

**WENESH WA
SHIDJIGEYIN WII-
NAAKDOWENDAMAN
NBIISH?**

**WHAT WILL YOU DO
TO TAKE CARE OF
THE WATER?**



Empowering Youth • Healing Communities

Niibin (Summer)



Bimaadziwin Biish Aawaan! Water is Life!

SHOWING GRATITUDE FOR THE GIFT OF **NIBI** WATER

Bimaadziwin Biish Aawaan (Nibi/Water is life)! I was born in **Nibi**. I started my life's journey surrounded by **Nibi** in my mother's womb, listening to the sounds of my loved ones voices echoing through **Nibi**. Falling to sleep to the sound of her heart playing as if a drum. I am **Anishinaabe**, descendant of those who were first lowered from above. To the **Anishinaabek** (people or humans), **Nibi** is a sacred spiritual being to be respected, conserved, and protected for the next seven generations.

We give thanks for the gift of **Nibi** because it sustains all of creation: animals, insects, birds, amphibians, fish, Mother Earth, and humans. We show our gratitude with prayers, songs, laying down **Asemaa** (tobacco) for **Nibi**, and protecting **Nibi**. Showing gratitude is good for our mental wellness. Humans are made of **Nibi** and need to continuously replenish ourselves by drinking clean water! Taking care of our basic needs is also good for our mental health wellness.

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• **Nibi** can feel, move, and has unique characteristics, as well as healing properties. **Nibi** is vulnerable, resilient and has a life cycle. **Nibi** can be liquid, gas or solid in form. **Nibi** selflessly takes care of others so everything in creation can survive and thrive. This is how **Nibi** shows love for others. One of the responsibilities given to humans (who came last to the Earth realm) was to nurture, respect and help **Nibi** remain strong and healthy, so **Nibi** will have the strength to continue nurturing others. Humans can show gratitude by taking care of **Nibi** for future generations.

• In one **Anishinaabe** prophecy it is told; “One day **Nibi** will cost more than gold”! We live in a time where **Nibi** has become ill due to pollution. **Nibi** has become unsafe to drink in some areas like what happened in the city of Flint, Michigan. There are even some lakes and rivers that are considered dead as **Nibi** can no longer sustain life. Humans need to strengthen their connections with nature and show **Nibi** respect by cleaning up our pollutants. We need to love **Nibi** and use products that will not harm her spirit. We need to be mindful of conserving the amount of water we use each day while meeting our needs. We need to remain strong and consistent in our commitment to **Nibi**.

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We are all connected in the circle of life. Plants and animals are also a part of the natural world and their needs are as important as our needs. Let's interact within the natural world in a kind respectful manner so future generations can enjoy and be nurtured by **Nibi** while appreciating the diversity of the world. We are all part of the natural world and should lovingly support one another and all our relatives for our collective wellness. Forming a connection with nature, caring for **Nibi** and others, and giving gratitude for all of creation is good for our mental health and wellness.

Ask yourself, “What can I do to protect, conserve and nurture **Nibi**?”

Nokemis Waabanoqua (AKA Judy D. Pamp),
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Elder 2021

OJIBWE WORD OF THE DAY

NIBI ᑎᑎ 'WATER' WITH JAMES VUKELICH

<https://youtu.be/gohVKwBvjGA>

Biish, Nbiish and Nibi are words for water in **Anishinabemowin**. First language speakers from different regions will use their local dialect word for water.



**NOKOMIS
(GRANDMOTHER)
JOSEPHINE
MANDAMIN,
ANISHINAABE KWE
(OJIBWE WOMAN)
IS KNOWN AS THE
“WATER WALKER”**

That’s our responsibility, our role, and our duty, to pass on the knowledge and understanding of water, to all people, not just Anishinabe people, but people of all colors.” said Josephine Mandamin.

Meet Josephine Mandamin (Anishinaabekwe), The “Water Walker” article by Ayse Gursoz for *Indigenous Rising and Indigenous Environmental Network Project* on September 25, 2014

<https://indigenusrising.org/josephine-mandamin/>



Water is Life!

Reciprocity, Responsibilities, Hope
“We’ve known for a long time that water is alive. Water can hear you. Water can sense what you are saying and what you are feeling. There’s been a place where I put tobacco in the water, where the water is so still. It was dead. I prayed for it. I put my tobacco in the water and my tobacco started floating around. So the water came alive. It heard my prayers. It heard the song. So I know it listens, and it can come alive if you pay attention to it. Give it respect and it can come alive. Like anything. Like a person who is sick... if you give them love, take care of them, they’ll come alive. They’ll feel better. It’s the same with our mother, the earth, and the water. Give it love.”

***Elder Josephine Mandamin,
Ojibway, Lake Superior, Ontario***

By ECOLOGOS for Water Docs on
February 22, 2019

<https://www.waterdocs.ca/news/2019/2/22/she-walked-the-talk-farewell-to-water-warrior-grandmother-josephine-mandamin>

**WE WILL
SHARE OUR
ANISHINAABE
KNOWLEDGE
OF CARING
FOR NIBI
WITH THE
WORLD!**

Mt. Pleasant's
Sister City-Okaya,
Japan

<http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver/article.aspx?article=2132#.YPAmoj2SnIU>



50th Anniversary Water Ceremony with Okaya, Japan 8-19-15



NBIISH NAMEWIN WATER PRAYER:

WRITTEN BY JUDY PAMP, TRANSLATIONS BY ALRD FROM SCIT AND OKAYA INTERNATIONAL OFFICE;
DEVELOPED FOR THE 50TH SISTER CITY ANNIVERSARY WATER CEREMONY HELD IN OKAYA, JAPAN

Gzhe Manidoo!

Great Spirit!
偉大なる神

Miigwech nangwa waamdamaa miinwaa ngoding giizhigak.

(Today I give thanks for seeing another day)
今日を迎えられたことを感謝します。

Miigwech kina gego ga-miizhyaang.

(Thank you for everything that you gave us)
神が私たちに与えてくれたすべてのことに感謝します。

Miigwech kina gego gaatoowin maampii akiing.

(Thank you for all the things that you put here on earth)
あなたが創った地球上にあるすべてのものに感謝します。

Miigwech ga-miizhyaang Ngidziimnaanik, Ndinwendaagnenaanik miinwaa Nwiiikiiyenhnaanik

(Thank you for giving us our parents, our relatives and our friends)
私達に両親、親族、そして友達を与えて下さったことに感謝します。

Miigwech Manidook Ode Nekeyiing Eyaajik Waabanong, Zhaawanong, Epnigishmok miinwaa Kiiwedanong.

(Thank you spirits that are in the East, South, West and North)
東西南北のすべての神に感謝します。

Miigwech Noodin, Nbiish, Mshkode miinwaa Akiing Mnidook.

(Thank you spirits of the Wind, Water, Fire and Earth)
風、水、火、そして大地に感謝します

Miigwech ge'e wesiinhik miinwaa bineshiinhik.

(Thank you also for the animals and birds)
動物と鳥も神に感謝します。

Miigwech maanda nbiish, Gzhe Manidoo. (Thank you for this water, Great Spirit) 偉大なる神、この水に感謝します。

Ezaakiimagak, wesiinhik miinaa bemaadziidjik mnikwenaa'aa maanda nbiish akiing etemagak. (The plants, animals and people drink this water that's on earth) 植物、動物、そして人々の命の源のこの水よ。

Miinshinaang Nokaadendamowin weweni ji maamwi nakiiyaang. (Give us peace so that we will work well together) 私たちが協力し合えるよう、平和を与えたまえ。

Naadamooshinaang weweni ji maamwi maaseyaang. (Help us to walk well together) 私たちが共存できるよう、手助けたまえ。

Miigwech Gzhe Manidoo, Miigwech, Miigwech, Miigwech. (Thank you Great Spirit, thank you, thank you, thank you.) 偉大なる神、こころの底から感謝します

NBIISH NAMEWIN WATER PRAYER:

FROM THE ZIIBIWING CENTER OF ANISHINABE CULTURE & LIFEWAYS
(TRANSLATIONS BY ALRD OF THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE)

**Miigwetch Gzhe'mnidoo
Nbiish Gaa Miishiyaang.**

**Gii-miishiyaang Nbiish maampii Akiing
Wii-bimaadziimgak Kina
E'zaakiimgak, Wesiinhak
Miinwaa Bi'maadzidjik.**

**Gmiigwetch'wi-goo Gzhe'mnidoo
Gdo'nbwa-kaa'win miinwaa
Kina Gego Ga'zhitooyin.**

**Thank you Creator
for the water you gave us.**

**The gift of Water here on Earth
that gives life to all
plants, animals
and people.**

**We thank you Creator
for your wisdom and
all of your creation.**



**Chippewa River
CLEANUP**

Rescheduled for Wednesday, July 14

12 p.m. | Deerfield Park
2425 W. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

- Overview of the Environmental Team's water quality program
- Water ceremony
- Tribal elder to do a water ceremony
- Upon arrival participants should inform the Deerfield gate that they are there for the river cleanup
- After the cleanup, transportation back to Deerfield Park will be provided
- In the event of inclement weather, registered attendees will be notified and the event will be rescheduled to a later date.

