



# PDHS REVIEW

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## Dakota Language Camp Review

There was lots of laughter and learning at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Dakota Language Camp, which was held this year Tuesday – Thursday, July 5-7, at Bloomington Civic Plaza. Interactive language games, crafts, lacrosse, history and culture lessons, and Dakota-inspired food all combined to create many opportunities to learn about the Dakota people and their language.

### Bear-Fish-Mosquito Game



This year’s staff included director/teachers Cantemaza (Neil McKay) and Monica Siems McKay, and additional teachers Cassandra Meyer, Clara Lee Marsh, Dawi, Jarydd Boston, and Linda Rose - a great team!

The camp was attended by 33 people of all ages and various ethnic backgrounds, and welcomed our largest percentage yet of American Indians (66%), in part due to our new partnership with Bdote Learning Center, a Dakota and Ojibway immersion school located in Minneapolis.



Our Classroom

## 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

#### **Frontier Bread and Butter – Drop-in program Sunday, October 2, 2-4 pm**

Watch cream transform into butter – we'll provide the jar and cream, you provide the elbow grease! Then fashion your own Bread on a Stick and roast it on the fireplace hearth. Enjoy your mouth-watering treat with jam or honey and take home a recipe for your next campfire. House tour at 1:30 pm.

#### **Open House Sunday, October 9, 1:30-4 pm**

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

#### **Minnesota's 1863 Frontier Outposts Sunday, October 16, 2 pm**

Thomas Shaw will talk about his new research on the outposts set up in Minnesota to intercept Dakota war parties after the 1862 U.S./Dakota War. His research is based on letters sent home from the men stationed along the frontier. Thomas is a researcher in early Minnesota history and was an assistant manager at Historic Fort Snelling for 20 years. Sponsored by PDHS. House tours at 1:30 & 3:30 pm.

#### **Open House Sunday, October 23, 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 simple Dakota words during tours of the Pond House.

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

Join Agnes Hopkins Pond (portrayed by a re-enactor) 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 – Drop-in program Sunday November 6, 2-4 pm**

Acquaint yourself with the American bison! Examine pieces of hide and other parts of a bison, 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 13, 1:30-4 pm**

In the fall of 1839, Chief Cloud Man moved his large farming village from Lake Calhoun to the Pond Dakota Mission Park site in Bloomington. Discover why he felt forced to make this move during house tours today.

#### **The Forgotten Faribault Sunday, November 20, 2 pm**

Oliver Faribault is little known to modern historians, but had a long career in the fur trade. Richard Williams will tell his fascinating story, which gives a view into the real world of early 19<sup>th</sup> century Minnesota. Richard is an expert on the fur trade in the Minnesota Valley and is program director for The Landing. Sponsored by the Pond Dakota Heritage Society. House tours at 1:30 & 3:30 pm.

#### **Open House Sunday, November 27, 1:30-4 pm**

House tours will include the story of Samuel Pond and Miss Cordelia Eggleston's wedding on November 22, 1838 at the Lake Harriet Mission house. Several of the guests were snowed in with the couple on their first wedding night!

## DECEMBER

### America's Favorite Holidays: Candid Histories

**Sunday, December 4, 2 pm**

Dr. Bruce Forbes, professor of Religious Studies at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, will share insights from his latest book, *America's Favorite Holidays: Candid Histories*, about Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, Halloween, and Thanksgiving. He will include some comments about how Puritans viewed holidays (which influenced the Ponds) and which holiday traditions reach back to frontier days. Sponsored by PDHS. House tours at 1:30 & 3:30 pm.

### Open House Sunday, December 11, 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 the customs of Dakota people before contact with white civilization.

### Christmas Celebration Sunday, December 18

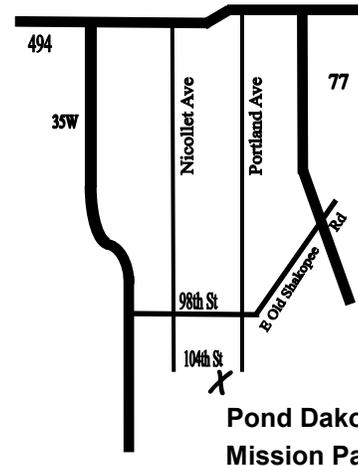
**Drop-in program, 2-4 pm**

Join us as we gather 'round the pump organ to sing Christmas carols and hear Rev. Gideon Pond, portrayed by a costumed re-enactor, read excerpts from his 1862 Christmas sermon. Make your own paper angel ornament to take home and enjoy hot tea, cocoa, and Christmas treats.

**House Closed Sunday, December 25**



**Pond Dakota Mission Park**  
**401 East 104th Street**  
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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](mailto:mmorrison@BloomingtonMN.gov).

More about the Pond House at  
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### Pond Dakota Heritage Society

We're on a mission 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/support](http://www.ponddakota.org/support).

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**2016 PDHS Business Meeting Announcement**

The annual business meeting of the Pond Dakota Heritage Society will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. in the historic Gideon and Agnes Pond House. There are two important items on the agenda for consideration by the members, as required by the Bylaws.

- Election of board members for 2017
- Review and approval the financial budget for 2017

Only members who have paid dues for 2016 are eligible to vote.

See you there!

