

# Full Circle Learning

## Our Goals:

- To get youth excited about the outdoors and strengthen their connection to it
- Educate youth on the importance of traditional ecological knowledge
- Help youth experience possible careers in natural resources
- Help provide and maintain leadership skills, boost confidence, and self-reliance
- Promote and protect treaty rights
- Help youth recognize their connection to Nimaamaa-aki (Mother Earth)



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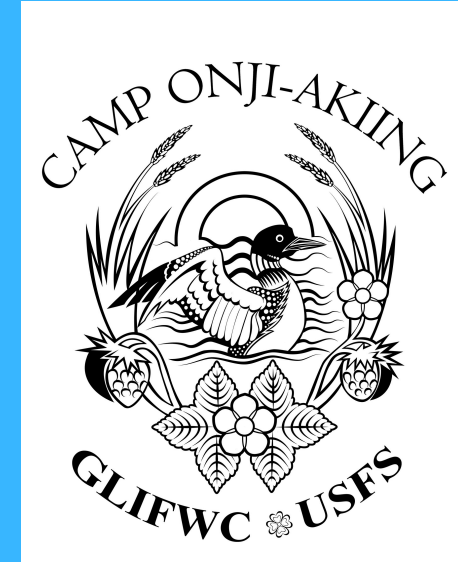
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Onji ~ Akiing (From the Earth)



Natural Resource Cultural Summer Camp

August 12-16, 2024

Camp Nesbit, US Forest Service Rd  
1400, Watton, MI 49970

## Onji-Akiing Cultural Youth Camp



Camp Onji-Akiing is a joint effort between the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) and the USDA- Forest Service, Ottawa National Forest to provide an opportunity to connect youth to the outdoors.

Hosted at the Lake Nesbit Environmental Center near Watton, Michigan. The camp centers around the Medicine Wheel, incorporating physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects of adventure - based learning workshops. Youth will explore natural resource careers, Native American treaty rights, building leadership skills, and environmental stewardship. Onji-Akiing is open to youth (10-14 years old) entering 5th - 8th grade in the fall of 2024, and for 14-18 year-olds as Junior Counselors who participate in camp and act as young leaders.

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### 2024 Programs

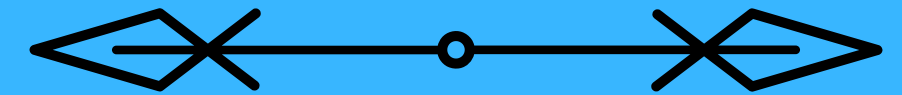
- Environmental Sciences (aquatic ecology, terrestrial ecology, wildlife, and forestry)
- Traditional and Modern Food Processing
- Career Fair
- Cultural Exploration
- Fishing, Gathering, and Archery
- Fireside Programs
- Canoeing
- Indigenous games and ceremonies
- Learning of Treaty Rights



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The success of our campers is important to us. That is why we ask all campers to participate earnestly in all our group and individual activities. Campers will learn service, leadership, recreation, and cultural awareness skills.

Campers will sleep and store their belongings in cabins. Campers will also eat three meals a day in the dining commons area.



### Sample daily schedule

- 7:00 - Rise and shine!
- 7:15 - Spirit Run/Walk
- 8:00 - Breakfast
- 9:00 - Canoeing
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 1:00 - Low Ropes Course
- 3:30 - Archery
- 5:00 - Dinner
- 6:00 - Clan Time
- 7:00 - Warrior games
- 8:45 - Fireside Talking Circle
- 10:00 pm - Lights Out