



# Rapid River News

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Welcome to the Rapid River News (RRN)!

The RRN is a quick view of what is happening at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI.

## Progress in Muskegon

"This is another big step for the Little River Band and the Muskegon community to bring economic development to the region," said Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli. "The tribe was encouraged by the large turn out and positive feedback at the public scoping hearing last fall.

The community feedback was important to the Bureau of Indian Affairs' ability to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the project."

You can read more Online <https://lrboi-nsn.gov/muskegon-progress/>

## Election Regulations 2016

Tribal Election Board approved their new, updated regulations. The new regulations have been posted on the website at [www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov).

## Board Openings

At this time there are two openings on the Casino Board of Directors, any tribal member is free to apply. A thorough background check must be completed. For more details, please contact Mary Thomas at 1-231-398- 6824

## Membership Meeting Dates for 2016 & 2017

(Call the Casino hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations).

Ogema Meet 'N Greet always the Friday night before the meeting at 7 p.m.

April 9th, 2016 & October 8th, 2016

April 8th, 2017 & October 7th, 2017

Treaty Recognition Day, March 28th - **Government Offices Closed**

Spring Fire and Teachings April 6th – 9th

Midwest Peacemaking Conference June 8th through 10th

Jiingtamok July 2nd & 3rd

## Indian Village Youth Camp

(first camp) July 14th through 17th

The dates for the popular Indian Village Youth Camp have been announced.

Two camps will be held with the first in July on the 14th through the 17th.

The second is going to be in August from the 11th through the 14th. Watch for more details to come.

Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp July 30th & 31st

Indian Village Youth Camp (2nd camp) August 11th through 14th



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## Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

### LRCR Board Sessions for 2016

Open Sessions at 6:00pm; Grand River Room; Tribal Members invited.  
March 24, 2016. Closed Sessions – tentative start time is 8:30am.  
Those sessions are scheduled for March 25, 2016.

### LRBOI Warriors Society

Commander—John Shano  
ViceCommander—Leonard Rittenhouse  
Secretary—Virg Johnson  
Treasurer—Open  
Sergeant at Arms—Chuck Nelson  
Chaplain—Chuck Fisher

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.

### LRBOI Commerce Commission / Commerce Department

Your Tribal Commerce Commission and Commerce Department would like to introduce you to the Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC). From Business Plan Development to strategy on Raising Capital, Financial Management and Technology Commercialization, they can provide free or low cost help that can get your business off to a successful start. Visit [SBDCMichigan.org](http://SBDCMichigan.org)

### LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity. [www.lrboi@nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi@nsn.gov)

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department  
Check the website at [www.lrboi@nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi@nsn.gov) for the latest postings.

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application.

Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact

Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: [jobs@lrboinsn.gov](mailto:jobs@lrboinsn.gov)

This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

You can download the Employment Application and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration.

It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions. Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

LRBOI Human Resources

2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660

Fax: (231) 398-9101 Email: [jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov) Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288



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## Tribal Court Docket

(Subject to additions or deletions)

### Monday, March 7, 2016

10:00 a.m.	Hamilton	<b>Judge Bailey</b> 15214FJ Motion Hrg.
11:00 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	11223NA Review/Closed
02:00 p.m.	Burmeister/Conservator	15055PF Motion

### Monday, March 14, 2016

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Campbell & Lewis	<b>Judge Bailey</b> 15262 & 15263TM Trial
02:00 p.m.	Miller v. Miller	09253DM Show Cause
03:00 p.m.	Housing v. Wilson	16044LT Landlord/Tenant
03:00 p.m.	Guardianship/Nickleson	16046PF Petition for

### Friday, March 18, 2016

10:00 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	<b>Judge Sherigan</b> 07188NA Review Hrg.
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### Monday, March 21, 2016

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Pete, J.	<b>Judge Bailey</b> 14059TM Show Cause
11:00 a.m.	LRB v. Giltz	16032TM Pretrial
03:00 p.m.	LRB v. Metzger	16047TM Arraignment

