Welcome to the Nurturing our Bodies – Week of Activities!

Day 1: Grounding (Your Body

Day 2: Warming Up

Day 3: Move Your Body

Day 4: Choose Your Activity

Share highlights from your week of adventures that will be posted on our website for the group to see and for a chance to win a prize (randomlyselected):









Before we start this week of getting active and exploring the outdoors, it is important we get grounded in our bodies. Here are a few opportunities to do so:

> Check out the amazing videos created by the Métis Nation of Alberta with RN and Teaching Professor, Keith King (also an AIM-HI mentor and mentee):

- Mindful Pause Practice
- Mindful Eating



Stretch for at least 5 minutes

Don't forget one of the most important activities of the day – sleep! Bring some more quality to your sleep by setting aside some time before bed (even just 5 minutes) to be Z present with your body and deeply breathe, accepting the day for what it is and perhaps bringing in a practice of gratitude to settle the mind for the night.



Try practicing a body-scan before/after sleep to identify and relieve points of tension in the body

Day 2: Warming Up

Go for a walk and discover a new outdoor place: If you often go for walks in the same area, try a new route today and/or challenge yourself to be extra mindful of your surroundings when walking. Here are a few additional opportunities to connect more:



Find a spot to sit and observe your surroundings for at least 5 minutes – count how many birds you see, listen to the birds singing and just be present



Grab some paper and crayons – now go for a walk to find a leaf or two to make a leaf rubbing (<u>tutorials on YouTube</u>)



Leave it better than you found it - bring a garbage bag and sanitizer (possibly gloves) to pickup at least 3 pieces of litter/things that should not be in nature



Go for a walk and look for the following:



Flying Bug



Spider Web



Water Outdoors perhaps a nearby body of water or a walk in the rain



Sapling



Crawling Bug



Flower



The Sun (try to find your shadow)



Tall or unique tree



Something you view as a treasure and/or that you are grateful for

Day 4: Choose Your Own Activity

Spend at least 30 minutes moving your body through your favourite physical activity (below are just a few examples, not an extensive list):





Join the virtual gathering at **10 am (PST) on June 17** to connect with others and participate in group activities *make sure you have access to paper,

pens, + room to move around*