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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Onji-Akiing (From the Earth)



Natural Resource Cultural Summer Camp

July 17-21, 2017

Camp Nesbit, Sidnaw, Michigan in the Ottawa National Forest

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–8th graders.

2017 Programs

- Environmental Sciences (e.g., aquatic ecology, bird life, forestry, terrestrial ecology, wildlife, technology, **Career Fair**, etc.)
- Ropes course/ team building
- Birch bark basket making
- Service learning



- Cultural exploration
- Hunting, fishing, archery
- Fireside programs
- Canoeing/Manoomin safe harvest
- Brain tanning
- Traditional fish smoking



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