



Hocokata Ti

FIELD TRIP AND GROUP PROGRAMMING

LEARN MORE ABOUT MDEWAKANTON DAKOTA HISTORY AT HOČOKATA ȚI

Hočokata Ți is the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) cultural center and gathering space and it features a 3,805-square-foot public exhibit, *Mdewakanton: Dwellers of the Spirit Lake*. Providing visitors with a cultural experience, this exhibit enhances their knowledge and understanding of the Mdewakanton Dakota people and their history.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

In addition to the exhibit *Mdewakanton: Dwellers of the Spirit Lake*, learners can participate in other offerings to further their understanding of Dakota ways. Programs that are available to choose from include: Arts, Dakota Language, SMSC Collections, Presentations, and Dakota Lifeways.

Additional programming is only available as an add-on to a tour of the exhibit, *Mdewakanton: Dwellers of the Spirit Lake*. All sessions offered are contingent upon staff availability, resources, and seasonal appropriateness.



ARTS

Students will let their inner artist shine through these creative offerings selected by Cultural Resources staff. These projects showcase the techniques that Dakota artists continue to use in today's modern world. Students will first view imagery from within the SMSC Collections area to gain inspiration and then complete a piece of art that can be taken home and cherished for years.



ŠUNĶTANĶA/TATANĶA WOODEN SCULPTURE

Recommended group size: 15-60 participants
Ages: 3rd-5th grade
Duration: 1 hour
Cost: \$5 per participant

Learn about bison through a hands-on presentation, and then paint and adorn a bison wooden art sculpture. To gain some inspiration, participants will view pictures of traditional Dakota designs chosen by the SMSC Collections team.

PARFLECHE BUSINESS CARD POUCH

Recommended group size: 15-60 participants
Ages: 6th-12th grade
Duration: 1 hour
Cost: \$5 per participant

Parfleche containers are traditional storage boxes made from animal rawhides. Parfleche storage containers are still made and utilized today and can hold a variety of items. Cultural Resources staff will help participants make a small pouch, large enough for business cards, that can be used each day.

WINTER COUNT ACTIVITY

Recommended group size: 15-60 participants
Ages: 6th-12th grade
Duration: 1 hour
Cost: \$5 per participant

Learn about the historical importance of winter counts to Indigenous people and how art served as a medium to document historical events. Led by Cultural Resources staff, participants will create their own historical record using paint and natural materials.

WELLNESS WHEEL

Recommended group size: 15-60 participants
Ages: 6th-12th grade
Duration: 1 hour
Cost: \$5 per participant

For thousands of years, the Medicine Wheel has represented balance and holistic well-being in many Native cultures. In this activity, participants will learn about the Medicine Wheel and explore this tradition by creating their own Wellness Wheel—a personal version that reflects the interconnected elements of physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health.

All craft offerings are appropriate for ages 10 and older. No prior experience is required—just the willingness to learn something that might not have been known before.

DAKOTA LANGUAGE

These language courses will provide students with the basic skills to speak, listen, read, and write in the Dakota language. Taking these courses will expand on the knowledge of Minnesota's original language, culture, and history. A variety of lessons are available and will be customized to meet the target age of the group.

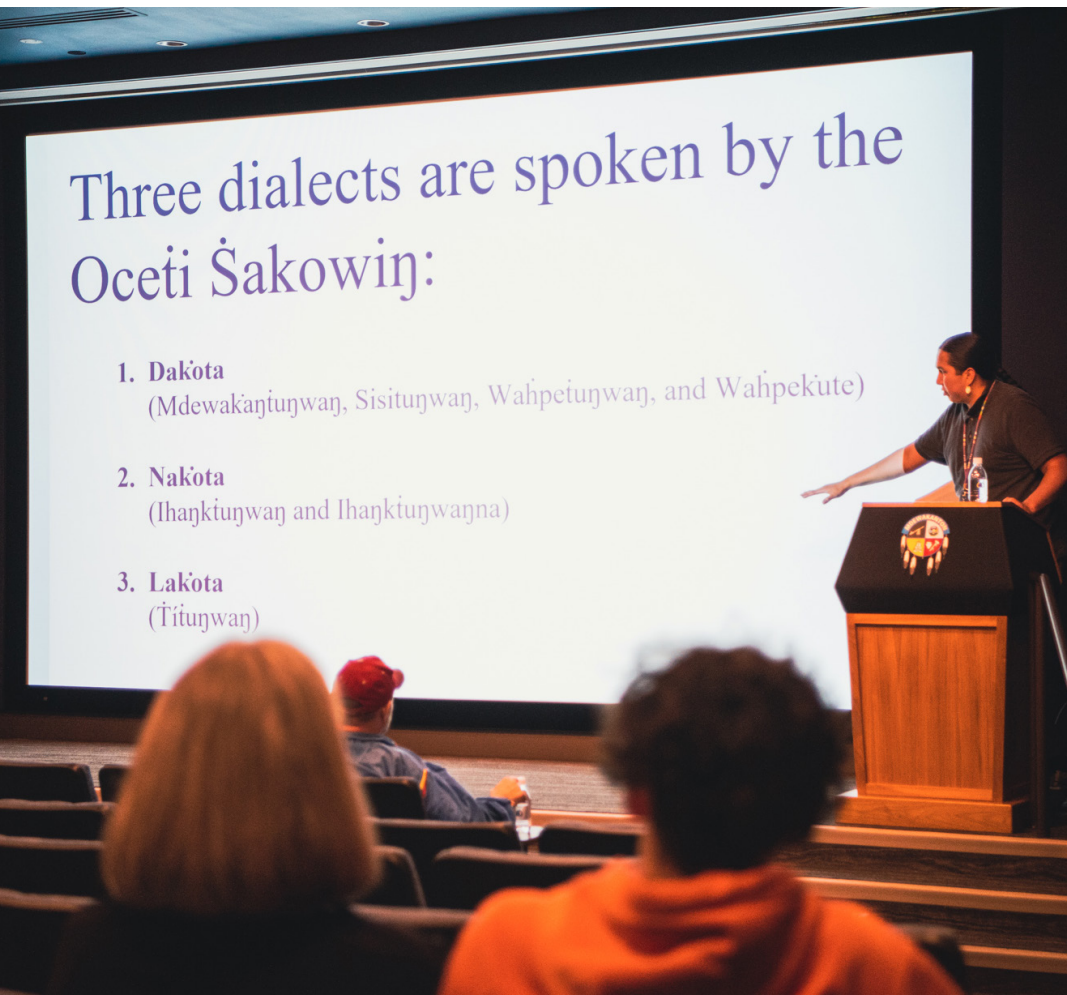
Recommended group size: 15-60 participants
Ages: 3rd-12th grade
Duration: 1 hour
Cost: \$5 per participant

