Full circle learning

Our Goals:

To get youth excited and strengthen their connection to the outdoors

To educate on the importance of traditional ecological knowledge and cultural traditions

To encourage natural resource careers

To build confidence, leadership, and self-reliance

To promote and protect treaty rights

To honor all our relations

To deepen understanding of traditional ways

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GLIFWC & USFS ONJI-AKIING

Onji-Akiing (From the Earth)

Natural Resource Cultural Summer Camp

July 18-22, 2016

Camp Nesbit, Sidnaw, Michigan in the Ottawa National Forest

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Onji-Akiing Cultural Youth Camp

Camp Onji-Akiing (From the Earth) is a cooperative effort between the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) and the Ottawa National Forest to explore opportunities for connecting children with their natural world. Hosted at the Lake Nesbit Environmental Center near Sidnaw, Michigan, the camp centers around the Medicine Wheel, addressing not only the physical but also the emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects of adventure-based learning workshops. Children explore natural resource careers and Native American treaty rights, while building leadership skills and environmental stewardship. Onji-Akiing is open to 5th–7th grade students.

2016 Programs

- Environmental Sciences (e.g., aquatic ecology, bird life, forestry, terrestrial ecology, wildlife, technology, **Career Fair**, etc.)
- Ropes course/ team building
- Sweat lodge
- Service learning
- Cultural exploration
- Hunting, fishing, archery
- Fireside programs
- Canoeing/Manoomin safe harvest
- Brain tanning
- Drum making

Students will be expected to participate fully in all activities of the camp. It is important to the success of the students that they take part in all group and individual activities for service, leadership, recreation, and cultural awareness to the best of their abilities. Students will stay in the Camp cabins and eat meals in the dining commons.

Sample daily schedule

7:00 – Rise and shine
7:15 – Spirit Run
8:00 – Breakfast
9:00 – Team building activity
12:00 – Lunch
1:00 – Problem solving activity
3:30 – Leadership development
5:00 – Dinner
6:00 – Clan time
7:00 – Warrior games
9:00 – Snack
9:30 – Talking Circle fireside
10:00 – In cabins
10:30 – Lights out

Onji-Akiing Summer Program
"From the Earth"
July 18-22, 2016
Lake Nesbit Environmental Center
Sidnaw, Michigan
GLIFWC/USFS application

Participant

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____
Email _____
Grade _____ Age _____
Tribe Affiliation _____(if none, leave blank)

Phone #( )_____

Please attach another sheet of paper with a short essay (at least 100 words) on why you want to attend the 2016 Camp Onji-Akiing Summer Program.
Please include any special achievements, how this camp might help you in school, your community, and any life goals.

Please attach one letter of recommendation from an adult, not related to you, about why they think you should attend the camp and will benefit from it.

Students, 5th-8th, are accepted on the basis of their essays, recommendations and space availability. In the event you are accepted, you will be expected to sign a statement saying that you will participate fully in all activities and parents/guardians will have to complete and sign health forms and permissions for all camp activities.

For questions or concerns, please contact:

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