#### Key:

CO Cora Offense/Conservation  
CS Child Support  
CT Civil Ticket  
DM Divorce with children  
DO Divorce w/o children  
EA Enrollment Appeal  
EB Election Board Appeal  
EM Emancipation of Minor  
FJ Foreign Judgment  
FSJ Foreign Support Judgment  
GA Gaming Appeal  
GC General Civil  
GM Guardianship of Minor  
GR Employment Matter  
JC Judicial Complaint  
JV Juvenile  
LT Landlord Tenant  
NA Neglect Abuse  
NC Name Change  
PF Probate  
TPO Personal Protection Order  
TA Trust Access  
TM Tribal Misdemeanor  
WC Workmen's Compensation

**COURT OFFICES CLOSED FOR TREATY RECOGNITION ON MONDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>**

## LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS HOUSING DEPARTMENT

The Housing Department has been working on the design of a new Pavilion to be constructed at the Aki maadiziwin residential development next to the playground. The pavilion will provide a nice shelter for picnics and gathering while the children are having fun at the playground. Also included are restrooms and drinking fountains.

The Pavilion is phase II of our Recreation Plan developed with the Housing Commission. Phase I was the construction of the Children's Playground.

We have also planned for the Construction of two new income based residential rental units at Aki. The new homes will have three bedrooms, 1 ½ baths, basements and an attached garage.

Construction is expected to begin this summer and continue until completed.

The cost for this development is being paid for by our Indian Housing Block Grants, which is provided to us by NAHASDA/HUD.



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Departments	Location	Phone numbers
<a href="#">Accounting</a>	<a href="#">government center -main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6868</a>
<a href="#">Be-Da-Bin</a>	<a href="#">government center- clinic entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6741</a>
<a href="#">Commerce</a>	<a href="#">government center -main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6815</a>
<a href="#">Commodities</a>	<a href="#">aki maadiziwin -community center</a>	<a href="#">231.398. 6715</a>
<a href="#">Education</a>	<a href="#">government center- clinic entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6735</a>
<a href="#">Enrollment</a>	<a href="#">government center-main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6712</a>
<a href="#">Fitness Center</a>	<a href="#">government center-lower level</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6636</a>
<a href="#">Family Services</a>	<a href="#">government center- clinic entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6734</a>
<a href="#">Gaming Commission</a>	<a href="#">interim casino</a>	<a href="#">231-723-7755</a>
<a href="#">Grants Department</a>	<a href="#">government center- main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6843</a>
<a href="#">Health Clinic</a>	<a href="#">government center -north end</a>	<a href="#">231.723.8299</a>
<a href="#">Historic Preservation</a>	<a href="#">government center-lower level</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6891</a>
<a href="#">Housing</a>	<a href="#">aki maadiziwin -gommunity center</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6879</a>
<a href="#">Human Resources</a>	<a href="#">government center- main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6871</a>
<a href="#">Members Legal Asst.</a>	<a href="#">justice center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2234</a>
<a href="#">Members Assistance</a>	<a href="#">government center-main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6718</a>
<a href="#">Natural Resources</a>	<a href="#">9th street offices manistee</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2191</a>
<a href="#">Peacemaking/Probation</a>	<a href="#">justice center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2239</a>
<a href="#">Planning Department</a>	<a href="#">government center -main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6810</a>
<a href="#">Prosecutor</a>	<a href="#">justice center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2242</a>
<a href="#">Public Affairs</a>	<a href="#">government center- main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6872</a>
<a href="#">Public Safety</a>	<a href="#">justice center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2225</a>
<a href="#">Tax Office</a>	<a href="#">government center -main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6874</a>
<a href="#">Utilities/Waste Water</a>	<a href="#">dontz road (near aki maadiziwin)</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2285</a>
<a href="#">Work Force Development</a>	<a href="#">government center-main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6842</a>
<a href="#">Tribal Court</a>	<a href="#">justice center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231-398-3406</a>

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## Tax Alert!

Please note that when preparing your taxes (even by a certified tax professional), make sure your per capita payments are recorded properly. It has been reported to the Tax Office Some tax offices have **not** been filing returns correctly when it comes to per capita income.