Launching into the water at 1 p.m.

- Canoe/kayak to Meridian Park, picking up trash as we paddle
- Snacks and water will be provided
- Time on river will be approximately 2 1/2 hours

Registration
To register for the event or reserve a watercraft, please contact:
Shelby Cain, Environmental Outreach Coordinator
Email: SCain@sagchip.org | Phone: 989.775.4585

- Limited number of kayaks and canoes available to reserve.
- Anyone is welcome to attend.
- Participants may also bring their own watercraft and join us on the river.
- If people plan on attending, it is asked that they would please register so that we have enough snacks for everyone.

 Working Together To
Protect Our Environment



 **Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan**
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KIDWINAN POEM/WORDS:

EZHI-DEBWENDAAGOOK BIISH WATER BELIEFS

Maadziimgad biish. Water is alive.

Mnidoowan biish. Water has a spirit.

Michoon biish. Water has movement.

Noo-oonch-zhe-yaamigad biish. Water has different moods.

Mdwejoon biish. Water makes noise/speaks.

Kitchi piitendaakwad biish. Water is sacred.

Biish kina gego naakdowendan miinwaa miigwen madziwan. Water takes care of all things and gives life.

Nzaagtoon biish. I love water.

Bangkii biish nga-naakaasan nji-waabiyaajik.

I will conserve (use less) water for the future generations.

Nga-naakdowendan biish. I will protect the water.

Nga-nametán biish. I will pray for good health for the water.

Nga-ngaamtan biish. I will sing songs for the water.

Nga-mnaajtoon biish. I will honor water.

Pane ngamnadendan biish.

I will always respect the water.

Nangwa, aakoziimgad biish. Today, water is ill.

Nangwa, nshinaadjchigaade biish.

Today, water is polluted.

Aabidek gwii-naakdownen-daa-naa biish.

We all have to take care of the water.

Nangwa, Anishinaabe kwek miinwaa shkiniikwek gaataasewak zaagaakning, bimwidoonaa'aa biish mskwabi-kikoong etik. Today, Anishinaabe women and young girls walk around the lake, carrying water in a copper pail.

Bgosenmaa'aan kina bimaadzinjin wii-naakdowendamowad biish. They hope that all people will take care of the water.

**Wenesh wa shidjigeyin
wii-naakdowendaman biish?**

What will you do to take care of the water?

Written by Waabanoqua AKA Judy Pamp 2021

Translations by Isabelle Osawamick from the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization

Department for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

NIBI ANISHINAABEMOWIN KIDWINAN

VOCABULARY/WORDS: WATER VOCABULARY IN THE OJIBWE LANGUAGE

- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Environmental Team: 2020 Annual Report, Nonpoint Source Program Development on page 6 has Anishinaabemowin [Watershed Pollution Poster](#).
- [Nibi Dbaajmowin](#) from Decolonizing Water of Canada shares Anishinabe Knowledge in Anishinabemowin
- [Maadziimigat Nibi](#)-Water is Alive from Decolonizing Water of Canada
- Will You [Walk](#) For Water? from Strutt Central Nibi Emosaawdang: The Water Walker book read in [Anishinaabemowin](#) by Cynthia Bergloff
- [Shkakaamik Kwe Giizhgat](#) (Mother Earth Day) Teachings with Kenny Pheasant for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- [Ndaa'aagmishkaa wi Nbiish](#) (That Water Swirls) with Elizabeth Panamick for the M'Chigeeng First Nation
- [Biinton Wiingashk](#) (Cleaning Sweetgrass) Debaajmod: Veronica Annie Corbiere for the M'Chigeeng First Nation
- [Zhiibaasko'geng](#) (Setting Net Under the Ice) Debaajmod: George Corbiere for the M'Chigeeng First Nation
- [Miigwechwendandaa biish miidash pane ji-yaamong](#) - We give thanks for water so we will always have it
- [Nimbawaadaan Akiing](#) / *I Dream a World Poem* by Margaret Noodin on poet.org

1 gallon of Water
= 4 quarts
= 8 pints
= 128 fluid ounces
= 3.7854 liters

[Facts About Water \(usgs.gov\)](https://www.usgs.gov)



AANSOOKAANAN STORIES:

- Freshwater Stories: [Frank Ettawageshik](#) of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians discusses the importance of freshwater and the fragility of the Great Lakes.
- [Place of the Pike](#): Ginoozhekaaning standing up for treaty rights from GLIFWC's YouTube Channel
- Reflections of the Great Lakes, part 11: [Nibi](#), Source of Life, Teachings, and Stories By Zhaawano's Arts Blog
- [Mayagi-manidoog](#) (Invasives) told by AMIK Larry Smallwood for GLIFWC
- [Gimaamaa-akiiminaan gimiigwechiwendaamin](#) (Thankful for our Mother Earth) Spearing through the ice activity booklet by GLIFWC
- Read With Me: [Niin Awe Name](#) with Waking Up Ojibwe Anishinaabemodaa
- [Ishpiming Maang](#) (Loon in the Sky) by William Wilson and Annette Lee for [Native Skywatchers](#) in 2017

96% of water on Earth is located in the oceans and is saline or salt water.

[How Much Water is There on Earth? \(usgs.gov\)](http://usgs.gov)



STAND WITH STANDING ROCK – NO DAPL, Oceti Sakowin Camp, December 2016

KINOOMAAGEWINAN LESSONS/TEACHINGS:

- The [Ways of Knowing](#) Guide: Earth's Teachings and [Turtle Island Conservation](#) Resources from the Toronto Zoo
- Anishinaabe Ways of Knowing: Nibi/Water Compiled by [Elizabeth LaPensée](#)
- Grades 10-12 Lesson 1: [Water in First Nations Ceremonies](#) from Safe Drinking Water Foundation
- Grades 5-8 Introduction to [Watersheds](#) and Honoring Tribal Legacies: Cycles: [Movement of Water](#) by Water First working with First Nations in Canada since 2012
- [Hear The Water Speak](#): Nibi by “Gikinoo’wizhiwe Onji Waaban” (Guiding for Tomorrow) or “G-WOW”
- [Cycles of Life](#) Among the Ojibwe. An Ojibwe Language and Culture Based Science Curriculum by Benally, AnCita, Ed.; Longie, Joel D., Ed.
- LSF's Water Docs at School Student Workshop #3: [Water Walkers, Nibi & You](#) with Dr. Kelsey Leonard & author Joanne Robertson
- [Teacher resource guide](#) has been created to support the Artist in Residence program with Lyz Jaakola and Minnesota Public Radio
- [Caretaking](#) Our World's Water by Audubon Adventures for Young Nature Lovers
- [Water Bug Hunt](#), Macroinvertebrate Study by Shana McMillan, Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery Visitor Center



NAADMAAGEWINAN RESOURCES TO HELP:

- Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library: [Nibi Resources](#)
- Planning Department, WATER QUALITY, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe [Water Quality Program](#)
- [Anishinabe Biodiversity](#): All Our Brothers Living Harmoniously from the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, SCIT
- [Enbridge Discussion](#) with Tribal Leaders for News Channel 3 WWMT TV
- [Dibaginjigaadeg Anishinaabe Ezhitwaad](#) (Doing something based on the Anishinaabe way) A Tribal Climate Adaptation Menu from Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- The “[Gikinoo’wizhiwe Onji Waaban](#)” (Guiding for Tomorrow) or “G-WOW”
- [NIBI DECLARATION OF TREATY #3](#) Toolkit from Grand Council Treaty #3 (GCT3) Women’s Council in Canada
- Anishinabek [Traditional Knowledge & Water Policy](#) Report Produced by the AORMC Water Working Group
- Mazina’igan a Chronicle of Lake Superior Ojibwe [Niibin](#) (Summer) 2021 Edition by GLIFWC
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Conduct [Environmental Impact](#) Statement for Enbridge Line 5, June 24, 2021 article by Levi Ricket for Native News Online

Only 3% of all surface water on Earth is freshwater. Freshwater is needed to sustain life.

http://www.g-wow.org/en-us/hear_water/default.aspx



Jiimaan Launching with the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Cultures & Lifeways taken by Judy Pamp

MZINAADTEJIGEWINAN VIDEOS: ANISHINAABE PERSPECTIVES

- An Anishnaabe **Creation Story** with Teacher and artist Darin Corbiere at the East View Public School in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada.
- **Nokomis Josephine Mandamin** - Anishinaabe Water-Walker, Elder, Teacher & Leader by Jaguar Bird
- Native Americans held a **Water Ceremony in Flint** article by Kila Peeples, Saturday, April 16, 2016 for FOX 25 News
- Water Ceremony Discussion with **Punkin Shananaquet** and Mary Forbes for the **Water is Life Festival** in September 2020
- On National Child Day, meet clean water activist **Autumn Peltier** | CBC Kids News and World Water Day: Indigenous Canadian teen addresses **UN General Assembly**
- **Ojibwa Grandmother recounts** walk around the Great Lakes with Indian Country TV

Flint Water Ceremony with Grandmother Josephine Mandamin, Judy Pamp, & Christa Gomez 2016



Hideaway RV Park, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Water Ceremony & Unity Gathering - Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (sagchip.org)

Water Ceremony & Unity Gathering

A Water Ceremony will be held in Flint, MI to honor and respect our water. As Indigenous People, we know that all parts of our land are sacred. The lifeblood of this earth is the water that flows through our land. As such, we are responsible for ensuring that water is cared for through our traditional ways. Please join us on April 16th to honor and show respect to our water.

Nibish Bimoseem! • Walking with the water

Indigenous Nations, Tribes, First Nations, Native Student Organizations, Water Advocates, Ogichidaa, other faiths, religious beliefs, and all walks of life, please join us in prayer and ceremony to honor the importance of our sacred waters. **All are welcome!**

Saturday, April 16, 2016 Starting at 11 a.m. **By the Flint River**

U of M-Flint
William S. White Building (outside)
509 Harrison St., Flint, MI 48502

Wap on Bawb

Please bring a small amount of drinking water from your community for ceremony

Pot-luck feast following ceremony (Please bring pre-packaged food only).

Bring food bundles (dishware) so we produce zero waste
Ladies please wear ceremony skirts (long skirts) during ceremony
Please bring camping chairs

Opening and closing ceremonies will be lead by indigenous spiritual leaders:

Grandmother Josephine Mandamin, Lead Mother Earth Water Walker

Patricia Shawano, Unity, First Nations Consultant

Mona Stonefish, Grandmother & Ogichidaa Kae

Also in attendance:

William Vandegrift, pipe carrier

Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Director United Tribes MI

Sturgeon Bay Singers

For more information:

USA, Contact Theresa Chingwa 231-330-5317 MT

USA, Facebook Questions Donald Lyons 517-204-0274 lyonsdon@gmail.com

USA, Water Donation Questions Contact Joanne Carey 231-330-5901

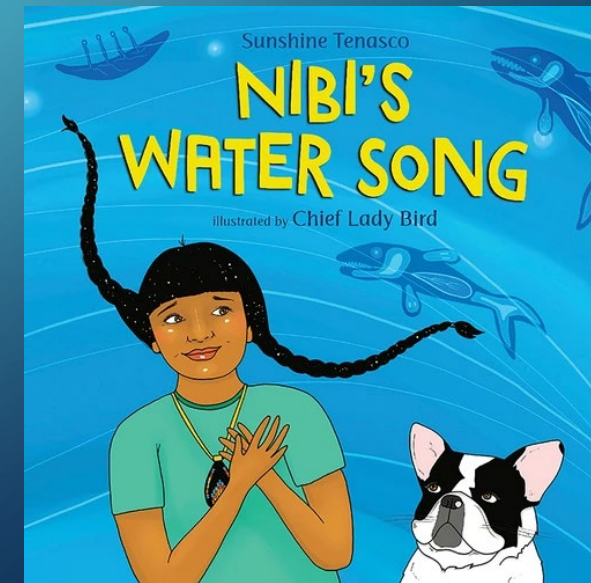
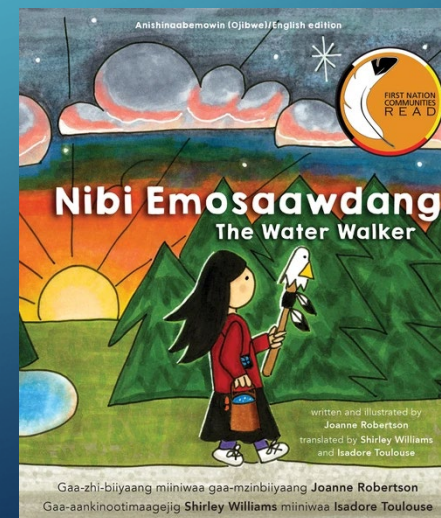
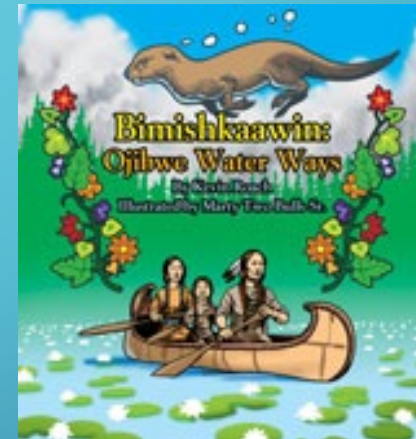
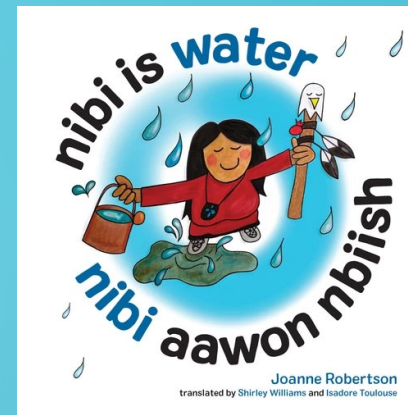
Canada, Contact Patricia Shawano 226-349-1241

Please refrain from taking photos or video during the ceremony.
Organizing entities and individuals are not responsible for accidents, injuries or thefts.



MZINIGANAN BOOKS:

- Our Shelves: [Nibi Is Water](#) / Nibi Aawon Nbiish, with author Joanne Robertson
- [Nibi Is Water](#) book read by Read by Tracy Spence and Lois Whitehead for Webequie First Nations
- Library time with Miss Rachel and [special guest](#) -- November 3 "Nibi Water Song" book read by the illustrator starting at section 6.05
- [Nanaboozhoo](#) puppet reads: "The Water Walker" - Written and illustrated by Joanne Robertson
Nibi Emosaawdang: The Water Walker read in [Anishinaabemowin](#) by Cynthia Bergloff and [teacher's guide](#).
- Snack Time with MacKids | We Are [Water Protectors](#) read by Author Carole Lindstrom
- [Bimishkaawin: Ojibwe Water Ways](#) book by Kevin Roach

