



Three Fires Midewiwin  
**Biboon Ceremonies**  
Wednesday to Sunday  
**FEBRUARY 19-23, 2014**



*to be held at*

**Three Fires Mide Learning Center, 11126 West Highway #2, Cedar, WI**

**Important message for all those who can arrive early: Preparations that needed to be done include: Pre-work: Woodcutting, Snow-Removal; Cleaning/Readiness Etc. Some repair/upgrade/preparatory work needed in the Mide School. Also: Lodge, kitchen, house cleanup, Water prep: Clean, disinfect and fill up kitchen water tanks. Sweat lodge area preparation. Wood to be moved to sweat lodge area. *Lots to do.***

**Wed. Feb. 19th**

**Getting Ready for the Spirit**

9:00  
10:00

Arrival and preparation for Lodge meeting  
Little Boy Water Drum sounds to begin the lodge meeting

Early afternoon

Lodge Meeting: Grand Chief Presiding  
Lodge Protocols Work Details/Schedules, Announcements  
Potluck, snacks and refreshment (back tables) Hosts: Lodge Leadership

12:30

Water Bundle Teaching and Preparation - all are welcome

1:15

Lodge meeting continues alongside other preparations/work detail

3:00 p.m.

**Water Bundle Offering**

5:00 pm

**Lodge Meeting continues**

6:00 p.m.

Evening Refreshments: (Soup & Sandwiches, back tables)

8:00 p.m.

Planning, visiting, social/ singing/dancing

**\*\*\*Evening Sweats for Initiates\*\*\***

**Thursday Feb. 20<sup>st</sup>**

**Lighting of the Fire**

6:09 a.m.

**\*INITIATES to be present: actively mide- learning / mide- doing\***

7:25 a.m.

**Lighting of the Fire**

8:30 a.m.

**1st Sunrise Ceremony: Grand Chief, Chief Drum and Helpers presiding**

10:30 a.m.

Break and Lodge Preparations

1:00 p.m.

**Drum Call in: Lodge Opening Ceremonies and Lodge Protocols**

2:00 p.m.

Welcome Feast by Host Community, CENTER FIRE

6:00 p.m.

**Lodge Session:** All leadership to be present: Leadership agenda TBA

Evening Refreshments: Hosted by Grand Chief and family (back tables)

**\*\*\*Evening Sweats for Initiates\*\*\***

**Friday Feb. 21<sup>th</sup>**

**Grandfather Drum Feast, Initiate Teachings**

7:00 a.m.

**Sunrise Ceremony**

10:00 a.m.

Drum Call in: Lodge Ceremonies & Protocols

11:00 a.m.

**Naming Ceremonies & Clan Ceremony**

12:00 noon

Noon Refreshments: Host ~ Mooz/Mahng

2:00 p.m.

Preparation for **Initiate Teaching Sessions**

6:00 p.m.

Evening Feast: Grandfather Feast/Initiate Feast and Host: Wahbizhayshi Ododaym

Evening

**Initiate Teaching Sessions** Continue

**Saturday Feb. 22<sup>th</sup>**

**Ceremonies Continue**

7:00: a.m.

**Sunrise Ceremony**

10:00 a.m.

Drum Call in: Lodge Ceremonies & Protocols

1:00 p.m.

Noon Feast: Hosts ~ Ogitchidaw & Migizi/Binayshee

2:00 p.m.

**Ogitchidaw Dance**

6:00 p.m.

Evening Refreshments: Miengun/Bizhew (back tables)

8:00 p.m.

**Buffalo Dance**

(Initiates responsible for evening "snacks")

**Jingle Dress Medicine Healing Society: Healing Dance**

**Sunday Feb. 23th**

**Ceremonies Continue**

7:00 a.m.

**Sunrise Ceremony**

9:00 a.m.

Closing Morning Ceremony and Final Tobacco

Morning Coffee, light breakfast and Travelling Feast: Host ~ Nibi (back tables)

**DANCE OUT: (reminder: Dance Out is as important as Lodge Entry & Opening, All Midewiwins and Initiates to be present).**

10:30 a.m.