According to the "Tax Agreement Between The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan", § IV (A) (9) "All per capita payments by the Tribe to Resident Tribal Members are exempt without regard to the source of payment." There is a difference between the definition of a Tribal Member and a Resident Tribal Member. A Tribal Member is defined as "An individual who is an enrolled member of the Tribe." According to the Tax Agreement, the definition of a Resident Tribal Member is "A Tribal Member whose principal place of residence is located within the Agreement Area." The key factor here is that you **must be a Resident Tribal Member**. Also, the definition of the Agreement Area is "The area designated as such in Appendix A of the Agreement." Appendix A defines the area as:

Manistee County:

Survey sections 24, 25, 35, and 36 in T22N, R17W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R16W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R15W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R14W; survey sections 19-21 and 28-33 in T22N, R13W; survey sections 1-3 and 10-15 in T21N, R17W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R16W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R15W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R14W; and survey sections 4-9 and 16-18 in T21N; R13W; and

Mason County:

T18N, R16W; and T17N, R16W

The Tax Agreement can be referenced through the Tribe's website, under the Tax Department, at [www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov) or through the State of Michigan Treasury website at [http://www.michigan.gov/taxes/0,4676,7-238-43513\\_43517-155416--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/taxes/0,4676,7-238-43513_43517-155416--,00.html) and includes Frequently Asked Questions as well as forms and notices.

If you live within the Agreement Area and have changed your address with Enrollment, it does not mean you are automatically a Resident Tribal Member; you must provide a Proof of Residency. If you are not sure of your member status and would like to find out, please contact Valerie Chandler, Staff Accountant / Tax Officer at (231) 723-8288, ext. 6874 or toll-free at (888) 723-8288, ext. 6874 or email [vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov). Miigwech!

## Commission Openings

Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees. The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered. Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

## Why 1st Tribal Lending



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finances for a multitude of purposes have been successfully funded. Some lenders do only one or two of these options. 1st Tribal can do them all!

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## Elder Meal Menu AKI Maadiziwin Community Center

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### General Information

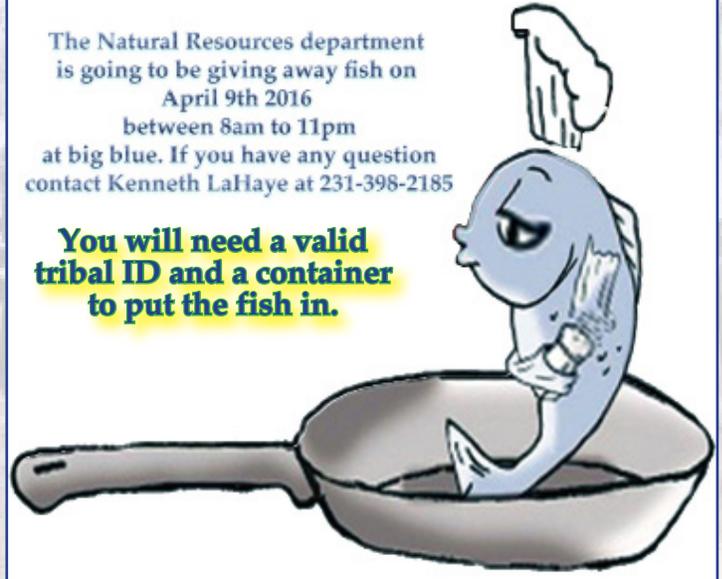
Meals served at Noon  
No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handi-  
cap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder  
Guest Meals are \$6.00  
Donations are appreciated and will be used for  
program activities and food.

