

A Day on the Beach
By
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Natuashish

Cast

Yvonne Katshinak.....Destiny (Outsider)
Louisa AndrewNuisha (Local)
Charlene AndrewEster
Denise PiwasDenise
Candace Toma.....MC/Announcer

Aboriginal Day takes place at the beach in Natuashish each year. People set up their tents and sleep down at the beach for a whole week. There is always something fun taking place whether it is a game, contest, live band or food. For someone who has never been to Aboriginal Day in Natuashish they are in for a fun filled adventure.

An outsider follows a crowd of girls down to the beach. When they get down to the beach the outsider is handed an Aboriginal Day T-shirt by a local girl named Louisa.

Destiny: (Looks around) WOW!

Nuisha: (Hands Destiny a Shirt) Hi my name is Nuisha. I am from here. This festival takes place every year here at our beautiful beach. Want a tour?

Destiny: Yeah sure...

The girls walk away

Nuisha: Let's go to the Mitshum house, Mitshum means food in our language. We speak Innu and English.

Destiny: Okay, sounds good to me.

The girls walk towards a tent where there is an elder and some young girls eating and talking.

Nuisha: Destiny, Aboriginal day is when the Innu celebrate being Innu. There will be lots going on down here all week!

Destiny: That's really cool. Can you show me what else is going on down here?

The girls finally reach the Mitshum house and get in the back of the line. There they meet Denise and Ester

Esther: Uentshin.

Destiny: (Gives her a funny look) what does that mean?

Denise: It means what is your name?

Destiny: Okay. Well then, how do I say my name is Destiny in Innu?

Nuisha: Ninu Destiny.

Destiny: (Repeats Nuisha) Ninu Destiny.

Denise: Are you new here?

Destiny: Yeah, This is my very first Aboriginal day ever!

The girls get up to the front of the line and an elder hands Destiny a round piece of flat bread.

Esther: Try it. That's my Grandmother, she made it!

Destiny: (Looking at the food and smelling it) What is it?

Denise: It's bannock!!

Nuisha: It's our bread. I will teach you how to make it someday!

All the kids hear loud noises coming from the stage

Nuisha: Come on Destiny. The opening ceremonies are about to begin!

The lights fade. When the lights turn back on the girls are at the bottom of a stage

M.C: Tshanaskamatanau, Katshipetutek! Thank you for coming to Aboriginal Day.

An Elder says a prayer in Innu

M.C: And now that we are all blessed, full and fat we are going to dance to our opening band. Playing tonight is the Natuashish Rock Stars.

The band takes the stage and plays one song. Nuisha and Destiny dance.

M.C: Too bad I couldn't sing. Let's move on to the next canoe races.

Nuisha: Let's go to the water. We can race together if you want.

Lights fade. Destiny and Nuisha are in one canoe. Candace and Denise are on the other.

M.C: OK contestants to that buoy and back. Go, go ,go!

The Girls paddle their canoe. Destiny and Nuisha fall behind.

Nuisha: Paddle HARD!

Destiny: *(Struggles)* I don't know how!

Nuisha: *(Shouts back)* Just do what I am doing!

Destiny: *(losses her paddle)* Nooooooooo, My paddle!

Nuisha: WHAT?

The boat goes left and spins around.

Destiny: Nuisha! We're spinning around!

Nuisha: I know. *(Looks behind)* Where's your paddle?

Destiny: It's in the water.

Nuisha: Let's go back!

Destiny stands up

Nuisha: *(Yells)* DEST....

Canoe Flips over. The Girls have to swim back to the shore. The lights fade.

M.C: That was very... Interesting. And now we are going to play tug of war.

Nuisha: Let's go play tug of war. You go on one team and I will go on the other.

The girls join their teams.

M.C: Ready set go! Pull, pull.

They start game. All the girls are pulling with all of their might. Finally one team falls down and the other team wins.

M.C: Congratulations this team wins. *(Points to one team)* What a great game. The next event is the Traditional Dress Contest and drum dance.

Nuisha: Let's join the contest. I have some extra clothes in my tent.

Destiny: That would be awesome!

The girls turn to walk to Nuisha's tent. The lights fade. The girls go to Nuisha's tent. Lots of other girls are there getting ready.

Nuisha: Put this on! This is a traditional dress.

Denise: Put these on! These are moccasins.

Esther: Here put this on! It's a necklace made of beads.

Nuisha: Here put this on! It's a bandana. We wear it on our heads!

The lights fade. The announcer takes the stage and calls the girls out to dance.

M.C: Is everybody here for the dance?

The girls come out of the tent and start their traditional dance. The drummer takes the stage.

Nuisha: We walk in a circle and limp on one foot. Watch me, I will show you.

Nuisha demonstrates one time around to show Destiny her traditional dance. Finally Destiny joins in.

M.C: That was great. You all look so beautiful! The judges have decided that there is no winner everyone looks so good. We will have to try again next year. Could everyone please join us on the shoreline for our traditional feast?

Nuisha: Come on Destiny, this is the best part! We get to eat again!!

Destiny: Ok, let's go!

Nuisha: We will have caribou, Innu donuts, bannock, and fish. It is delicious.

Destiny: I had a great day! I can't wait to go back and tell all my friends about what I learnt and did today at Aboriginal day!

Nuisha: Let's go Destiny! The fireworks are about to begin. Let's get a good seat!

The lights turn off and the fireworks start in the background. And the play ends