



THREE FIRES SOCIETY

Anishinabe Midewiwin Lodge of Sharing and Healing



May 31, 2011

Waynaboozhoo, Greetings

As you may know, be aware over the past 6 weeks a dedicated group of Native American/Canadian First Nations grandmothers and many volunteers, have been walking across the Nation on a very important mission.

The mission is to bring a message and to raise the public's awareness of the physical, contaminated condition of our sacred water. The mission, known as the Mother Earth Water Walk, is an international effort, U.S. and Canada. Hoping that the mission and its message will create a national, worldwide effect.

A dedicated Ojibwe Grandmother of the Manitoulin Island First Nation unceded reserve in Wikwemikong, Ontario is the Founder of the Mother Earth Water Walk, a doer of great effort. The Mother Earth Water Walk is coming from the four sacred directions, "From sea to shining sea", North, South, West and East and is scheduled to arrive at the Bad River Anishinabe Reservation on the eve: June 10, 2011. The Water Walk will touch down, camp over night at the old Odanah Pow-wow grounds.

On Saturday, June 11, the Walkers and supporters will embark on the final 15 miles to the Mide School, Cedar Wisconsin. Which is located East of Odanah, Wis. on Hwy. 2. Arrival at the Mide School is at Noon. The final schedule is:

1. Welcome song by Drum Group and singers.
Welcome message by Grand Chief of the Three Fires Society and Tribal Chair of the Bad River Ojibwe Nation.
2. Prayer and Water Ceremony. Midewaniquay, assisted by the youth.
3. Introduction of Water Walkers, Great Lakes Tribal Leaders and/or representatives.

4. Introduction/recognition of Tribal, Band Councils and elders of our communities. Introduction of federal, state government and/or agencies. Introduction of youth representatives, residents, schools, organization and individuals.
5. Words and encouragement from representatives and individuals. Native people to voice our concern for the environment and the northern Wisconsin mining issue.
6. Introduction of drum groups for
 - Welcome Song
 - Flag Song
 - Celebration of Life Song
 - Intertribal song and dance
7. Awards and recognition
8. Final remarks at 4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. will be an evening feast and celebration at the Bad River Pow-wow Grounds. Hosted by the Bad River Tribal Council, the community and the Three Fires Mide Society, Center Fire. Public is welcome to attend.

This is an invitation to show our concern for the environment, the sacredness of water, culture and language. "Let us put our minds together for the future generations. Let us come together, work, pray and be the doers, for Life."

For more information on this great event, please contact Esie Leoso at 715-682-7127 or Karen DeMain 715-558-1318.

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L.C.O. Tribal Member
Grand Chief of the Three Fires Mide Society

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