



Mino Bimaadiziwin Farm

2018 Produce Shares

Membership Information

Happy Spring and miigwech for your interest in the Mino Bimaadiziwin Farm's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) produce shares! Now in our second year, the program has made several changes that we feel excited about. The CSA is doubling in size this year with half of the slots reserved for low-income tribal families, so if you or anyone you know might be interested in signing up under this significant price reduction please contact the farm. Also, this year the shares **will begin on July 10th and run weekly on Tuesdays through October**. The CSA model is designed to provide a farm with funds while offering a convenient way to distribute farm goods at a reasonable price. Each share includes a weekly box (1/2 bushel) of revolving produce items and eggs. These vary depending on season and availability. We will diversify the produce as much as possible so that you and your family can enjoy the full bounty the farm's harvest has to offer.



Distribution

CSA share pick-up is **every Tuesday from 3—5:00 pm at the Mino Bimaadiziwin Farm located at 36735 Aiken Rd Adjacent to the Red Cliff Health Clinic**. *Please note that this is a different pickup time and location than last year as was a suggestion from several of last year's participants.* Each week, the produce will come in a 1/2 bushel box. **Please return this box** when you come to pick up your share as we'll swap your empty box for the full box of produce each week which helps to conserve resources.

Each member is expected to pick up their produce on time each week. Farm staff will send reminder emails each week. If you notify farm staff in advance that you will not be able to pick up your produce, we will hold it for you for in cold storage for up to four days. While we aim to make the CSA work for all participants we regret that we will be unable to accommodate forgotten pickups this year as this put undue burden on farm staff last year. **All forgotten CSA shares will be donated to Red Cliff elders the day following the CSA share.**

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Expected Harvest

The farm aims to provide a variety of produce over the course of the weekly 17 CSA shares. Members can expect 8 to 10 (or more) items in their box each week. Typical offerings will include tomatoes, green beans, garlic, cucumbers, summer squash, potatoes, beets, kale, pears, cabbage, carrots, spinach, lettuce, apples, and more. One or more specialty item such as dried herbs, bulk dried herbal teas, dried fruits, wild harvested edible mushrooms, apple sauce, sauerkraut, and kim chi will also be included per week. We will include recipes for less familiar produce along with our weekly CSA update. Though we aim to please as wide an array of people and palettes as possible, there's always a chance that a person may not be used to or care for a food item. We encourage everyone to try new foods, but if you do not wish to take an item, you are welcome to leave them with farm staff upon pick up or share them with friends and family. Farm staff is happy to accommodate any food allergies if notified in advance, but can't substitute items based on preferences alone.



Payment Options

At the standard rate, the produce shares costs are slightly less per week than those of 2017. With 17 shares this year as opposed to 11 last year, the cost to tribal members is \$300 and to non-Red Cliff members is \$450. The weekly cost comes to \$17.65 for tribal members and \$26.47 for non-members. As with last year, there are several payment options to choose from. Participants have the option of paying either in one lump sum or in two

installments. If choosing the latter option, the first payment (half of total cost) is due at the first pick-up and the other half is due September 4th.

Automatic payroll deduction is another payment just for Red Cliff tribal employees. The payroll staff will automatically deduct equal portions of the payment over the course of 9 pay periods beginning July 13th and ending November 2nd. Please see payroll deduction sheet for more info.

Low Income Membership: The Mino Bimaadiziiwin CSA has been generously supported by the Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country (GHWIC) grant which is covering the majority of costs for 13 low income CSA shares. The remaining cost to tribal low income families is \$50 which comes out to only \$3/week! If there is more interest than available slots, a lottery will be held to determine participants during the first week of June. If you or your household is currently eligible for food share, Red Cliff Food Distribution, heating assistance, energy assistance, or other low income assistance support programs, please be aware that this option is available to you.

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2018 CSA Membership Registration

Name _____ Red Cliff Tribal Member (yes/no) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Are there weeks you will be out of town and will not be able to pick up your share? (circle all that apply)

- July 10th
- July 17th
- July 24th
- July 31st
- August 7th
- August 14th
- August 21st
- August 28th
- September 4th
- September 11th
- September 18th
- September 25th
- October 2nd
- October 9th
- October 16th
- October 23rd
- October 30th

On the weeks you are unable to pick up your share what would you like done with it? (circle)

Distribute produce share to elders

Save produce share for later pick-up (staff can save the produce up to 4 days)

How would you like to pay for your produce share? (circle one choice below) Payment in either cash or checks are accepted. Please make checks payable to Mino Bimaadiziwin Farm and deliver to Red Cliff Tribal Administration Building, 88455 Pike Road in Red Cliff or at the first produce share pick-up at the Red Cliff Farm on July 10th.

One Payment in full due July 10th (\$300 for Red Cliff tribal members or \$450 for non-tribal community; \$50 low income tribal families)

Two Payments due July 10th and September 4th (two payments of \$25 OR \$150 OR \$225)

Automatic Payroll Deduction (Red Cliff Employee only—9 payments of either \$33.33 or \$50 each) - if you wish to pay via payroll deduction, please fill out attached form.

I agree that by purchasing this produce share, I am committing to paying the above stated cost for the 17 weeks of produce. I further agree to pick up my shares at the stated location and on the above dates and understand that if I'm unable to do so I will communicate with Mino Bimaadiziwin staff or my produce will be donated to elders within the community. I understand that Mino Bimaadiziwin Farm is committed to providing the produce boxes each week.

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____