### Tip of the Month—Practice Portion Control

- 1 hamburger (without bun) = a deck of cards
- 1 cup fries = about 10 fries
- 4 oz nachos = about 7 chips
- 3 oz meatloaf = deck of cards
- 1 cup chili = baseball
- 1 sub sandwich = about 6 inches
- 1 burrito = about 6 inches

The Natural Resources department  
is going to be giving away fish on  
April 9th 2016  
between 8am to 11pm  
at big blue. If you have any question  
contact Kenneth LaHaye at 231-398-2185

**You will need a valid  
tribal ID and a container  
to put the fish in.**



### Activities:

Mondays—Language Class/ Wednesdays -Wii  
Bowling/ Bingo—Thursday the 10th/ March 18 -  
Muskegon Lunch  
Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions  
231-398-6886 Email: ncross@lrboi-nsn.gov

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7 Baked Chicken Sweet Potato Green Beans &	8 Chili Dogs Macaroni Salad & Dessert	9 Baked Cod Mac n Cheese Broccoli & Dessert	10 Pot Roast Red Potato Corn & Dessert	11	12
13 Day light saving time! Spring Forward!!! 	14 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato Corn, Roll & Dessert	15 Chicken Pot Pie & Dessert	16 Tuna Casserole Peas & Dessert	17 Corned Beef Cabbage & Carrots & Dessert 	18 <b>Muskegon Meal</b> Please RSVP Noelle @ 231-398-6886	19 Spring Into Spring 
20 <i>First Day of Spring!</i>	21 BBQ Chicken Rice Mixed Veggie &	22 Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potato Green Bean &	23 Beef Hotdogs Baked Beans Peas & Carrots	24 Breakfast for Lunch	25	26 
	28 <b>Tribal Holiday - Offices Closed for Treaty Recognition</b>	29 Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat, Broccoli, breadsticks &	30 Pork Roast, Red Mashed Potatoes, Corn & Dessert	31 Hamburger, Potato Salad, Corn & Dessert	Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000	



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P.O. Box 766 | Dowagiac, MI 49047  
Sean Winters, Executive Director (269) 783-4157 Work (269) 783-6741 Cell (269) 783-2494 Fax



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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**PROJECT:** NEW COMMUNITY PAVILION AND RESIDENCES  
Aki maadiziwin

**OWNER:** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, a Federally Recognized Sovereign Indian Tribe

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Reservation

### **BID PLACE AND TIME**

Sealed bids for the project will be received as follows:

**LOCATION:** Housing Department  
Aki maadiziwin Community Center  
2953 Shaw Be Quong  
Manistee MI 49660

**DATE AND TIME:** 4:00 PM Local Time  
Thursday, March 24, 2016

Bids received thereafter will not be considered.  
Bids will be publicly opened at that time.

### **PREBID MEETING**

A pre-bid meeting with representatives of the Owner and Architect will be conducted as follows:

**LOCATION:** Housing Department  
Aki maadiziwin Community Center  
2953 Shaw Be Quong  
Manistee MI 49660

**DATE AND TIME:** 10:00 AM Local Time  
Thursday, March 3, 2016

### **DOCUMENTS ON FILE**

The Drawings and Project Manual may be examined at the following places:

The Design Forum Inc., Architects/Planners, 560 Fifth St. NW, Suite 201, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504.  
The Housing Department at the Aki maadiziwin Community Center, at the address noted above.  
Builders and Traders Exchange, Grand Rapids and Traverse City Michigan.

### **DOCUMENT DEPOSIT**

Prospective bidders may obtain electronic sets of Drawings and Project Manuals from the Architect free of charge.

### **BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS**

The Owner may make such investigations as necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work. The Owner may request the bidder to furnish all such information and data for this purpose.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract.

### **BID SECURITY**

A certified check or bidder's bond or an irrevocable letter of credit, payable to the Owner for the sum of not less than 5% of the amount of the bid, will be required with each bid to secure the Owner from loss or damage by reason of withdrawal of the bid or the failure of the bidder to enter into a Contract.

If the successful bidder fails to furnish satisfactory bonds and/or insurance within 10 days after notice of award, such security shall be forfeited as liquidated damages to the Owner to compensate for losses due to delay and/or increased costs of the work. The securities of the three lowest bidders will be retained until the bonds and insurance of the successful bidder have been approved by the Owner. The securities of other bidders will be returned within 10 days after bid opening.



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### **ACCEPTANCE**

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Owner is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in any or all bids and to accept any one or combination of alternate bids in the interest of the Owner.

