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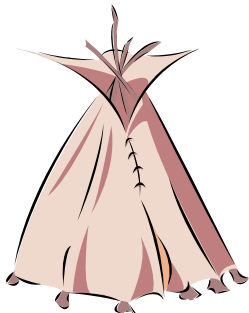
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Visit the historic Gideon and Agnes Pond House



Free 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.

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

OCTOBER

Native Beading

Saturday, October 1, drop-in program 1-4 pm

Make your own bead project to take home, with Lakota artist Carol Charging Thunder. Carol has been beading for over 50 years. Her beadwork has been exhibited at the Tweed Museum of Art in Duluth. All supplies will be provided. Free.

Colors in Nature

Saturday, October 8, drop-in program 1-4 pm

Nature literally comes in all colors of the rainbow. Explore colors in nature with a naturalist from Nature Enthusiasts by making smash art, learning about how nature makes some of the amazing colors we see, and taking the color challenge.

Mystery House Tours

Saturday, October 15, drop-in program 1-4 pm

Examine the 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? Correctly answer these and other curious questions to win a detective gadget. Free.

Jumping Jacks

Saturday, October 22, 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. Free.

Braid a Mini Rug

Saturday, October 29, 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. Free.



NOVEMBER

A Stitch In Time

Saturday, November 5, drop-in program 1-4 pm

Learn and practice basic embroidery stitches with expert needleworker Pauline Bold. Samples, ideas, and a handout of stitches will be available for your inspiration. Embroidery has been done for centuries and is once again becoming a popular pastime. Free. All materials provided or you may bring your own project to stitch.

Frontier Rope Making

Saturday November 12, drop-in program 1-4 pm

Use a simple rope-making tool to fabricate a section of rope to take home and finish off the ends with a whip knot. Learn all about rope – a very important item on the frontier. Free.

Spelling Bee

Saturday November 19, drop-in program 1-4 pm

A curiously American spectacle in which our competitive spirit encounters the idiosyncrasies of the English language, the spelling bee was a favorite community event on the frontier. Test your spelling in a friendly contest at the historic Pond House! Free. (Can you spell idiosyncrasies ?)

Women and Fort Ridgely in the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862

Sunday, November 20, 2 pm

Mary Bakeman will relate how newly widowed frontier mothers and their children sought refuge at Fort Ridgely after surviving raids at the beginning of the U.S.–Dakota War of 1862. The annual meeting of the Pond Dakota Heritage Society will follow. Free.

Pond House History Tours

Saturday November 26, drop-in program 1-4 pm

Take a guided tour of the historic Gideon and Agnes Pond House and see how their home was furnished in 1878. Hear stories of the courageous Pond family and their mission work with the Dakota people. Free.

DECEMBER

King of the Prairie**Saturday, December 3, drop-in program 1-4 pm**

Acquaint yourself with the American bison! Examine an entire bison hide and other bison parts. Discover how each was used by Native people to create over 50 different articles and food items. Play Bison Bingo for bison-themed prizes and watch a documentary on Bison. Free.

**Parlor Games****Saturday, December 10, drop-in program 1-4 pm**

Try your hand at old-fashioned parlor games like Fox & Geese, Nine Pins, Ball & Cup, Checkers, Marbles, and Jacob's Ladder. Friendly competition is encouraged! Free.

Frontier Christmas Celebration**Saturday, December 17, drop-in program 1-4 pm**

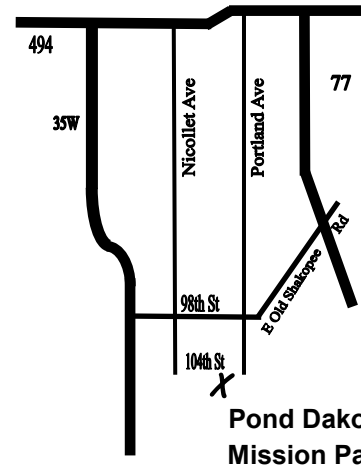
Join us as we gather 'round the 19th century pump organ to sing Christmas carols and winter favorites. Rev. Gideon Pond will present readings from his 1864 Christmas sermon. Enjoy the Christmas décor as you warm yourself by the fireplace. Make paper angel ornaments to take home and enjoy holiday treats. Free.



Saturday, December 24, 1-4 pm
House closed for the holidays.

Saturday, December 31, 1-4 pm
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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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- Receive this newsletter in your home by mail or email
- Volunteer at Pond House programs
- Suggest a new hands-on history program
- Schedule a private tour with your group

To get started, send an email to Jay Ludwig at
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