

Odawa Institute

9th Annual
Niibin
Jiibaakwe

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 19th

Paddle to Beaver Island

Wednesday, June 20th on Beaver Island

Anishnaabemowin Immersion CMU BIO bldg

Sunset Ceremony at the stone circle

Thursday, June 21st on Beaver Island

Sunrise Ceremony at the stone circle

Anishnaabemowin Immersion CMU BIO bldg

Paddle to Cross Village

Friday, June 22nd at Osborne Rd

Fire Starting Seminar, 4 pm

Feast for Pipes & Drums, 6 pm

Saturday, June 23rd at Indians Hills

Making Drums, all day

Making Flutes, all day

Making Black Ash Baskets

Making Grave Wreaths 1 - 5 pm

Sunday, June 24th

Wiigwaas Jiimaan Nakzhiwed (paddling across the bay), 8:30 am at the breakwall in Petoskey

Noon feast at Indian Hills

Who is the Odawa Institute?

The Institute is a 501C3 non-profit organization formed by a group of Anishinaabe people committed to revitalizing the use of Anishnaabemowin and Anishinaabe culture.

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Miinan-Giizis
June 18 – 24
2007

This year our celebration
is in honor of
Ray Kiogima,
Anishinaabemowin
Kinoomaage-Nini

Niibin Jiibaakwe, Summer Feast.

We are celebrating our unique culture and language. For our ninth annual celebration, we are highlighting some of our oldest local traditions. The first is paddling to the summer solstice ceremony at the stone circle on Beaver Island. The others are language immersions, ceremonies, feasts, arts, crafts and entertainment.

We have lined up several incredible days of language, cultural, arts, and contemporary activities.

We hope that you, your families and friends will join us in the fun and help us maintain the vitality of our language and culture. Sign up for events @ 347-3789 or 347-5187.

EVENTS:

Tuesday, June 19th

Paddle to Beaver Island from Cross Village. This trip is a continuation of way our people used to travel to Beaver Island for ceremonies at the stone circle. In the past up to 5000 Anishinaabek paddled in the dark to meet on the back side of the island for secret ceremonies. Sign up required

Wednesday, June 20th

on Beaver Island
Up to 20 participants will attend by ferry. Room and board provided at CMU BS. Anishnaabemowin Immersion CMU Biological Station conducted by Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Language Department.
Sunset Ceremony at the stone circle.
Sign up required

Thursday, June 21st on Beaver Island
Sunrise Ceremony at the circle
Anishnaabemowin Immersion CMU Biological Station conducted by Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Language Department.
5 pm return to Waganakisii
Paddle to Cross Village
Signup required.

Friday, June 22nd at Osborne Rd
Fire Starting Seminar, 5:30 pm by Mat Leskey. Many of our ceremonies are accompanied with a sacred fire. Our goal is enabling people to light fires with materials provided by the Creator.
Feast for Pipes & Drums, 6 pm

Waabska Ma'iingan (Tony Davis) is coordinating a traditional feast honoring all of the local pipes. We also will be feasting for our deweganak (drums). Bring a dewegan and a song!

This is a potluck, so bring a dish to pass. No signup, children are encouraged!

Saturday, June 23rd at **Indians Hills**
Ozhitoonan Dewegan—Making Drums
Matt Leskey
10 am—5 pm

We will start by scraping the hair from soaked buffalo hides. Each participant selects a section of the rawhide, then cuts string and prepares the hide. Students may bring a drum ring or bend one from cedar. It will take most of the day to do this part.

Please signup in advance at Indian Hills so we can prepare enough hides. Lunch cookout provided, no signup.

Saturday, June 23rd at **Indians Hills**

Ozhitoonan Bbigon—
Making Flutes, 10 am—5 pm

Ken Roberts, Matt Koontz

We will provide prepared hollow blanks. Each participant will design and carve out their own dodem and finish shaping and tuning their flute.

Saturday, June 23rd at **Indians Hills**
Black Ash Basket Making
Renee Dillard Wasson and son Isaac
8 pm—6 pm, at Indian Hills Gallery

Please sign up in advance for this repeat seminar at Indian Hills. Everybody leaves at the end of the day with a basket and knowledge of an endangered tradition. Lunch provided.

Saturday, June 23rd at **Indians Hills**
Making Grave Crowns
Harriet Booth
1 – 5 pm

Sit with our elders and make a crown for your families graves.

Sunday, June 24th
Wiigwaas Jiimaan Nakzhiwed
Crossing the Bay
8:30 am, at the breakwall in Petoskey

We will paddle across the bay from Petoskey to Harbor Springs and back in the big jiimaan (canoe). Upon landing, we will share a feast at Indian Hills Community Room. Potluck feast will start at noon.
Signup for the crossing required. Children encouraged.

“There are no costs”
Miigwetch gaabezhaayek!
Thank you for coming!