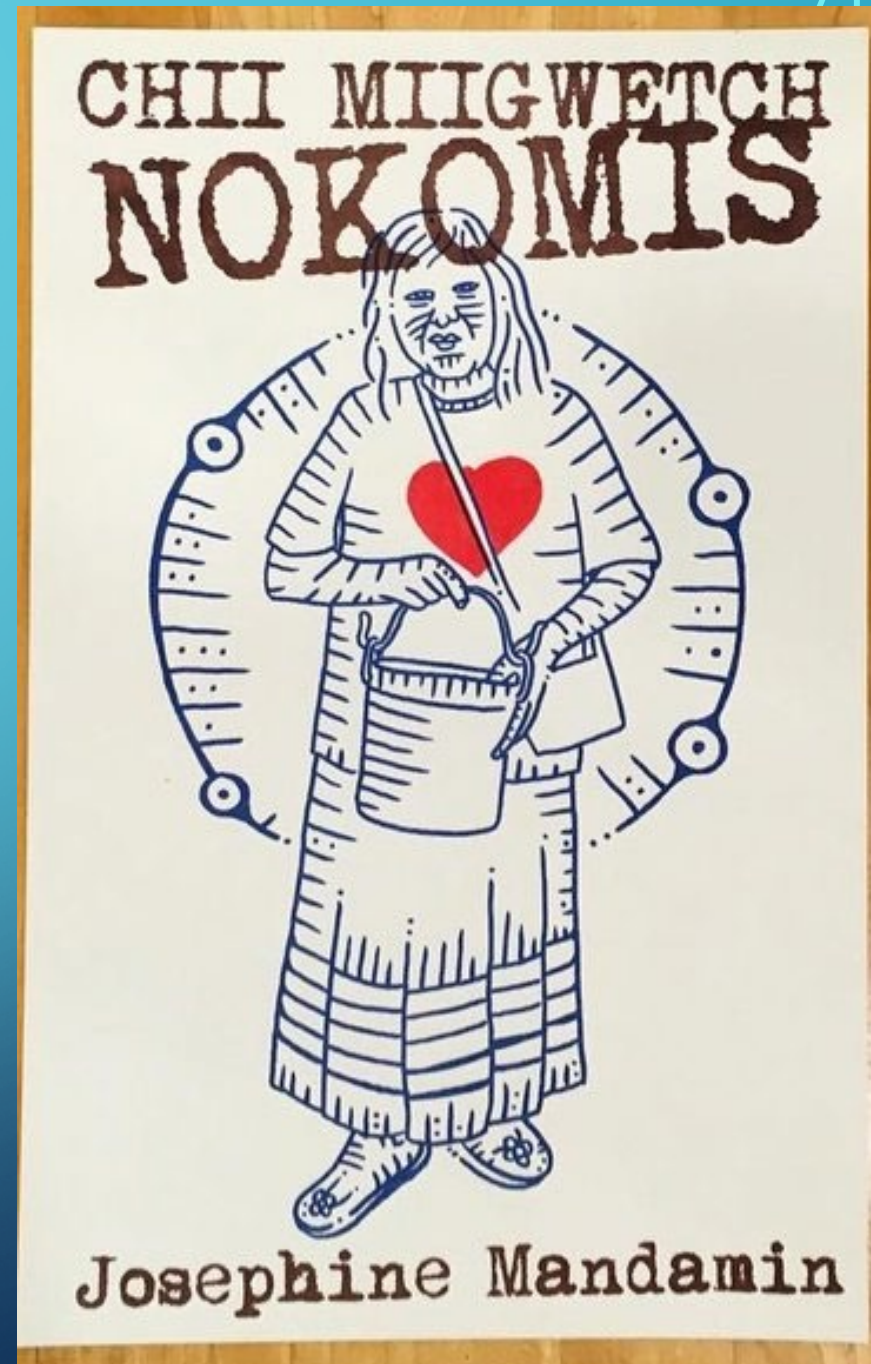


<https://goodminds.com/>

<http://birchbarkbooks.com>

MZINBIIGANAN ART/DRAWINGS: FOR PROTECTING MOTHER EARTH & NIBI

- Screen Prints by [Dylan AT Miner](#), PhD (b. 1976). He is an artist, activist, and scholar. He is the Director of American Indian and Indigenous Studies, as well as Professor in the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities at Michigan State University.



WAATISGADEGEN COLORING SHEETS:

ART FOR PROTECTING MOTHER EARTH & NIBI

Please copy and print the coloring sheets for your child to color.

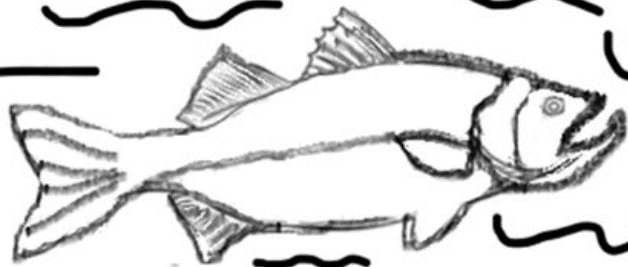
Josephine Mandamin, Water Walker Coloring Sheet

It takes 3,190 gallons of water to make a smartphone!

[The Hidden Water in Everyday Products - Water Footprint Calculator \(watercalculator.org\)](http://watercalculator.org)



Bimaadziwin Nbiish Aawaan



Water is Life!

WAATISGADEGEN COLORING SHEETS:

ART FOR PROTECTING MOTHER EARTH & NIBI

- Anishinaabe Teachings of the Thunderbird from Ki'eshgitabaaning Cultural and Healing Lodge
- They Who Walk as Lightning Comic from MOONSHOT: The Indigenous Comics Collection Volume 2



WAATISGADEGEN

COLORING SHEETS: CONTINUED

- [Gimiigwechiwiaanaanig](#) (We All Thank Them All). The Aki Nakweshkodaadiwin (Landbody Conference) from Ojibwe.net has coloring cards.
- [Anishinaabe Coloring](#) and Activity Book by Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission(GLIFWA)
- [Nenda-gikendamang ningo-biboonagak Biboong](#) (winter) Anokii-Mazina'igan by GLIFWC
- Water First [Coloring Pages](#) and teacher pages
- [Aqua Comic Books](#), Coloring Books & Posters by Water Footprint Calculator



DAMNAWINAN GAMES:

- Nibi [Vocabulary 1](#)
- Nibi [Vocabulary 2](#)
- Nibi [Vocabulary 3](#)

The Great Lakes account for about 21% of the world's supply of surface fresh water.

<https://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/facts-and-figures-about-great-lakes>



Nibi Vocabulary Words:
Aawan (Aw-wan) -Fog or Mist
Gichigami (Gih-chi-gah-mih)-
Ocean
Gimiwan (Gih-mih-wan)-Rain
Goon (goon)-Snow
Mkoom (M-koom)-Ice
Nbiikad (N-bee-kad)-Dew
Nibi (Nih-bih)-Water
Zaaga'gan (Zaw-gah-gan)-Lake