### **WITHDRAWAL**

Any Bidder may withdraw a bid at any time prior to scheduled deadline for Owner's receipt of bids. No bid may be withdrawn or modified within a 60-day period from the time of its presentation.

### **WAGE RATES**

Prevailing wages are to be paid on this project in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. Refer to the General Conditions for Construction Contracts – Public Housing Programs form HUD-5370 (1/2014).

### **ASBESTOS-FREE CERTIFICATION**

No asbestos-containing materials shall be purchased or installed as any part of this project. The Contractor will be required to certify that no asbestos-containing materials have been placed in this project.

## Spring Sacred Fire and Anishinaabe Lifeway Teachings

April 7th to April 9th, 2016 at Teaching Lodge Pow Wow Grounds

We will light the Sacred Fire at Sunrise April 7th, 2016. We will be utilizing the talking circle format as we done last fall. This way all the presenters and all who attend will be able to speak and offer the teachings they know and have been taught. We all have good teachings to offer. There will be many teachings we intend to cover so the days will be full. Men and Women teachings will be covered. We will start each morning with our Pipe ceremonies, Water ceremony, songs and prayers.

Teachings we will be covering are listed below:

Pipe ceremonies, water ceremony, our sacred songs, sacred fire and why we have it, smudging and our sacred medicines, sweat lodges, Fire keepers and Fire Keeping the general responsibilities that are universally followed in the Three Fires Tribes. 7 Grandfathers, our clans, why we fast, why it is important to teach our young folks these traditional ways, the importance of our spiritual people, importance of our elders. Role modeling in our community for our youth as we teach lifeway's of the Anishinaabe. The importance of service with our Anishinaabe Lifeway's, the importance of feasting in our homes and community, the importance of Clan Mothers and Anishinaabe Kwe Leaders.

Please come join us, bring your knowledge and share. Being respectful is a must in these settings. All Pipe Carriers are welcome. All are welcome Anishinabek and non-native.

If we gather with good a good heart, with good intentions, we all hopefully leave with a good outcome.  
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## **Little River Charity Golf Classic**

MANISTEE, MI. – Little River Casino Resort is pleased to announce that its 17th Charity Golf Classic will take place on Friday, July 8, 2016. This annual event features a day of interactive golf complete with prizes, a gift raffle and live music

with a spotlight on area charitable community service organizations to benefit from this year's event proceeds. The casino resort underwrites all costs associated with the event and donates 100% of all monies received from participant fees and sponsorship funds raised. In 2015 \$59,500 was distributed to six charitable organizations and has distributed over \$670,000 since its inaugural event in 1999.

Charitable 501(c)(3) community service organizations located within the Manistee area are encouraged submit an application for consideration to receive a share of the 2016 event proceeds. Eligible organizations may contact Chad Eckhardt, LRCR Player Development Manager, to receive an application form. The deadline for applications for consideration is Friday, April 15, 2016.

Contact Chad Eckhardt at [chade@lrcr.com](mailto:chade@lrcr.com) or call (231) 398-3821 for details.



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## *Spring Membership Meeting Saturday April 9, 2016*

*Friday April 8, 2016*

*7 pm – 9 pm*

*Ogema*

*Meet & Greet*

*Little River Casino Resort*

*Three Fires Conference Center*

*Saturday April 9, 2016*

*8 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

*Membership Meeting*

*Little River Casino Resort*

*Event Center*

### *Meeting Agenda*

*8 a.m. – Registration Begins  
Located in the Event Center*

*10:00 a.m. Flag Ceremony  
Honoring the Nations  
Event Center Opening of meeting*

*1 p.m. – Official meeting begins  
Quorum Call*

*9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Informational Booths  
Hallway – Three Fires Conference*

*12 p.m. - Lunch Served -Event Center  
Information booths close*

*Question and Answer Period will follow  
Quorum Call*

*Thank – you for attending and Safe Travel Home*

*Note-Agenda subject to change at Ogema's discretion and if quorum in membership is reached~*

### **Presenters Call**

**23rd Annual Anishinaabe Family Language and Culture Camp 2016 Manistee Mi.**

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We are looking for presenters for this year's camp; this will allow for plenty of time for everyone. This year's camp will be held on July 30th, July 31 2016. If you are interested in being a presenter, we will need a presentation outline and a biography.

