Dakota Language Camp
Tuesday - Thursday, July 5 - 7, 10am - 3pm
Pond Dakota Mission Park, Bloomington

Announcing our 7th annual Dakota Language Camp at Pond Dakota Mission Park! Learn the Dakota language through traditional Dakota games, crafts, songs, dancing, and foods. The camp, a joint venture of Bloomington Parks and Rec and the Dakota Language Department of the University of Minnesota, welcomes both Dakota and non-Dakota children and their families. For more info contact Jay Ludwig at 952-484-0477 or jludwig@BloomingtonMN.gov. Cost: $40 per person, which includes lunch. Scholarships are available.
**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.

**APRIL**

**Making Hand-dipped Candles**  
**Sunday, April 3**  
**Drop-in program, 2–4 pm**  
Agnes Pond made their family’s candles, which were the only source of light for the Pond family before the 1860s. Try your hand at dipping candles with expert candle-maker Cindy Hilsgen, and make one to take home. Learn first-hand why the Pond family was so pleased when kerosene lamplight became available!

**Open House**  
**Sunday, April 10, 1:30-4 pm**  
Tours of the Pond House will highlight Eli Pettijohn, who helped Gideon build the Oak Grove mission house in Bloomington in the spring of 1843, before going on to be a leader in the flour milling industry and a successful business man in St. Paul.

**Writing and Publishing Books in the Dakota Language 1680-1900**  
**Sunday, April 17, 2 pm**  
Steve Misener will give a brief history of the translation and publishing portion of the mission work with the Dakota. He will display samples from his personal collection of nearly 100 volumes, many of which came from the Blue Cloud Benedictine Monastery near Marvin, SD. House Tours 1:30 & 3:30 pm. Sponsored by the Pond Dakota Heritage Society.

**Open House & Agnes’ Sewing Circle**  
**Sunday, April 24, 1:30-4 pm**  
Join Agnes Hopkins Pond (portrayed by a re-enactor) for a tour of the historic Pond House, and after your tour, 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.

**MAY**

**Construct a Mini Tipi**  
**Sunday, May 1**  
**Drop-in program, 2–4 pm**  
Make and decorate your own canvas model tipi to take home. Learn some Dakota words, and find out why Dakota people needed homes they could easily transport.

**Open House**  
**Sunday, May 8, 1:30-4 pm**  
Pond House tours will include the hilarious story of how the decision was made in April 1864 to move the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church building to a new location a mile away – by oxen and horses – in the mud!

**Not Just White Men: The Early History of Shakopee**  
**Sunday, May 15, 2 pm**  
David R. Schleper will share what he’s learned about some of the people who made the Minnesota Valley area a very interesting place in the 19th century, including women, people of color, the Chief Shakopee dynasty, Samuel Pond and the Dakota Mission, and Oliver Faribault and the fur trade. House Tours 1:30 & 3:30 pm. Sponsored by the Pond Dakota Heritage Society.

**Open House**  
**Sunday, May 22, 1:30-4 pm**  
Pond House mystery tour: use your sleuthing skills to find a hidden stairway, a secret cabinet compartment, mysterious initials on exterior bricks, and explain why there are giant “S” hooks on the front of the house!

**Open House**  
**Sunday, May 29, 1:30-4 pm**  
House tours will highlight the deep friendship, family ties, and collaboration in ministry which Dr. Thomas S. Williamson and the Pond brothers shared for more than 45 years, beginning when Dr. Williamson first met the brothers in late May of 1834.
JUNE

Design a Doll Day       Sunday, June 5, 1:30-4 pm
Drop-in program, 2-4 pm
Bring your imagination and create a family of dolls to take home! Join historic seamstress Pauline Bold, who will demonstrate how to make corn husk dolls, cloth dolls, and yarn dolls. These popular toys for Native American and frontier children will be a unique addition to your collection. All materials will be provided. House tours 1:30 - 4 pm.

Open House       Sunday, June 12, 1:30-4 pm
Tour the Pond House and hear the story of a father’s search for his 5-year-old daughter who was kidnapped! Who was this girl, later befriended by Gideon and Samuel Pond, who became a life-long friend to the Dakota?

Dakota Farming at Bde Maka Ska       Sunday, June 19, 2 pm
Grant Two Bulls, a member of the Oglala-Lakota Tribe, will present his research on a core sample of sediment he took from the bottom of Bde Maka Ska (Lake Calhoun) to study the ecological effects of Euro-American farming methods at Cloud Man’s village. Grant did the research as a senior at Breck School in Golden Valley. House Tours 1:30 & 3:30 pm. Sponsored by the Pond Dakota Heritage Society.

Also on Sunday, June 19
John Philip Sousa Memorial Band
Free Outdoor Concert at 7 pm
The Sousa Band, directed by Mr. Scott Crosbie, has been entertaining local audiences for over 40 years, providing great crowd-pleasing music. Volunteer musicians in period costume from all over the Twin Cities recapture the spirit of bands at the turn of the 20th century. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy some delicious ice cream.

Open House       Sunday, June 26, 1:30-4 pm
Rev. Pond is turning 206 - it’s time to celebrate! Tour the Pond House, enjoy birthday cake and lemonade and sing Happy Birthday in Dakota. Try your hand at traditional frontier games.
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