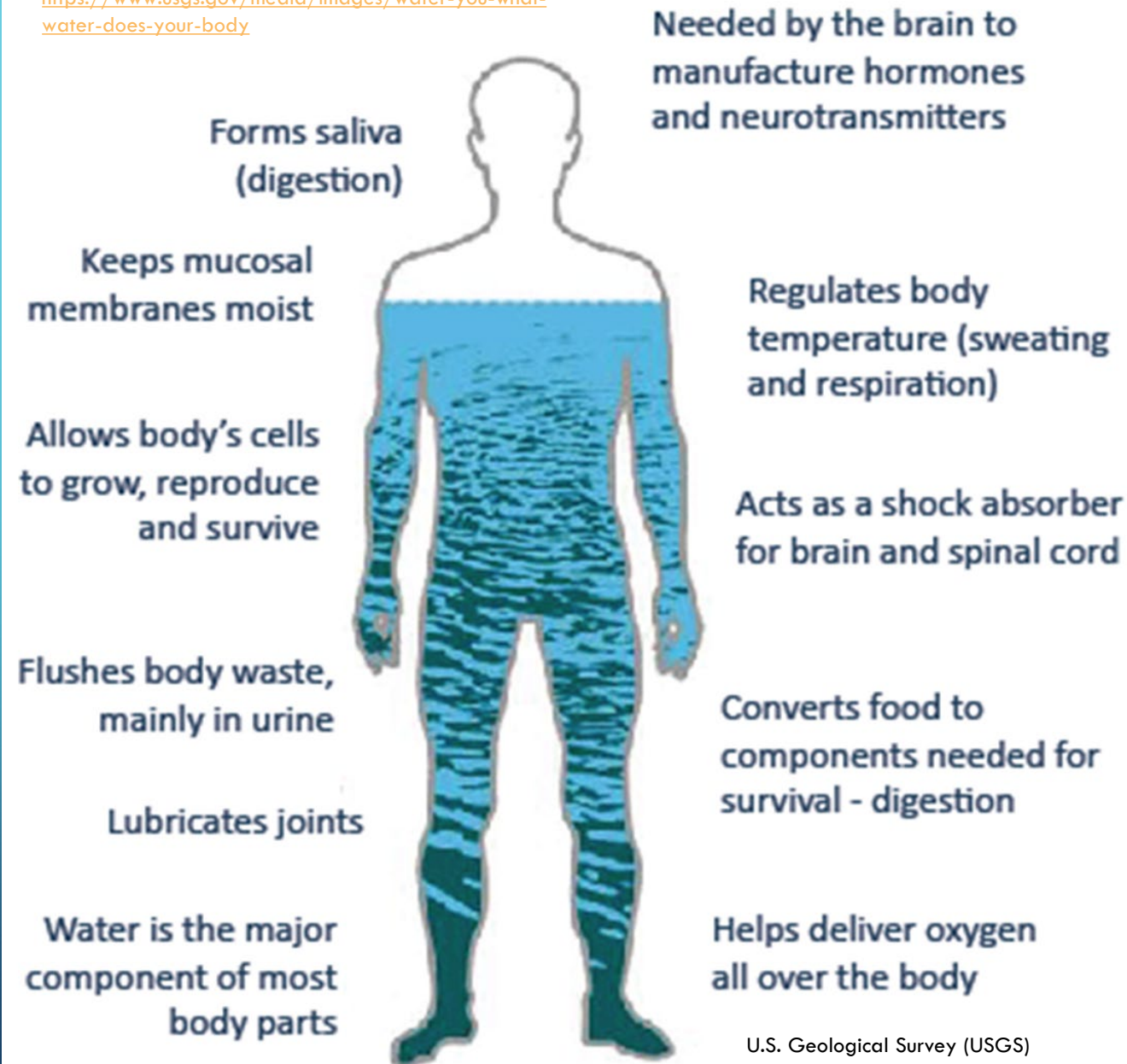
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ACTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

- **Honour Water** is a singing game for mobile developed by Pinnguaq with art and design by Elizabeth LaPensée. (Free Game)
- **Indigenous STEAM Activities- Activity Cards** from Indigenous STEAM Collaborative
- **Water Cycle** and Watershed by Water First
- **Ganawenimaa Nimamainan Aki** (Respect our Mother Earth) Activity Book from GLIGWC
- **Nibi Giinwiindawan** (We Are Water) curriculum with the City and County of Peterborough.
- The **World Water Game** on Water Issues and Eco-justice by Resources 4 Rethinking
- Poem: From **Eagle Rock** to Standing Rock by Cecelia Rose LaPointe, Ojibway/Métis

What Does Water do for You?

<https://www.usgs.gov/media/images/water-you-what-water-does-your-body>

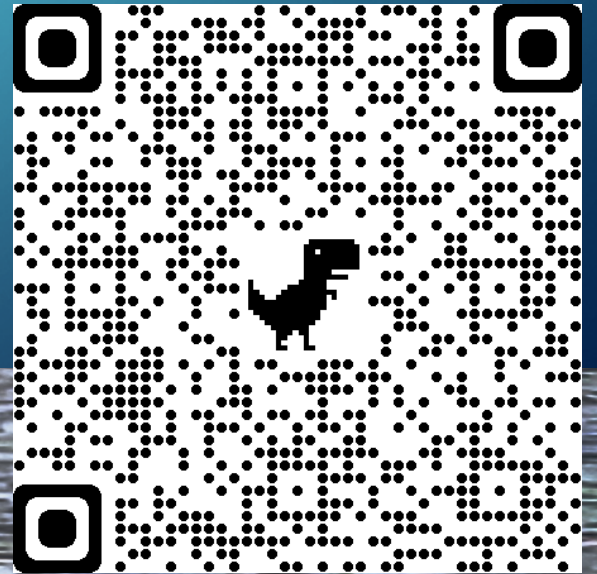


NIBI GAA-BIMAAJI'IWEMAGAK: WATER IS LIFE INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Anishinaabemowin~ Learning Together Land Base Educational Resources with Jodi Johnston is a member of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Ontario and Gina Marucci is an Outdoor Education teacher in the York Region District School Board

Aabidek gwii-naakdownen-daa-naa Nbiish (We have to take care of the water).

- The [Water Crisis](#) Video by National Geographic and [lessons](#)
- [Water Scarcity Video](#) from FAOWATER
- Water Scarcity -Drought –Climate Change
- [Our Global Water Crisis](#), Explained by Our Changing Climate
- [America's Water Initiative](#) from Columbia Water Center



NGAMWINAN SONGS:

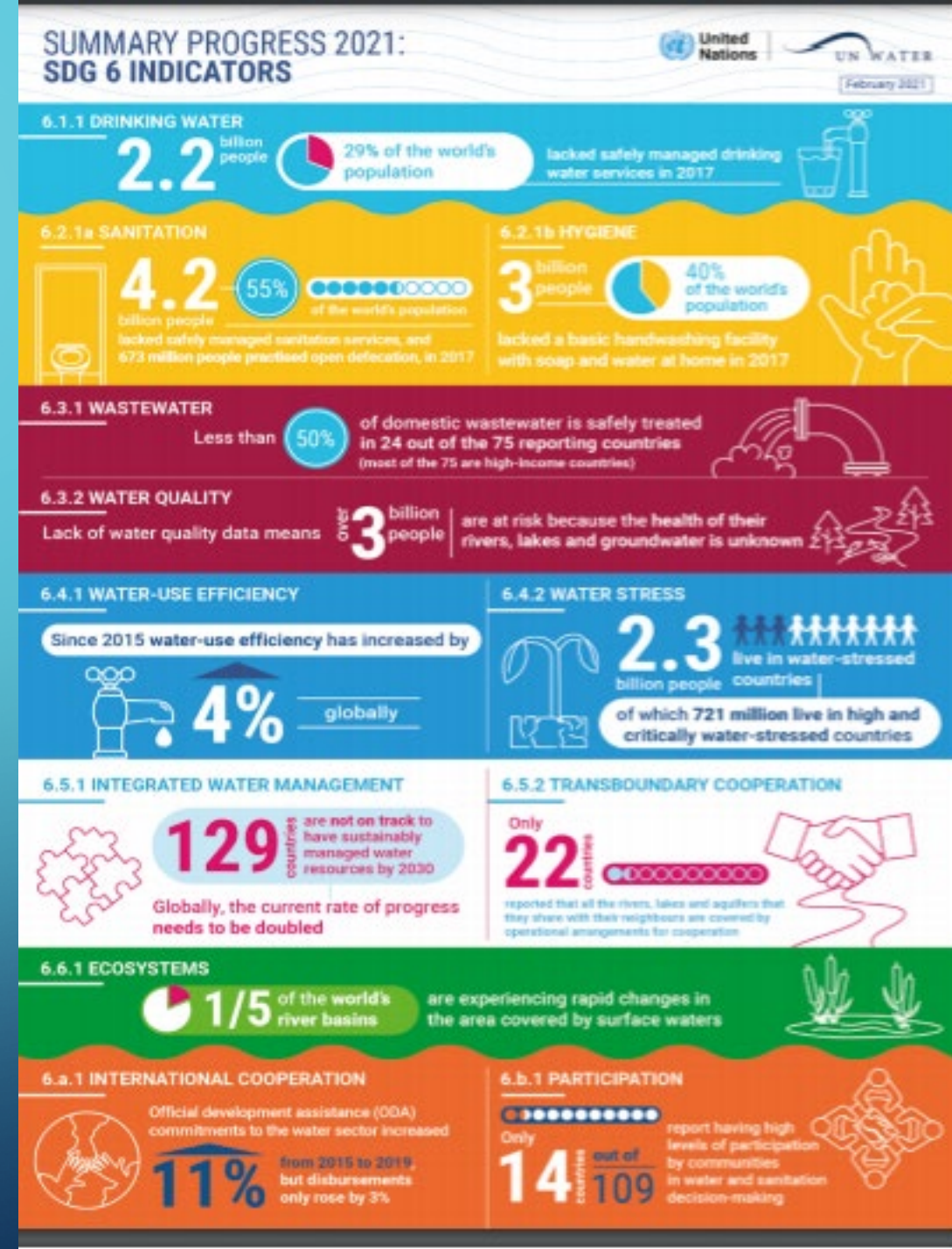
- Mother Earth Water Walk Site and Nibi [Water Song](#) sung by Beatrice Menase Kwe Jackson, Migizi Clan
- [Nme \(Baby Sturgeon\) Song](#) from the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways
- Nibi Walk: [Water Songs Page](#)
- [Sing](#) The Water Song an Algonquin Song
- Nibi Water Song from [Turtle Lodge](#)
- [Joe Reilly](#) is a Michigan singer who sings songs of unity and stewardship of our diverse world.
- Ohnekanus [Nibi \(Water\)](#) Songs and
- [In The River: A Protest Song](#) – by Raye Zaragoza [#NODAPL](#)
- [Nkweshkoodaadidaa Ekobiiyag](#) (Meet Me By The Water) from Ojibwe.net
- [Stand Up](#) / Stand N Rock [#NoDAPL](#) (Official Video) Hip Hop Caucus has partnered with Taboo
- AN [ANTHEM FOR STANDING ROCK](#): Water to Fire – by Aliza Hava
- [Tar Snake](#) from Dynamite Honey: Northern Folk & Blues by Tyler Dettloff