TOUR OF COLLECTIONS

These offerings utilize the Collection of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to help learners understand the design and meaning behind the material culture of the Dakota people.

When visitors walk through the SMSC Collections area, they will learn about the history of the collection, review current research, and view a multitude of artifacts. The objects come from many different cultures and makers, so this tour can cover multiple areas.

Recommended group size: 15-45 participants
Ages: All ages
Duration: 30-45 minutes
Cost: \$5 per participant



PRESENTATIONS

Sharing our stories will allow listeners to understand Dakota ways through the directions, seasons, and our relationship with these lands. During these educational presentations, students will gain a deeper understanding of the following topics:

Calendars/Moons Dakota Worldview

Recommended group size: 15-60 participants
Ages: 6th-12th grade
Duration: 1 hour
Cost: \$5 per participant

DAKOTA LIFEWAYS

Enjoy your time at Hočokata ȩi with an in-depth lesson that requires active participation and allows for an immersive experience that utilizes teachings, language, and history. These lessons offer a hands-on approach in learning about the following Dakota lifeways:

Traditional Games:

Recommended group size:
15-60 participants
Ages: All ages
Duration: 1 hour
Cost: \$7 per participant

*Liability form REQUIRED to
participate in lacrosse*

Tipi Setup:

Recommended group size:
15-60 participants
Ages: 8th-12th grade
Duration: 1 hour
Cost: \$7 per participant

Nature Walk:

Recommended group size:
15-30 participants
Ages: All ages
Duration: 1 hour
Cost: \$5 per participant



LUNCH OPTIONS

Elevate your group's experience with a flavorful, hassle-free lunch provided by Native Harvest Catering, which is owned and operated by the SMSC.

BUFFET-STYLE (20-person minimum)

Minnesota Nice Wild Rice Bowls
Soup & Sandwich

INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED LUNCHES (10-person minimum)

Minnesota Nice Wild Rice Bowls
Boxed Lunch

Children's Bag Lunch (10 & Under)

Orders must be placed two weeks prior to scheduled visit. Pricing and detailed menu options will be provided during consultation.



THE SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY IS



A federally recognized, sovereign Native American tribe in Minnesota.



A leader in protecting and restoring natural resources.



A good neighbor, forming partnerships with area cities, businesses, and more.



A top philanthropist in Minnesota, donating to fellow tribes and organizations.



A provider of thousands of jobs and supporter of the local economy.

We Are All Related


The SMSC is a part of the Oceti Šakowij, or the Seven Council Fires, which includes the Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota people—known to some as the Great Sioux Nation. The Seven Council Fires are:

Mdewakanton (Mdewakantųwan), the Spirit Lake People
Wahpekute (Wahpekute), the Shooters Among the Leaves People
Wahpeton (Wahpetųwan), the People Dwelling Among the Leaves
Sisseton (Sisitųwan), the People of the Fish Village(s)
Yankton (Ihanktųwan), the Dwellers at the End
Yanktonai (Ihanktųwaną), the Little Dwellers at the End
Teton (Títųwan), the Dwellers on the Plains

Today, the tribal governments and communities of the Oceti Šakowij are located throughout the Upper Midwest, including Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Montana in the United States, and Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan in Canada.



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