



# THE POND DAKOTA QUARTERLY



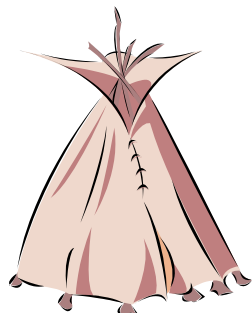
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## River Rendezvous

Thursday September 21, 4:00 to 8:30 p.m.

One of the finest living-history events in the Midwest returns to Pond Dakota Mission Park in Bloomington! Over 50 costumed re-enactors will demonstrate 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Tours of the restored 1856 Gideon and Agnes Pond House will be given throughout the evening.

Admission is \$6, children under 4 are free.

Pond Dakota Mission Park is located at 401 East 104th Street. Kettle corn will be available for purchase and there is plenty of free parking.

For more info visit [www.BloomingtonMN.gov](http://www.BloomingtonMN.gov) or call Mark Morrison at 952-563-8693.



## 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.

### JULY

#### **Beading with Carol Charging Thunder**

**Sunday, July 2, Drop-In program, 2 – 4 pm**

Watch a demonstration of Native beading, then make your own bead project to take home. Lakota artist and local resident Carol Charging Thunder has been beading for over 50 years. Her work was featured in an art exhibit developed by All My Relations Arts, an initiative of the Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI), which traveled throughout Minnesota. House tour at 1:30 pm.

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

A letter written by Gideon in 1834 during his first summer at Chief Cloud Man's village at Lake Calhoun will be featured in tours of the Pond House. Gideon describes a very unrestful Sunday – definitely not what he was used to in Washington, Connecticut!

#### **The Post-Sisseton Dakota Scouts, 1863 - 1866**

**Sunday, July 16, 2 pm**

Curtis Dahlin has studied the U.S. Dakota War for 15 years, He will share highlights of his research into the Dakota scouts, the subject of the most recent of his 16 books. Sponsored by the Pond Dakota Heritage Society. House tours at 1:30 & 3:30 pm.

#### **Open House Sunday, July 23, 1:30-4 pm**

The summer of 1835 Gideon built a mission and schoolhouse at Lake Harriet for Rev. Jedediah Stevens. During tours of the Pond House, discover where it was located and how Gideon and his brother Samuel were pressured into living there.

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

John P. Williamson and Edward Pond both followed in their father's footsteps as missionaries to the Dakota. Hear their amazing stories as you tour the Pond House today.

### AUGUST

#### **Working with Horn Sunday, August 6**

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

Meet David Vavreck, one of America's few remaining horn workers! See a wide variety of horn products, and try using a horner's hand tools, including a pump drill. Until the invention of synthetics in the later 19<sup>th</sup> century, animal horn was used as a raw material in the manufacture of thousands of products such as combs, spoons, powder horns, and more. House tour at 1:30 pm.

#### **Open House Sunday, August 13, 1:30-4 pm**

Tours of the Pond House today will feature stories about Dr. Thomas Williamson, missionary colleague of Gideon and Samuel Pond. Your tour guide will be Jeff Williamson, one of Dr. Williamson's descendants.

#### **Digging Deeper: Resources for the Mixed-Blood Tract Sunday, August 20, 2 pm**

Mary Bakeman, long-time researcher of Minnesota family history, will explore the records set aside by the 1830 Treaty of Prairie du Chien. She will look at the background of the treaty, scrip vs. patents, and follow the trail the records left. Mary is the owner of Park Genealogical Books, editor of the *Minnesota Genealogical Journal* and *Minnesota's Heritage: Back to the Sources*. Sponsored by the Pond Dakota Heritage Society. House tours at 1:30 & 3:30 pm.

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

It's wild rice harvest time! While touring the house, see samples of wild rice in its various stages of preparation, and learn how important this food was for Native Americans and white settlers on the Minnesota frontier.

## SEPTEMBER

**Open House Sunday, September 3, 1:30-4 pm**  
Joseph Renville, a frontier fur trader of both French Canadian and Dakota descent, played an important role in the missionaries' work with the Dakota. His contributions will be featured today in tours of the Pond House.

**Open House Sunday, September 10, 1:30-4 pm**  
Gideon and Sarah Pond welcomed their first child, Ruth, on September 16, 1838. Tours of the Pond House today will focus on the lineage of this large family which eventually included 16 children!

**Sunday, September 17**  
House closed in preparation for River Rendezvous

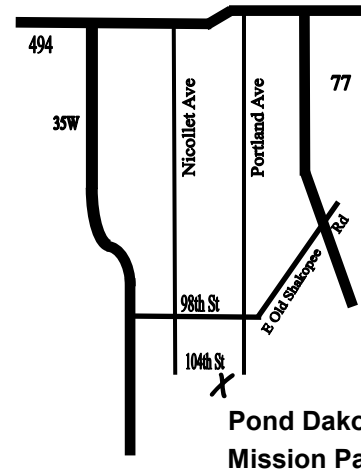
**Open House Sunday, September 24, 1:30-4 pm**  
Back to school this month! After touring the Pond House, learn to read and write the Dakota alphabet, first devised by Gideon and his brother Samuel during the summer of 1834.

## JULY EVENT

### Lac qui Parle Mission Sunday July 9, near Montevideo, MN

This annual event at the Lac qui Parle Mission site is attended by descendants of the original Dakota Christians as well as descendants of the missionaries and other interested people. Dakota pastor Fern Cloud will lead worship at 10:30 am with special music by a Dakota choir. There will be a potluck lunch at noon. At 1 pm Jeff Williamson will give a PowerPoint presentation entitled "the Williamson Family - Missionaries to the Dakota Indians." For more information, please contact the Chippewa County Historical Society at 320.269.7636 or lacqui-parle@mnhs.org. The Mission site is located at the junction of Chippewa County Hwy. 13 and County Rd. 32, six miles north of Montevideo, MN.

**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](mailto:mmorrison@BloomingtonMN.gov). More about the Pond House at [www.BloomingtonMN.gov](http://www.BloomingtonMN.gov). Follow us on facebook at [www.facebook.com/GideonAgnesPondHouse](http://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. Annual Membership: Individual \$20, Household \$30, Sustaining \$100-\$499, Benefactor \$500 or more. Renew or join today! Go to [www.ponddakota.org](http://www.ponddakota.org). or learn more at [facebook.com/PondDakota](http://facebook.com/PondDakota). Email [ponddakota@gmail.com](mailto:ponddakota@gmail.com). or send mail to PDHS, P.O. Box 20511, Bloomington, MN 55420.

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**DAKOTA LANGUAGE CAMP**  
**June 27-29, 2017**  
Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am – 3 pm

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