UNITED NATIONS: UN WATER WEBSITE

- United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6) is the goal of ensuring water and sanitation for all by 2030. We are falling seriously short of meeting this goal as of March 2021.
- The Fifth UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters - "Building Back Better towards More Resilient and Sustainable Post-COVID-19 World" Video from June 25, 2021
- UN Water Article July 2021-Billions of people will lack access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene in 2030 unless progress quadruples
- The United Nations World Water Development Report 2021 Facts and Figures VALUING WATER

<https://www.unwater.org/publications/summary-progress-update-2021-sdg-6-water-and-sanitation-for-all/> (page 7 of report)



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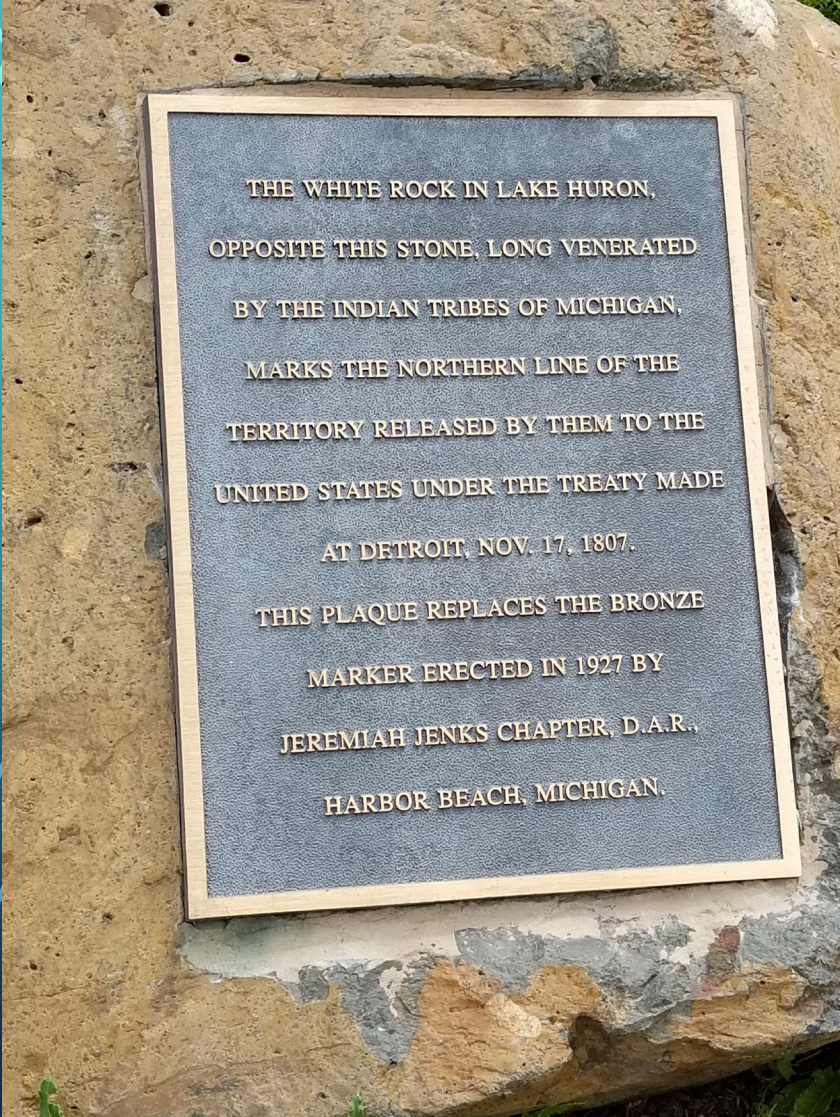
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Ziibiwing Center: Staff cleaning Wiingashk (Sweetgrass), Nikagoon (Canadian Geese) Resting on our front lawn, Mishiike (Turtle) by Mishigami or Lake Michigan at Indian Summer Festival in Milwaukee, WI, Anishinabe Wiigwaasi-jiiman Community Project Oct 2018.

