



Three Fires Midewiwin Lodge

Harvest Ceremonies

November 27th to December 1st, 2013

**Three Fires Midewiwin Learning Center
11126 W, Hwy #2, Cedar, Wisconsin**



Welcome to all people of good hearts, spirit and yearning to learn and to return to the truth of Anishinabe being. BAWDWAYWIDUN

Events and Highlights (see attached schedule for more information):

- Midewauniquay Water Ceremony
- Fire Lighting Ceremony, Sunrise Ceremonies each day
- Midewiwin Lodge Protocols, Drum Gathering
- Midewiwin Initiate Petitioning & Declarations, Megis Presentation & Initiate Teachings
- Ogitchidaw Society Ceremony and Celebration, Buffalo Dance Society Ceremonies
- Jingle Dress Medicine Healing Dance

ADVANCE WORK: CLEAN AND READY MIDE SCHOOL / KITCHEN / SWEAT LODGES / GROUNDS, ETC. If you are able, come early or plan to stay later to help with the post-ceremonies clean up.

Tuesday, November 26th and Wednesday November 27th

Grounds preparation, Mide School, kitchen, sweatlodge clean-up, preparations.

Wednesday November 27th

Preparations continue.

MIDEWAUNIQWAY WATER OFFERING 3:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Teachers, Chiefs, Quays Meeting; All Midewiwin to be present.

Fire Chief will announce Fire Lighting Ceremony

8:30 p.m. **Cleansing Sweat Lodge for Leadership**

**** Bear, Bizhew, Eagle, Buffalo, are responsible to organize and ensure 24-hour security****

Proposed Ceremonies Schedule. During ceremonies, Lodge Leadership will announce any changes that are necessary to respond to the Spirit and to the needs of the People.

Day 1: November 28th Thursday, Fire Lighting, First Day

TBA Fire Lighting followed Daybreak Ceremony presided by Bawdwaywidun

8:00 a.m. Break and Lodge Preparations

10:00 a.m. Drum Call-In, Lodge Opening, Tobacco, Water Ceremonies

[All DECLAREES: those intending to declare their intention to enter the lodge must be present by noon and should also have 'checked-in' with the Road Chiefs]

Noon Noon Feast: Welcoming Feast: Host Community/Centre Fire

7:00 p.m. Evening Feast: Evening Feast: **Thanksgiving & Memorial Feast**

(Everyone is invited to bring a dish to remember loved ones)

Evening Sweat Lodges for Declarees

Day 2: November 29th Friday

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony TBA (sunrise is about 7:20 a.m.)

8:00 a.m. Break and Lodge Preparations

10:00 a.m. Morning Session (All Midewiwin & Initiates to be present)

noon Noon Feast: Waubizayshee Ododaym

1:00 p.m. *Grandfather Drum Feast & Megis Presentations*

6:00 p.m. Evening Feast: Pizhew, Miengun Ododaym

Initiate Teaching Sessions

Day 3: November 30th Saturday

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony TBA

10:00 a.m. Morning Session

12:00 p.m. Noon Feast: Ogitchidaw

Saturday afternoon/evening is dedicated to Ogitchidaw, Buffalo & Jingle Dress Societies

TBA Ogitchidaw & Buffalo Dance Celebration

6:00 p.m. Evening Feast: Nibi Ododaym

7:00 p.m. Jingle Dress Medicine Healing Society Healing Dance

Day 4: December 1st Sunday: Lodge Protocols & Wrap-up CLEAN UP

Travel lunch to be provided by Mukwa Ododaym

Hugs, Tears, Peace. Gi Guh Waubuh Mi Goo, Neekawnis. Bawdwaywindun Banaise, Chiefs and Quays of the Three Fires Midewiwin Lodge

ADDITIONAL CEREMONIES INFORMATION FOR ALL MIDEWIWINS, FRIENDS/SUPPORTERS:

Fund-raising reminders:

- Individual and Doorway contributions to the cost of ceremonies.
- Individual contributions to Lodge feasts and Clan feasts.
- Contributions for sanitation and parking
- Contributions to the up-front cost of drilling a well on the Mide School property.
- Donations still expected for the Mide Mall, or items that need replenishing in the Kitchen.

