

# Menominee Buffalo Initiative

## Community Harvest

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### EVENT INFO



Processing events will take place at the Agricultural Dept. (Old Rec Center) in Keshena. Games and Feast will take place at Omāēqnomenēwak Wētōhkatikamek.



All Menominee elders interested in receiving ground pesaehkiw (buffalo) please come sign up during either day of processing.



We are looking for volunteers for each day, if you are willing please contact: Eden Huntington [ehuntington@mitw.org](mailto:ehuntington@mitw.org) or 715-799-7099.

### M.B.I. INFO

Menominee Buffalo Initiative (M.B.I.) in partnership with The Nature Conservancy will be traveling to conduct a traditional harvest at Nacusa Grasslands, a buffalo prairie preserve located in Illinois.

Although our traditional ceremonial practices indicate we understood the great significance of this relative, we acknowledge that buffalo were not at the center of our Menominee culture in the earliest writings, yet their relevance is without question.

Archeology sites provide evidence that Pesaehkiw once migrated in massive numbers across the prairie lands that existed in what we today call Wisconsin. During the expansion of colonization and tribes being forcefully removed from their homelands, buffalo were nearly wiped out to remove the food source and our lands were opened up to homesteads.

Today, there are many movements, like ours, across Indian country making great efforts to restore buffalo back into our lands and communities to help us reconnect our life ways with creation.

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### HIDE REMOVAL AND HALF BUFFALO PROCESSING 10 AM - 6 PM

**Location: MITW Ag. Dept. (Old Rec Center)**  
Opening prayer will begin at 10 AM. High School Students and MITW Departments are invited to assist in the processing 1st half of the buffalo.

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### SECOND HALF BUFFALO PROCESSING 1 PM - 6 PM

**Location: MITW Ag. Dept. (Old Rec Center)**  
Community is invited to assist in the processing 2nd half of the buffalo.

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### WORKSHOPS AND DEMOS 1PM - 6 PM

**Location: MITW Ag. Dept. (Old Rec Center)**  
Traditional meat drying method, tea making, cooking demo

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### TRADITIONAL GAMES AND FEAST 3 PM - 6 PM

**Location: Omāēqnomenēwak Wētōhkatikamek**  
3 PM - Games with Paul Ninham  
4 PM - Feast (Meat distribution)  
5 PM - Giveaway

**All Participants and Volunteers will need to check in and sign Release of Liability. This is a drug and alcohol free event.**



Questions? Please contact Donavan Waupoose at [dwaupoose92@outlook.com](mailto:dwaupoose92@outlook.com)