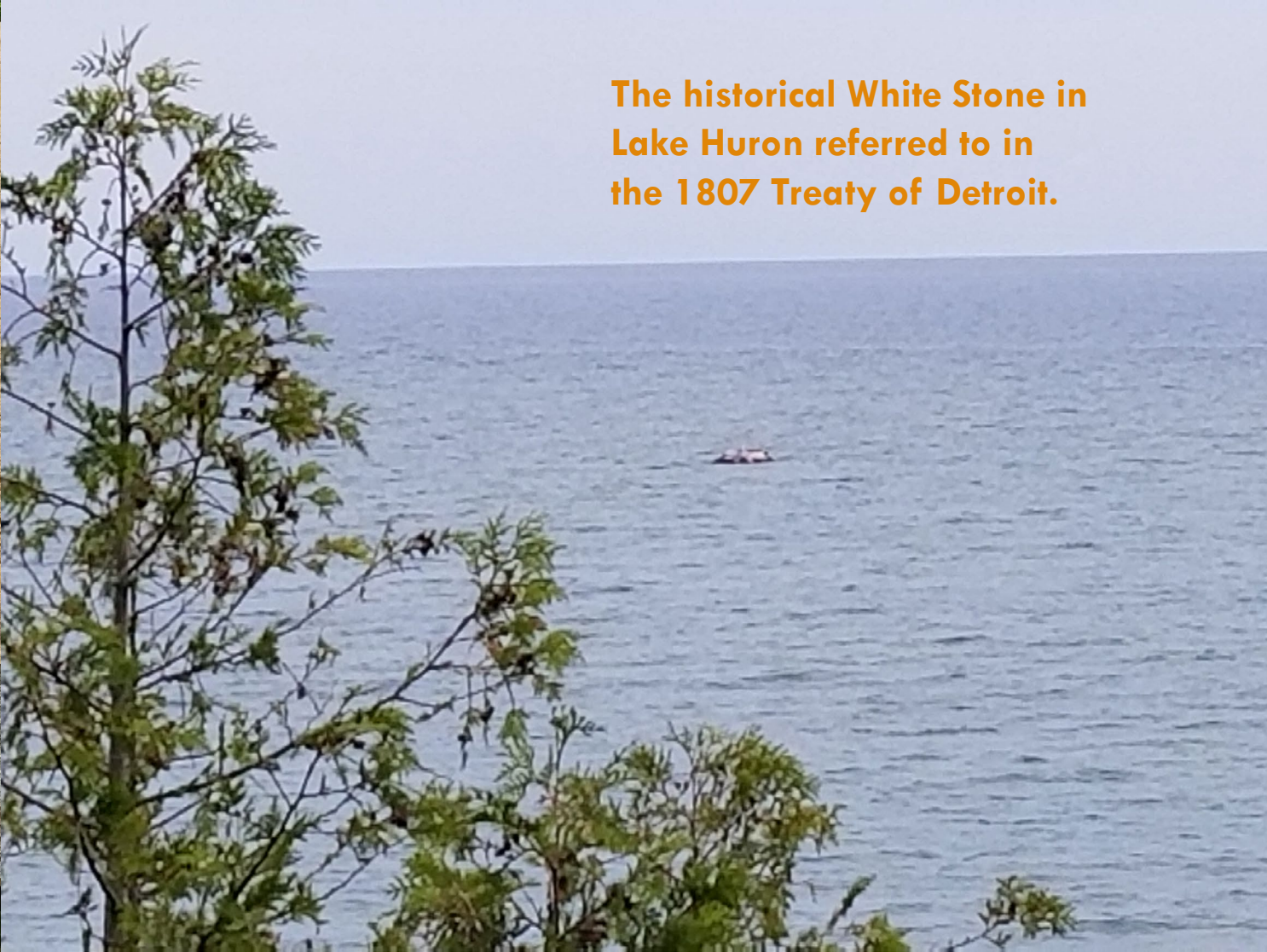


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THE WHITE ROCK IN LAKE HURON,
OPPOSITE THIS STONE, LONG VENERATED
BY THE INDIAN TRIBES OF MICHIGAN,
MARKS THE NORTHERN LINE OF THE
TERRITORY RELEASED BY THEM TO THE
UNITED STATES UNDER THE TREATY MADE
AT DETROIT, NOV. 17, 1807.
THIS PLAQUE REPLACES THE BRONZE
MARKER ERECTED IN 1927 BY
JEREMIAH JENKS CHAPTER, D.A.R.,
HARBOR BEACH, MICHIGAN.



The historical White Stone in
Lake Huron referred to in
the 1807 Treaty of Detroit.

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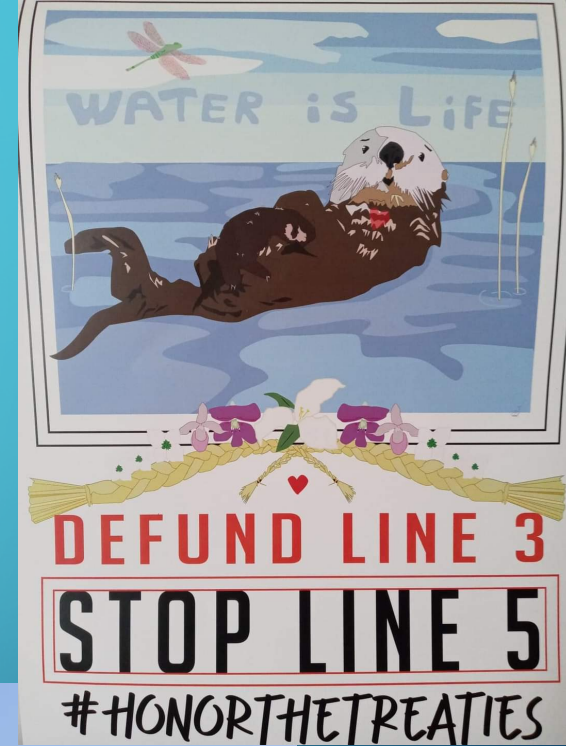


Wiisagaak-Black Ash is often referred to as the thirsty tree as it grows in wooded swamps and wetlands. The Red Arrow Family comes from a long line of Black Ash Artists. Water is Sacred Exhibit woven Black Snake displayed at the Ziibiwing Center. Red Arrow log rolling at Frontier City early 1960s.

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Michigan Water Protectors: July 8, 2021 Water Ceremony and Pipe Ceremony at Torch Lake and then onto Kings Orchard to talk to President Biden and Governor Whitmer, Senator Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow about protecting our water in the Great Lakes. Photos from Bea Jackson.



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Beautiful sun sets over different lakes in Michigan
and around the Great Lakes.

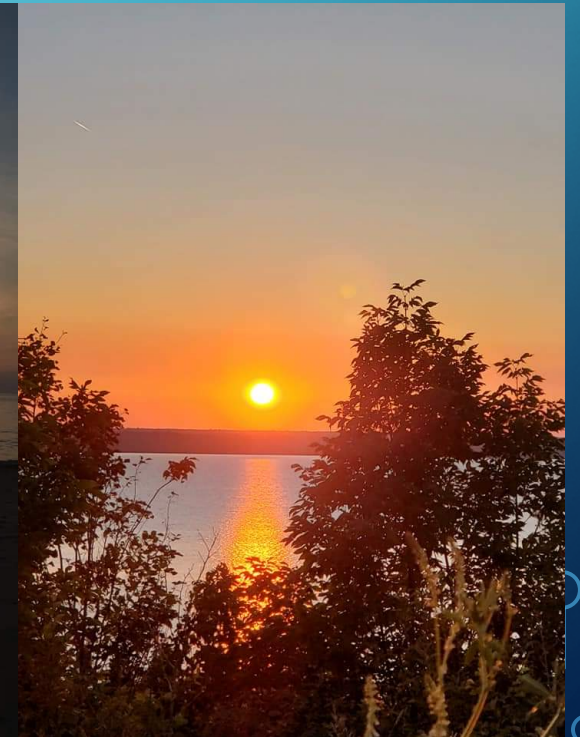
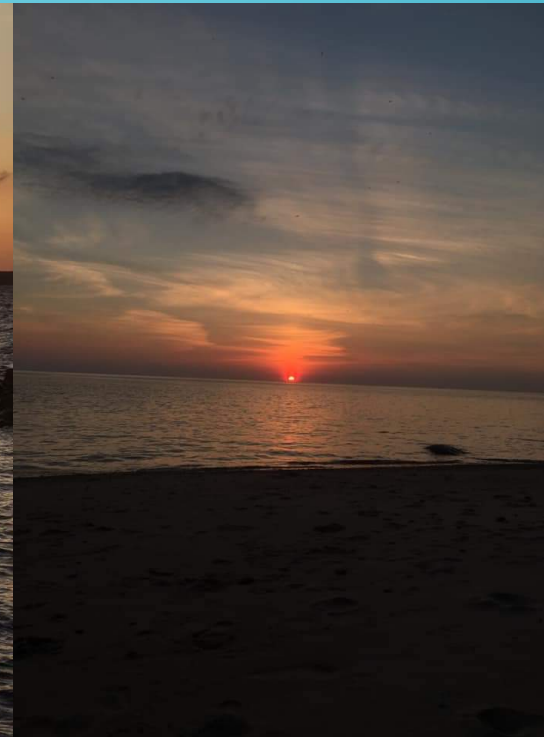
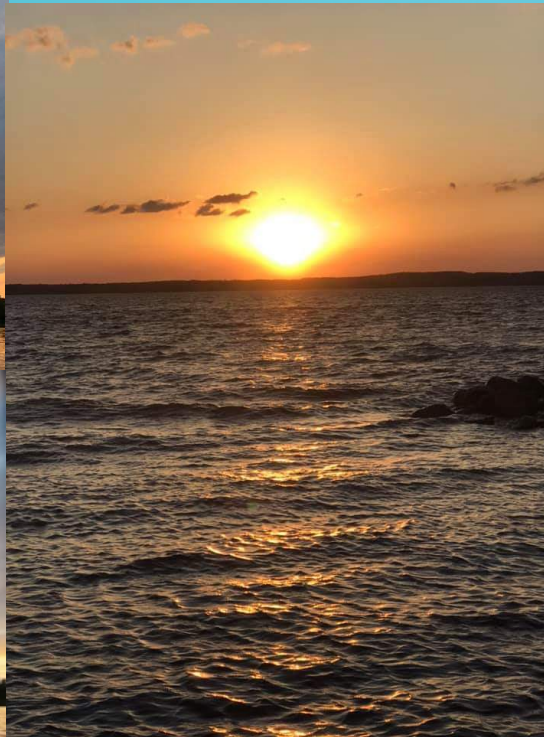


Photo by Colleen Green

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Russell Stevens boating on Dickerson Lake



Chilling in Ocqueoc Falls in the Lower Peninsula Michigan



Renee Dillard making lye for Wiigop.