Continuation of meetings/discussions

**CLEAN UP (Mide Learning Center, House, Kitchen, Grounds, Clean up)**

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February 19-23, continued...

Urging people who can't come early to stay and help to clean up and store everything away: e.g. sweep and clean Mide School ensure all food removed from Kitchen, disinfect, take out garbage, turn down heat and turn off lights, lock up... etc.

**HUGS, TEARS PEACE**

**SPECIAL REMINDERS:**

- **Healing Bear Bundle: Those wishing to ready their healing bear bundle will need to have these items: burgundy cloth & thin black ribbon for women- black cloth & thin burgundy ribbon for men. 7 small black stones & a small piece of bear hide: toonie size for Canadians & silver dollar sized for Americans!**
- **Clans are reminded to wear your clan colours**
- **Asineeg for the Sweat Lodges have been asked for.**
- **(AGAIN) Come early or plan to stay later to help clean-up. There is much work to be done in preparation & all help is appreciated and especially so by the 'Spirit'**
- **Remember to bring your feast bundle: we are still working to eliminate the use of disposable dishes, etc.**

**IN ADDITION TO DOORWAY MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CEREMONIES:**

- Clans are expected to contribute \$250.00 to the cost of the cook; & utilities @ the mide school and this is in addition to the Clan Feast food & items cost.
- **DONATIONS ARE NEEDED & APPRECIATED: Anishinabe is always thinking ' What can/will I bring'**
- Donations of Quality items for the Mide Mall: proceeds from the mall are applied to cover costs of ceremonies
- Medicines: CEDAR & BALSAM for SWEATS; cedar for our sacred fire and JD healing dance & healing ceremonies
- Sweetgrass; sage; natural tobacco; copal & charcoal burners; bear root & sweet flag etc. If you have bear hide or cloth to share then bring it along with you!
- Ceremony Feast food- wild meat; fish; traditional corn; wild rice; and tools for kitchen; i.e. coffee; herbal teas, maple sugar, maple syrup, general kitchen staples.
- Feast Cloths needed as fresh ones required for every feast. Also, need to remember Grandmother's instructions to cover food with cloth coverings (NOTE: not with torn pieces of fabric, but with prepared covers). So for all of our creative talented persons who can sew, this would be well appreciated.

**AREA HOTEL/MOTEL INFORMATION (this hasn't been updated in a while but I will assume most are still open. There are many more hotels/motels in the area that are listed on the Internet, this is only a selection.**

<p><b>Odanah, Wisconsin</b> Bad River Casino 1-800-682-7121 (17 miles west of Mide School on US Hwy 2)</p> <p><b>Ashland, Wisconsin</b> (26 miles west of Mide School) Ashland Motel 715-682-5503 2300 Lake Dr. Bayview Motel 715-682-5253 2419 Lake Shore Dr. Bell Motel 715-682-4109 407 Lake Shore Dr. Crest Motel 1-800-657-1329 Lake Aire Inn 715 682-4551 101 E. Lake Shore Dr. Lake Side Motel 715-682-4575 1706 Lake Shore Dr. Super 8 Motel 715-682-9377 1610 Lake Shore Dr.</p>	<p><b>Ironwood, Michigan</b> (13 miles east of Mide School) Advance Motel 906-932-4511 663 E Cloverland Dr Americ Inn Motel 906-932-7200 1117 E. Cloverland Dr. Budget Host Inn 906-932-1260 Comfort Inn 906-932-2224 210 E. Cloverland Dr. Indianhead Motel 906-932-0800 823 E U S 2 Ironwood Motel 906-932-5520 112 W Cloverland Dr Sandpiper Motel 906-932-2000 1200 E. Cloverland Dr. Super 8 Motel 906-932-3395 160 E. Cloverland Dr. Crestview Motel 906-932-4845</p>	<p><b>Hurley, Wisconsin</b> (12 miles east of Mide School) Days Inn 715-561-3500 850 10th Avenue Ramada Inn 715-561-3030 1000 10th Avenue N. Starlight Motel 715-561-3085 Eagle Bluff Condos Highway 51 and US 2. (715) 561-2787</p> 
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