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 **ZIIBIWING CENTER**
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

Onaabadin-Giizis
(Snow-Crusted Moon)
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Boozhu David Syckle II



Ziibiwing has been blessed with the support of many knowledgeable and dedicated community members. One that we would like to take a moment to recognize and thank is David Syckle II. David is an Anishinabe inini Tribal community member, as well as a father of one daughter and two young boys. He has worked for and with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Community for several years. David recently advanced from his position in the Planning Department as Environmental Resources Technician to Water Quality Specialist. Environmental issues have always been a concern for David. This began in childhood under the tutelage of his father and led to his educational pursuit at CMU; culminating there in a degree in Biology-Natural Resources and a minor in Geographic Information Sciences. However, David does not consider our natural clan relatives (plants, animals, water and Mother Earth) to be 'natural resources'. Instead, he sees creation as "family who deserve the love and respect we give all life." He enjoys having his career follow the original teaching that it is the responsibility of Indigenous people to "protect and care for Mother Earth in the same way she cares for us."



David is a descendant of the Oneida Nation of Thames in Ontario. He has kept the Sacred Fire and carried his father's pipe for the Ziibiwing Center at several repatriations and gatherings, including "Honoring, Healing & Remembering" and Cultural Teachings at the Sanilac Petroglyphs. He has been a part of those who have volunteered their time, services and expertise in planning community events at Ziibiwing such as "Walking With Our Sisters," and currently the "Sacred Water Symposium."



Today, March 13, 2017, David is a part of an Inter-Tribal community Meeting at the Elijah Elk Cultural Center from 3-5pm about ways to understand and protect forest plants. If you have questions about that meeting please contact David at 989.775.4147 or DaSyckle@sagchip.org.

The "Sacred Water Symposium" will take place at the Ziibiwing Center on April 29, 2017. It is a part of the events revolving around Ziibiwing's new changing exhibit entitled "Standing Rock Solid." This will be a mixed-media art exhibit supporting the sacred water element and efforts to protect our environment. The Grand Opening for that exhibit will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at noon and the event will run through September 30, 2017.

"Miigwetch" to David and to all of our Ziibiwing supporters. If you would like to support Ziibiwing as a volunteer please call 989.775.4750. To offer financial support, please contact our Funding & Development Specialist, Amanda Lewis, at alewis@sagchip.org or 989.775.4734.

REMINDER: SACRED WATER SYMPOSIUM EVENT PLANNING MEETING

Planning meetings will be held
every Tuesday through April 25, 2017
3:30pm-5:00pm • Ziibiwing Center

- “Standing Rock Solid” exhibit opens
Saturday, April 22 at 12pm
- Sacred Water Symposium
Saturday, April 29

Ziibiwing Vendor Training

March 22nd 2017, 6-8pm at Ziibiwing Center

During the training a ZCS team member will discuss:

- The required paperwork and tax forms needed to become a vendor.
- The types of items we are currently looking for.
- Product packaging and descriptions.

This training is designed for anyone making handmade & handcrafted items that they would like to sell in the Ziibiwing Commercial Services' gift shops which include:

Meshtoongewinoong - located at the Ziibiwing Center

Dawe-Wi-Gamigoonse - located just inside the main entrance of the SECR

Jeemon-Aince - located just inside the main entrance to the Slot Palace

Naanooshke Gallery - located by Isabella's
& online at NativeDirect.com.

Please call (989)775-4745 to register. Registration will conclude March 20th at 5pm.



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