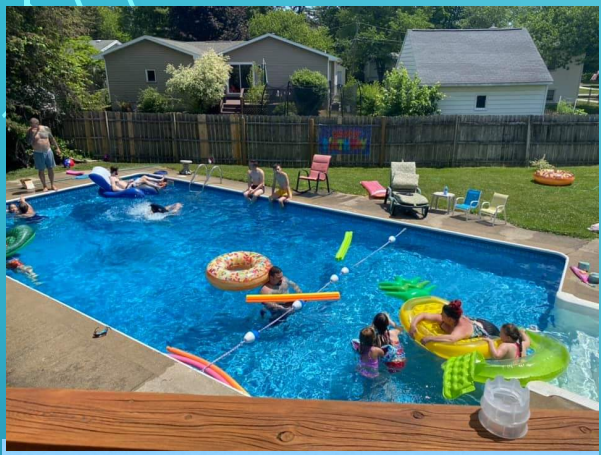
Chippewassee Park Tridge (3 way foot bridge) at the fork of Chippewa and Tittabawassee Rivers in Midland, MI



Little Traverse Bay & Lake Michigan

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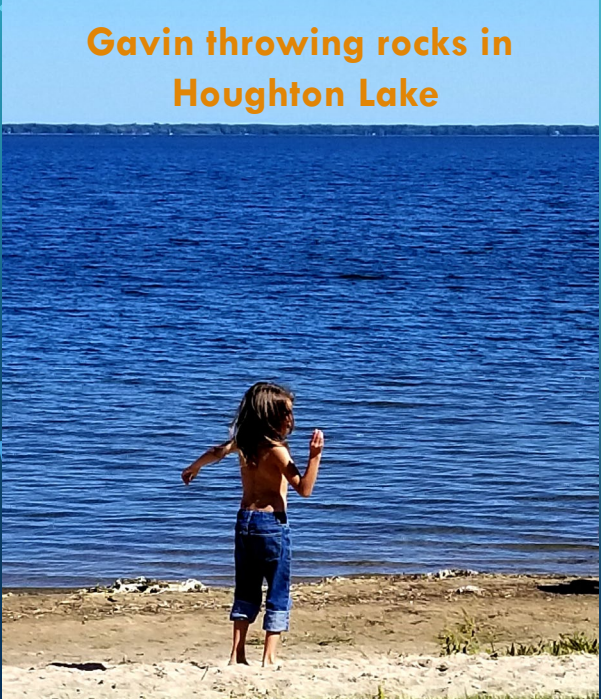
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Fun at the Beach by Cynthia Swift Falsetta



Adam Avery and Lisa Kennedy



Gavin throwing rocks in Houghton Lake

Poolside fun by Linda Scott



Fountain at Frankenmuth, MI by Kim Hinmon

Houghton Lake Cabin

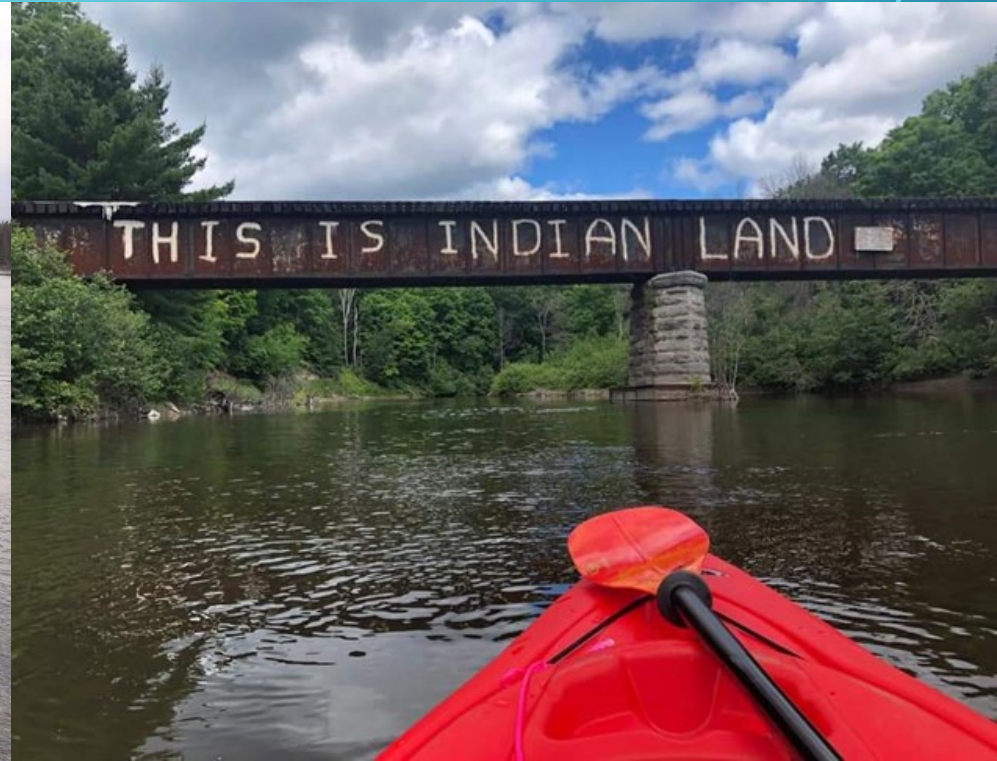


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Mona Dee at Yellowstone National Park



Family Fun at the lake from Shay May, Isabelle Osawamick collecting Spring Water, Mona Dee at Yellowstone National Park with Niijzhik Quintero swimming, and Canoeing by Indian Land Bridge from Marlene Syrette.

Giigoonhkedaa! Let's go fishing!

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Gnda-mooj-ge-wak-They are fishing. **Aleeya Peters** fishing, **Ronnie Ekdahl** fishing in the Chippewa River, **Laura Stevens-Mahlich** showing what's for dinner, and **Lupe Gonzales** proudly showing the fish she caught from Lake Isabella.

Nmegos-Salmon, **Nme**-Lake Sturgeon, **Nmebin**-Sucker Fish, **Saawe**-Perch, **Gaa**-Walleye, **Nmegoos**-Lake Trout, **Shigan**-Bass & **Gnoozhe**-Northern Pike

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Dave Shananaquet painting of Nibi, Canoeing at N. Higgins Lake, Fountain at SECR, Avi Gomez Water Protector, Summer Stevens, Shaila Sentes and baby swimming at Lake Isabella, Statue of Liberty in NY Harbor and Mt. Pleasant Sister City Japanese Delegates visit Mackinac Island.

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Annie eating snow, Apichi (Robin) awakes to Spring Snow and Double Rainbow by Leslie Blumer.

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Sugar Island Pow-wow, July 2021: Sugar Island is located on the St. Mary River between Michigan and Ontario, Canada. It is the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe. Christa Gomez, Jefferson Ballew & Sonja Killips, Nonah Bedell and Angus Bush enjoyed the weekend connecting and laughing with others, being close to nature, practicing their culture, dancing in the circle and staying hydrated. Participants left the event feeling rejuvenated!

LISTENING TO THE SOUND OF WATER IS RELAXING!

LISTEN WITH YOUR EARS, MIND, HEART AND SPIRIT. HOW DOES LISTENING TO NIBI MAKE YOU FEEL?

- Relaxing Surf Sounds ([Lake Michigan](#))
- 10 Hour Audio by Awesome Audio
- The [Forest Waterfall](#) HD - The Calming Sound of Water with BoydTV
- [Calming Sea and Native American Flute](#) - Relaxing Music and 4K Ocean Waves Relaxation by 321 Relaxing

[Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive](#)
[View of Lake Michigan](#)



BIMAADZIWIN BIISH AAWAAN! WATER IS LIFE!

- There are many ways to describe the world from the perspective of the Anishinaabe. There is not just one word to describe something in Anishinaabemowin as you often find in English. Anishinaabemowin fluent speakers may use a word or terms interchangeably within a conversation as Anishinaabemowin is fluid and flexible. You will need to understand the context of the conversation through their words, tones and gestures to infer the meaning.

Miigwetch Gchi-Manidoo Biish gaa miinshin!

Thank you Creator for the water!

MIIGWECHWINIM (THANK YOU EVERYONE) TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS NIBI POWERPOINT!

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