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**BLOOMINGTON
DAKOTA LANGUAGE CAMP**

June 28-30, 2022

Tuesday - Thursday, 10am - 3pm

Hau Mitákuyepi, hello my relatives. This summer the City of Bloomington will host its 10th annual Dakota Language Camp at the Pond Dakota Mission Park. Come join us as we learn the Dakota language through songs, dancing, games, crafts, and feasting.

Pond Dakota Mission Park

401 E. 104th St., Bloomington, MN 55420

Deadline: Register by June 14, 2022

Register: www.BloomingtonMN.gov

Keywords: Youth Summer Programs

Who: Adults and youth of all ages and their families

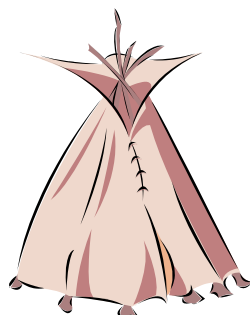
Cost: \$50 per person, covers program costs and lunch

Scholarships are available – contact Jay Ludwig

For more information on the camp or scholarships contact:

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DAKOTA LANGUAGE PROGRAM AND THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



Events at Pond Dakota Mission Park

Pond House programs are held year round on Saturdays from 1 – 4 pm and on some Sundays at 2 pm. In the event of weather cancellation, notice will be provided on the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Facebook Page.

Admission to programs and tours is free. Donations are welcome.

APRIL

Spinning Your Wheels on the Frontier

Saturday April 2, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Card wool and spin it with a drop spindle, treadle a spinning wheel, and learn about natural dyes from Pauline Bold, an expert in hand spinning. Then make your own bracelet or necklace to take home. All supplies provided.

Learn Dakota!

Saturday April 9, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

During tours of the historic Pond House hear about the work Gideon and Samuel did in creating the first Dakota alphabet, see resources for learning the Dakota language today, and learn about the annual Dakota Language Camp and free weekly language classes.

Stereoscopes & Thaumatrope

Saturday April 16, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Look through a stereoscope at dozens of 19th century photos to see the world in VR as the Pond family saw it. Then use simple household items and your creativity to make a thaumatrope to take home. Behold the optical illusion of superimposed images that intrigued frontier children.

Whirring Wonders

Saturday April 23, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Tops have amused children and fascinated adults for centuries. Now you can try spinning a variety of tops and decorate your own wooden top to take home. Challenge a friend to a game of dueling tops!

Mini Log Cabins

Saturday April 30, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Create your own mini log cabin using dowel “logs” and a cardboard box! Learn about frontier construction, and hear stories about the Pond brothers’ first log cabin at Bde Maka Ska (Lake Calhoun) and their first log Mission House in Bloomington.

MAY

Mystery House Tours

Saturday May 7, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Examine the historic Pond House as a history detective! What are the mysterious markings on the bricks, why is the window glass wavy, and why is there a door on every side of the house? Answer these curious questions to win a detective gadget.

Lakota Astronomy

Sunday May 8, 2 pm

Prof. Mark Hollabaugh will explore astronomy of the Lakota culture and their observations of meteors and eclipses visible from Minnesota and the Dakotas. He is author of *The Spirit and the Sky: Lakota Visions of the Cosmos*, and taught astronomy and physics for 25 years at Normandale Community College. This talk will be followed by commentary from a Dakota cultural expert.

Braid a Mini Rug

Saturday May 14, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Try out this frontier craft while making your own coaster-sized “rug” to take home. Choose fabric strips, learn to braid them, then hand stitch your braid into a mini rug. All materials provided.

Log Cabin Building

Saturday May 21, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

Build a kid-sized log cabin! Assemble pre-cut, notched timbers to create a 4’ high frontier home. Can you figure out where each log goes? Learn about the ingenious compound angled dovetail joinery that was used to lock the log corners together.

