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Dakota Language Camp Review

More than 50 youth and adults attended this year’s 9th annual camp, our largest ever! Participants learned the Dakota language through hands-on activities, songs, dancing, games, crafts, and Dakota-inspired lunches. The camp was led by Sisokaduta (Joe Bendickson) and a team of trained teachers. Watch the youtube video at <https://bit.ly/2oMQ27S>, or search Dakota Language Camp.



Thakápsičapi Uŋškátapte!

- Let's All Play Lacrosse!

Traditional Lacrosse games at Pond Dakota Mission Park drew over 80 participants on Saturday August 4. Despite steady rain in the morning, the players valiantly defended their goals using hand-made wooden Lacrosse sticks. The site where the games were played is significant, because in 1852 a 3-day Lacrosse tournament was played there: Shakpe’s band vs. Good Road, Sky Man, and Grey Iron’s bands. Not long after, the Dakota left this area to live on reservations in western Minnesota.



Events at Pond Dakota Mission Park

The Pond House is open year round on Sundays from 1:30 – 4 p.m. Admission to programs and tours is free for Pond Dakota Heritage Society members and youth through high school. Suggested donation of \$2 for non-member adults.

OCTOBER

A Natural - Environmental History of the Bloomington MN River Valley and Restoration Sunday, October 7, 2-4 pm

Stephen Thomforde will take us back to 1491 to describe our amazing regional oak savanna, then move forward to frontier settlement and up to the present. The talk will conclude with ideas of ecological restoration, and what the Bloomington MN River Valley could look like again. Then walk with Stephen into the Valley to look at current restoration, old growth oak trees, and Native encampments at Pond Dakota Mission. Stephen has 27 years of experience in ecological restoration. His designs are considered cutting edge, and the outcomes are highly successful.

Open House Sunday, October 14, 1:30-4 pm

In addition to being a missionary, Gideon Pond was also a carpenter. Learn how the Reverend made coffins with an unusual twist during tours of the Pond House today!

Ohiyesa, The Soul of an Indian Sunday, October 21, 2 pm

This hour-long film is about Ohiyesa - Charles Eastman - the famous author, medical doctor, and activist as seen through the eyes of Kate Beane, a descendant of Rev. John Eastman, a brother of Ohiyesa. There are some amazing parallels between the lives of Ohiyesa and Kate. Syd and Kate are descendants of Chief Cloudman and Rev. John Eastman, a prominent Dakota pastor among his people and mentor to his brother Ohiyesa, Charles Eastman. Syd Beane will introduce the film and will take questions after the showing. Sponsored by the Pond Dakota Heritage Society.

Open House & Agnes' Sewing Circle Sunday, October 28, 1:30-4 pm

Join Agnes Hopkins Pond for a tour of the historic Pond House, then enjoy cookies and conversation in the parlor. If you have knitting, crocheting, darning, or other small needle projects, bring them along! All ages are welcome.

NOVEMBER

King of the Prairie Sunday, November 4, 2-4 pm

Acquaint yourself with the American bison! Examine pieces of hide and other bison parts and discover how each was used by American Indians to create over 50 different articles and food items. Taste bison jerky, play Bison Bingo, watch a documentary about this American icon, and more. House tour at 1:30 pm.

Open House Sunday, November 11, 1:30-4 pm

In the fall of 1839, Chief Cloud Man moved his large farming village from Bde Maka Ska (Lake Calhoun) to the Pond Dakota Mission Park site in Bloomington. Discover why he felt forced to make this move as you tour the house today.

The Dakota at Lake Minnetonka Sunday, November 18, 2 pm

Lake Minnetonka was a well-known tourist destination in the late 19th century, and an important place to Native Americans long before that. Historian and author Paul Maravelas will explore the history of the area before and after white settlement, including the lake's sacred site, sugar camp, and "fort." He'll also examine how the Dakota people were featured as a tourist attraction during Minnetonka's tourist heyday, and how they continued to use the lake until its wild rice vanished about 1900. House tours at 1:30 and 3:30 pm. Sponsored by the Pond Dakota Heritage Society.

Open House Sunday, November 25, 1:30-4 pm

House tours will include the story of Samuel Pond's wedding on November 22, 1838, when several of the guests were snowed in with the couple on their wedding night!

DECEMBER

Open House Sunday, December 2, 1:30-4 pm
Gideon and Samuel Pond were the first to write down the Dakota language. Today your guide will greet you in the Dakota language and teach you some everyday Dakota words during tours of the Pond House.

Open House Sunday, December 9, 1:30-4 pm
On December 12, 1891, Samuel Pond died of pneumonia at the age of 83. During house tours today, hear about this missionary's amazing life and see a copy of Samuel's book, *Dakota in the Midwest*, still considered an excellent reference work on Dakota culture before contact with white civilization.

**Drop-in Program: Christmas Celebration
Sunday, December 16, 2-4 pm**

Join us as we gather 'round the pump organ to sing Christmas carols. Hear Agnes Pond read the Christmas story, and listen as Rev. Gideon Pond reads excerpts from his 1862 Christmas sermon. Make your own paper angel ornaments to take home and enjoy tea, cocoa, and Christmas treats.

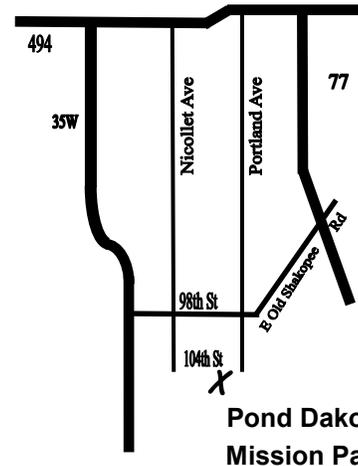


**Santa's Helpers Open House
Sunday, December 23, 1:30-4 pm**

Need some last-minute stocking stuffers? After touring the historic Pond House, make some whirligigs and thaumatropes to take home, and surprise your family and friends with hand-made frontier toys!

Open House Sunday, December 30, 1:30-4 pm
During tours of the historic Pond House we'll remember the 38 Dakota prisoners who were hung in Mankato on December 26, 1862, regrettably the largest mass execution in United States history.

**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.

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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. Annual Membership: Individual \$20, Household \$30, Sustaining \$100-\$499, Benefactor \$500 or more. Renew or join today! Go to www.ponddakota.org. or learn more at facebook.com/PondDakota. Email ponddakota@gmail.com or send mail to PDHS, P.O. Box 20511, Bloomington, MN 55420.

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Return Service Requested

River Rendezvous Public Night

**Thursday September 20
4:00 – 8:30 pm**

Over 50 costumed re-enactors will demonstrate 19th century frontier life, including American Indian dance performances, early pioneer life and trades, plants and animals, the fur trade, wilderness skills, and fun and games through authentic hands-on experiences. Admission is \$6, children under 4 are free. Plenty of free parking. Kettle corn will be available for purchase. Come join the fun!