*****All donations are our contribution to keep our living lodge healthy.
For the Spirit, for the future.*****

We are self- determining, FREE People. A few reminders

Financing Ceremonies:

- Three Fires Midewiwin Ceremonies are funded entirely by the \$\$ donations from those who participate and support the Lodge. Each Doorway friends and supporters are expected to contribute to the cost of ceremonies.
- Sanitation Fees are requested (\$20/person, to pay for porta-potties and service) in addition to our doorway donations.
- Each Clan group is expected to pay for their feast and also contribute \$250.00 to the costs of the Cook & the Mide School kitchen (gas, electricity, kitchen tools and supplies).
- ALL DONATIONS ARE NEEDED & APPRECIATED.
- The Mide Mall and Food Stand are also there to generate revenue to support the costs of ceremonies. Donations of quality items for the Mide Mall are appreciated, especially items relating to ceremonies: traditional tobacco, sheeshegwunug, and beadwork items, for example. Contact Danielle and Eddie J. at daniellembenton@yahoo.com
- The Food Stand can use donations of cutlery, plates, cups, bowls, napkins, chips, pop, etc.

Anishinabe is always thinking 'what can/will I bring? How can I help? ' Here are some examples:

- Bring tools that can be used to gather cedar, rebuild or ready the sweat lodge, etc.
- Bring medicines: CEDAR & BALSAM for SWEATS; cedar for our sacred fire and JD healing dance & healing ceremonies. Sweetgrass; sage; natural tobacco; copal & charcoal burners; bear root & sweet flag etc.
- Remember to bring your feast bundle.
- Grandfather food, Ceremony feast food- **wild meat; fish; corn; wild rice; maple syrup, maple sugar.**
- Kitchen cooking pots, utensils, large coolers, coffee urns, food prep equipment, cleaning supplies.

Clan Feasts/ Feast Preparation


- The Feast Chief has prepared information for the feasts (Clan/Society feast, Grandfather Drum feast, etc.) that should be referred to for all feast preparation. Clans or Societies are responsible for ensuring that the four sacred foods are served in their feast, as well as for the cost, organization, serving, blessing and clean-up for their feast.

Ogitchidaw/Buffalo Dance Society/Jingle Dress Medicine Healing Society

- Saturday is for the ceremonies for these three Societies. Check with Society Chiefs to find out what they might need in terms of medicines, foods, helpers.

AREA HOTEL/MOTEL INFORMATION

<There are many more hotels/motels in the area that are listed on the Internet, this is only a selection>

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| <p>Odanah, Wisconsin Bad River Casino 1-800-682-7121 <i>(17 miles west of Mide School on US Hwy 2)</i></p> <p>Ashland, Wisconsin <i>(26 miles west of Mide School)</i> Ashland Motel 715-682-5503 2300 Lake Shore Dr. Bayview Motel 715-682-5253 2419 Lake Shore Dr. Bell Motel 715-682-4109 407 Lake Shore Dr. Crest Motel 1-800-657-1329 Lake Aire Inn 715 682-4551 101 E. Lake Shore Dr. Lake Side Motel 715-682-4575 1706 Lake Shore Dr. Super 8 Motel 715-682-9377 1610 Lake Shore Dr.</p> | <p>Ironwood, Michigan <i>(13 miles east of Mide School on US Hwy 2)</i></p> <p>Advance Motel 906-932-4511 663 E Cloverland Dr Americ Inn Motel 906-932-7200 1117 E. Cloverland Dr. Budget Host Inn 906-932-1260 Comfort Inn 906-932-2224 210 E. Cloverland Dr. Indianhead Motel 906-932-0800 823 E U S 2 Ironwood Motel 906-932-5520 112 W Cloverland Dr Sandpiper Motel 906-932-2000 1200 E. Cloverland Dr. Super 8 Motel 906-932-3395 160 E. Cloverland Dr. Crestview Motel 906-932-4845</p> | <p>Hurley, Wisconsin <i>(12 miles east of Mide School)</i></p> <p>Days Inn 715-561-3500 850 10th Avenue Ramada Inn 715-561-3030 1000 10th Avenue N. Starlight Motel 715-561-3085 Eagle Bluff Condos Highway 51 and US 2. (715) 561-2787</p>  |
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