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Indian Names given by Pat Moses on August 31, 2014 at Wellpinit, Washington.

	English Name:	Spokane Name:	Approximate English Pronunciation:	Comments:
1.	Desiree Samuels	k ^w il k ^w k ^w usm	k ^w eel k ^w i-k ^w oo-sum	Red Star.
2.	Elizabeth Samuels	šišite? pe?x ^w úle?x ^w	she-she-teh peh-who-leh-wh'	šišite? was a family name from the early Chewelah Indians meaning, " First Leader. " Pat wanted her to have this name because she is a leader. He will check with Marie Grant to see if she can keep this name. Otherwise, she will get the second name, meaning " Firelight " or " Light on the Land. "
3.	Leah Samuels	k ^w imsi?	k ^w eem-see	Small Blanket.

4.	Dakota Thomas	yoyot nlamqe?	yo-yot in-tlam-kah	Strong Bear.
5.	Kaloniah Thomas	sersr	sair-sir	Cricket.
6.	Niquie Ali	stuplx ^w	stoop-tla-wh'	Spider Web. Literally means, "Spider House."
7.	Markeya Stuart	k ^w k ^w yume? swewl	k ^w i-k ^w ee-yoo-ma soo-weh-wulth	Little Fish
8.	Nathan Samuels	piq nci?cn	pick in-tsee-tsun	White Wolf
9.	Jarek Samuels	k ^w k ^w yume? spilye?	k ^w i-k ^w ee-yoo-ma speel-yah	Little Coyote
10.	Jackson Webster	k ^w lustn	k ^w il-oo-stun	Changing Eyes. Originally, the name was going to be k ^w leys sck ^w lk ^w lustn, but this name was too long and difficult to pronounce. Pat combined the words into a simpler form based on grammatical rules that are allowed in Salish.
11.	Allison Samuels	sx ^w istlwi	s-whees-tul-wee	Walks Around.

12.	Derrek Stalcup	k^wil spya?	k ^w eel spee- yah	Red Hawk.
13.	Angela Samuels	slemti	slem-tee	She is Glad or Glad Heart. The name was originally going to be npiyels spu?us , but Pat liked slemti better.
14.	Andrew Scheldt	yoyot pa?x̣min	yo-yot pa- ha-meen.	Strong Mind. The Spokane word for mind is snčłpa?x̣min , but Pat shortened the word into a simpler form.
15.	David Samuels	k^wti?spu?us	k ^w i-tee-spuo- oos	Big Heart. In the Flathead Salish, this also means Brave.
16.	Angel Samuels	nq^wiq^wayáće?	in-k ^w ee-k ^w ay- at-seh	Blue Bird.
17.	Zara Samuels	sx^wx̣sečst	soo- hiss-eh-chist	Artist. This name literally talks about someone who has good hands.
18.	Amanda Webster	sčñiřmn	s-chin- eer-min	Buttercup. Also the month of February.
19.	Hunter Samuels	ča?łnłamqe?	chaw-tł-in- tlam-kah	Three Bears.

20.	Samantha Samuels	nq^waymetk^w	in-k ^w ay-met-k ^w	Blue Water.
21.	Matthew Samuels	q^wamq^wmt spu[?]us	k^wam-k^wumt spoo-oos	Beautiful Heart or Excellent Heart. This person originally requested the name Special Heart, but there is no word for special in the Spokane language. q ^w amq ^w mt was chosen instead, meaning beautiful or excellent.
22.	Eric Samuels	nine[?]spu[?]us	nee-nah spoo-oos	Owl Heart.

Note: These names were received in a public give-away ceremony on August 31, 2014 in the new wardance hall at the powwow grounds in Wellpinit, Washington. Pat Moses commented that no one has kept a “master list” of current Indian names on the Spokane Indian Reservation, so it is possible that some of these names have been duplicated in other families. If so, the families may wish to change some of these names at a future time.

The Spokane names were written in the American Phonetic Alphabet, which can be difficult for new learners to pronounce. A simplified version of each name will provide a close approximation for non-Salish speakers, but some of the sounds will be lost.

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