Jumping Jacks

Saturday May 28, Drop-in program 1-4 pm

A favorite toy for frontier children, Jumping Jacks are flat figures whose joints are connected to a pull string. Pull the string and the Jumping Jack will dance. Now you can make your own vintage Jumping Jack to take home! All materials provided.

JUNE

Seen and Not Heard!**Saturday June 4, Drop-in program 1-4 pm**

Keeping children quiet during long frontier church services was a challenge. Solution: Church Babies! These simple dolls helped relieve Sunday morning boredom for kids. Make your own doll using a handkerchief and household items. All supplies provided.

Dakota Storytelling**Sunday June 5, 2 pm**

Dr. Teresa Peterson, a Sisseton Wahpeton Dakota, will discuss her book *Voices from Pejuhutazizi: Dakota Stories and Storytellers*. Through five generations at Pejuhutazizi, Peterson's family has told stories of events, migrations, and relationships in Dakota history, and stories that carry Dakota culture through tales, legends, and myths.

Frontier Game Day**Saturday June 11, Drop-in program 1-4 pm**

Try your hand at outdoor games such as walking on stilts, Graces, stick-and-hoop, and marbles. Experience frontier fun. Challenge your family to a friendly competition! Bragging rights will be awarded.

Prairies and Pollinators**Saturday June 18, Drop-in program 1-4 pm**

Prairies and pollinators have both played incredibly important roles in Minnesota for thousands of years. Join a naturalist from Nature Enthusiations to look for pollinators and other insects, learn a little about how Minnesota's prairies have changed over time, and make a project to help the pollinators in our area.

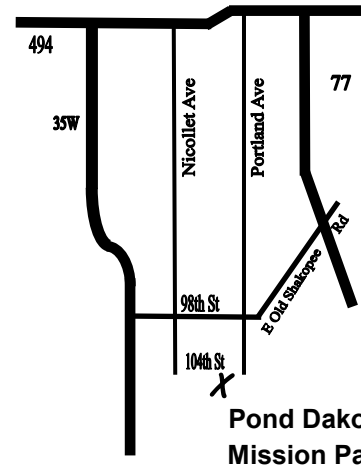
John Philip Sousa Memorial Band Free Concert**Sunday June 19, 7 pm**

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a beautiful evening concert on the Pond House lawn. Twin Cities musicians in period costume will recapture the spirit of the turn of the 20th century. Ice cream will be for sale. This is one of our most popular events!

Happy Birthday, Gideon Pond!**Saturday June 25, Drop-in program 1-4 pm**

Rev. Pond is turning 212! Enjoy birthday treats, tour the Pond House, and sing Happy Birthday in Dakota. Try old-fashioned parlor games - Fox & Geese, Nine Pins, Ball & Cup, Checkers, Marbles and more.

Pond Dakota Mission Park
401 East 104th Street
Bloomington, MN 55420



Interpretive signs describing the history of the Dakota in the Minnesota River Valley, and Gideon and Samuel Pond, missionaries who arrived in 1834, are located along the walking trails in the park. The 1856 Gideon and Agnes Pond House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The park is open daily until 10 pm.

For more information about Pond Dakota Mission Park or private tours of the Gideon and Agnes Pond House, contact Mark Morrison, City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, 952-563-8693, or mmorrison@BloomingtonMN.gov. More about the Pond House at www.BloomingtonMN.gov. Follow us on facebook at www.facebook.com/GideonAgnesPondHouse

The Pond Dakota Heritage Society hosts speakers at the Pond House. The Society's mission is to preserve the rich history of the Dakota and their relationship with early Minnesota settlers and Christian Missionaries, and to explore contrasting cultural and religious viewpoints. Lifetime Individual Membership is \$20. Join today! Go to www.ponddakota.org. or learn more at www.ponddakota.org. Email ponddakota@gmail.com or send mail to PDHS, P.O. Box 20511, Bloomington, MN 55420.

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Return Service Requested

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Free Outdoor Concert!

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