We will need two different presentation outlines and some presenters may be asked to present up to three different times. Each presentation should be approximately 1 ½ hours long, but if you have a presentation that requires a longer amount of time, please let us know in order to accommodate your workshop. Please also let us know if your presentation is meant to target a particular age group or other demographic.

We also need to know if your workshop is total Anishinaabemowin immersion, if you will have a translator or if you will be presenting in the English language with some Anishinaabemowin. Please note that if you have hand-outs for your presentation, you are responsible for making sure you have enough copies because there are no copiers on site.

Just as a note, most of our guests do not speak Anishinaabemowin and some understand it, but do not speak it yet. For some of our guests, this is the only time that they get to hear Anishinaabemowin being used. It would be appreciated for all of the presenters to remain visible throughout the camp and to be available to speak in Anishinaabemowin. We have had successful Camps because of the good presenters that have participated. We attend one another's presentations and socialize with the guests; we support one another and love our language.

Along with your presentation outline and biography, we will also need to know if you require lodging. Please send all of your information by email as soon as possible and do not wait until the last minute otherwise you may not make it on the presenter list. It would be appreciated if your presentation outline and biography could be sent as separately attached documents in the email. It's just easier for us when we process our program book. (Phone calls are accepted to state your interest in presenting, but the written information is required by the deadline for consideration.) If you know anyone who may be interested in presenting at the Camp, by all means, please forward this letter to them and have them state in their email who recommended them to present.

The deadline for all of this information is May 10, 2016

Here is my contact information: [kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov) 231-398-6892

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## The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Invites you to the 23rd Annual 2016 Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp



### ***Saturday, July 30:***

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)  
8:00am Breakfast  
8:30am Opening Ceremony  
9:15am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops  
12:00pm Lunch  
1:15pm - 5:00pm Presentations/Workshops  
5:00pm Dinner  
7:00pm Jiingtamok (Pow wow)

### ***Sunday, July 31:***

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)  
8:00am Breakfast  
9:00am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops  
12:00pm Lunch, Giveaway & Closing

- ◆ No Registration Fee
- ◆ All Meals are Provided
- ◆ Camping available (first come, first serve)
- ◆ On-site Restrooms & Bath house
- ◆ Location: 2596 Loon Drive, Manistee, MI  
Corner of US-31 & M-22, across from the  
Little River Casino Resort

- ◆ “Celebrating the Unity of Our Language & Culture”
- ◆ For the sunrise ceremony, please dress appropriately (women wear long skirts) and respectfully for all.
- ◆ We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp.
- ◆ Bring your Nation’s Flag and a Giveaway Gift
- ◆ The agenda and other information will be posted as soon as possible; please visit [www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov) or [www.anishinaabemdaa.com](http://www.anishinaabemdaa.com) for updates. Some presentations/workshops *may* include: cultural teachings, traditional medicines, craft making, games, language learning, etc.



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**For more information, please contact:**

Kenny Pheasant: 231-398-6892 or 231-590-1187  
Email: [kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov)



# Rapid River News

March 7, 2016

## STUDENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2015/16

### Instructions

A student incentive program is being offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A.) to recognize students who achieve all "A's" for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period.

There will be a minimum of \$3,000 available to fund this program this year. \$25 will be awarded for each qualified entry, up to the minimum available funds in the Program. In the event that the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery.

Here are the conditions to qualify:

- The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the M.I.E.A. constituent tribes/bands.
- The student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school. (home schooling not eligible)
- A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight "A" award. (A-, A, A+)
- For a school system that uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight "A's" will be acceptable.
- A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.
- Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/approved function do not constitute perfect attendance.
- The first two marking periods of this 2015/2016 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.
- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight "A's" for both marking periods. For example, straight "A's" and perfect attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.
- A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.
- A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student's school, must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight "A's" and perfect attendance.

