Ojibwemowin Niibinishi Gabeshi for High School Students

Two-week, overnight camp starts Mondays at 9 am and ends Fridays at 5:15 pm (weekends, campers return home). Pick up and drop off will be at Oak Hall at Bemidji State University.

Bemidji State University’s Ojibwemowin Niibinishi Gabeshi (Ojibwe Summer Camp) is a program for freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in high school who have a desire to learn more about the first people of Minnesota. Students will capture the essence of Ojibwe culture with an intensive language program. They also will read books, attend workshops and discuss shared assumptions about culture and communication.

Anishinaabe faculty and staff members will teach students about the Ojibwe language, history, cultural traditions, and native arts. We hope to continue incorporating aspects of food sovereignty into the activities. We also hope to include an astronomy component as well for 2016.

Additional activities may include: art history tour, drum ceremonies, current issues, storytelling, canoeing, campfire, fishing, scavenger hunts, and Native American films. On the last day of the program, there will be a reception which family will be invited to attend.

Bemidji State University students will serve as camp counselors, chaperoning students to daily activities and facilitating evening programs.

This ten-day program is ideal for students with minimal proficiency in Ojibwe language. Those who are considering attending Bemidji State University in the future to study such fields as Ojibwe, modern languages, Indian studies, art history, humanities, cultural resource management, sociology, or education are especially encouraged to attend.

Bemidji State is offering a limited number of full scholarships to students who have a financial need. If interested in the scholarship, please provide a statement attached to the application describing your interest. Application deadline extended to March 31, 2016 or until filled to: Bemidji State University, 1500 Birchmont Drive NE #5 Bemidji, MN 56601.

The program includes: overnight accommodations, meals, instructional costs, materials/books, recreational activities, camp t-shirt, and lifelong memories valued at $500/week.

Contact: Angie Gora, 218-755-2851 or agora@bemidjistate.edu.

If you need an accommodation for this program/event, please contact Disability Services Office at (218)755-3883 or email disabilityservices@bemidjistate.edu. If an interpreter is needed, a two week notice is required.
Application 2016 for Ojibwemowin Niibinishi Gabeshi for High School Students

Camper’s last name
First name
Middle name

Parent’s last name
First name
Middle name

Mailing address

Phone
E-mail

Shirt size (adult size):   √ XS   √ S   √ M   √ L   √ XL   √ XXL   √ XXXL

Gender   √ M   √ F
Prefer to stay overnight on campus or off campus?______________

Roommate Preference if staying on campus?__________________________________________

Tribal affiliation: ____________________ Is the camper an enrolled member?   Yes   No

1. What is your current proficiency with the Ojibwe language?
   none can speak can read/write fluent

2. Which high school do you currently attend? ________________________________________

3. Student status for fall semester 2016 will be: SO  JR  SR  GR  (circle one)

4. Do you plan to pursue a college degree? two-year four-year (circle one) other __________

5. Please list high school organizations in which you have taken an active role:

6. Please list organizations within your community in which you have taken an active role:

7. Why do you want to come to Ojibwemowin Niibinishi Gabeshi at Bemidji State University?

8. What career path(s) interest you? Why?

9. Please attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or family friend (optional).

10. Please sign your name below. Your signature verifies the accuracy of the information you have provided.

   Camper’s signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __________

   Parent’s signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __________
Please answer each of the following questions using 200 words or less per question:

1. How has your family background affected the way you see the world?

2. Pick a controversial problem within American Indian culture and suggest a solution.

3. Why are you a good candidate to attend this camp?