Post a Facebook Event and share widely with your community.

December 2025

- Confirm attendance with all speakers/dignitaries.
- Draft your event agenda.
- Share event details on social media and in community calendars.
- Prepare a media advisory for local press.
- Gather Kin history and local impact stories to share at the event.

January – March 2026

- Finalize all logistics (PA system, chairs, podium, etc.).
- Share reminders and teasers on social media.
- Send your final media advisory 1 week before the event.

Day of Event – April 1, 2026

- Arrive early for setup.
- Welcome attendees, introduce special guests, and read the proclamation.
- Raise the Saskatchewan Kin Centennial flag – involve a special guest (long-serving member, youth rep, community partner).
- Share a short history of District 3 and your club's local contributions.
- Take photos and videos: tag @District 3 and use #District3Kin100 #ServingTheCommunitysGreatestNeed.

After the Event

- Post photos and thank-you messages on your club's social media.
- Send thank-yous to dignitaries, volunteers, and media.
- Share photos and a short recap with District 3 for use in provincial promotions.

Tips for Maximum Impact

- Involve long-time Kin members or families with multi-generational Kin involvement.
- Partner with schools to have students participate in the flag raising or choir.
- Pair the ceremony with a cheque presentation or community initiative announcement.
- Keep speeches short, focusing on Kin's century of service, community pride, and the legacy of "Serving the Community's Greatest Need."