The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April, 2016 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by the Hannahville Band of Potawatomi Indians in Wilson, MI

### **VERY IMPORTANT - NECESSARY !!!**

You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form (this is a different document than this notice), a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator and copy of student's or parent's tribal identification card must be received at the following address **not later than 5:00 PM on April 1, 2016:**

*Leann Stindt  
103 Big Bear Rd.*

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL(S)

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Manistee Michigan

PURPOSE: Contractual agreement with individuals to provide workshops and instructions to provide workshops and instructions for the following:

Regalia Making  
Quilwork  
Bakery  
Beadwork

PROPOSAL DUE DATE:  
March 7th, 2016

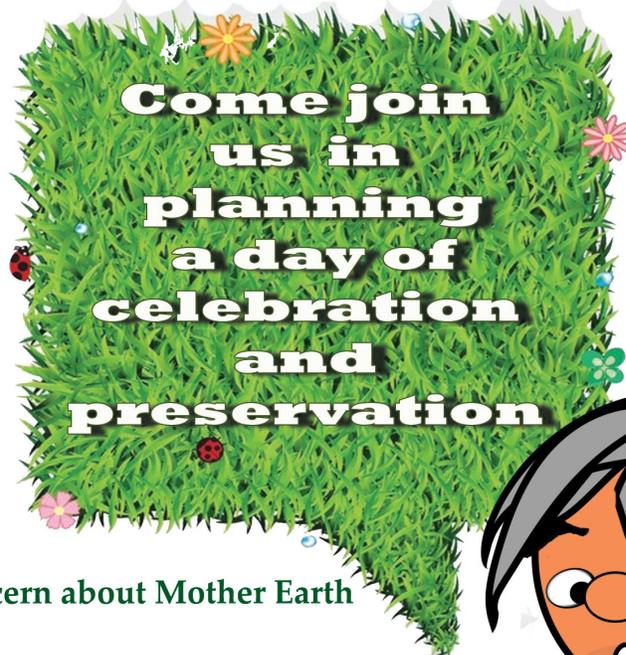
CONTACT: Requests for bid packets shall be delivered to Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Supervisor at (231) 398-6804 or mlucas@lrboi.com



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## Shkakaamik Kwe Giizhgat



To: All people that have a concern about Mother Earth  
From: Historic Preservation  
Today's date: Wednesday March 2 2016  
Re: Celebrating "Shkakaamik Kwe Giizhgat"  
Mother Earth Day.

In 2015 this community came together to have a celebration of our Mother Earth, We would like to continue to do this. There are many things and facts to we can discuss and if can, we can do our part to bring awareness and help what we can to keep our Mother Earth well. We came up with many wonderful ideas last year. Earth day falls on Friday April 22nd this year, we would like to coordinate a planning meeting sometime in the middle of this month like .....

Thursday afternoon March 17 at 1:14 in the Lodge, 2nd floor.

There are many things that we have discussed since last year's celebration, like the many species of animals, birds, fish and plants that are endangered or simply do not exists anymore in this part of Mother Earth mainly because of us humans.

Bring your ideas and concerns, everyone is welcome.

If anyone has any questions, please contact us at 231-398-6892

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## LRBOI

## Egg Hunt

Questions ?

Contact Julie Wolfe 231-398-6740

Prize Awarded  
for each  
age group  
( 0-2, 3-6, 7&up)

Saturday March 26, 2016  
11:00 am at  
Gathering Grounds



All children must be accompanied by an adult

## Community Ziisibaakwaadake Gamig (sugar shack)



This Coming Saturday - March 12, 2016 children and their families have the chance to gather and hear the stories, learn the teachings, and maintain the ancient anishinaabek tradition of making maple syrup; where everyone can come and learn and have fun doing it!

Sap will cooked late into the night for that first cooking. There are much work remaining and we need many people to continue participating,volunteering time whenever they can throughout the weeks of the season.

For more information contact Julie Wolfe at 1- 231-398-6740