



## Brightwater Site

### **Elizabeth Bekolay**

Elizabeth Bekolay is a mother of two very special boys, a musician and an outdoor educator with 11 years of teaching experience. In 1999 she began her formal education with a Certificate in Ecological Education, an excellent program no longer offered by the University of Saskatchewan. She interned for this program with the Prince Albert Outdoor School its inaugural year and decided this was a career she would pursue.

While raising a family she completed a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and spent some of her summers guiding with Canoeski Discovery Company and working as a student at Beaver Creek Conservation Area.

Elizabeth has a keen interest in education and Ways of Knowing through various cultural perspectives. She has worked with Muskoday Organic Growers Coop, Federation of Saskatchewan Nations, Tigerlily Education, and the Ecology Camps for Kids. She has also traveled to South Africa and is now learning Cree with teachers at Oskayak high school.

Elizabeth believes that children need to spend more time in living healthy ecosystems to ensure a connection and understanding of what is going to be placed in their hands. Based on this love for natural spaces, Elizabeth has been working on salvaging biodiversity from areas of development for the past 10 years and recently created a business, Lichen Nature, that focuses on small scale habitat creation, gardening and education. Elizabeth has been a Brightwater (science/ecology) facilitator since 2006.