

Gitigaan News



AANIIN GAKINA AWIIYA!

The academic year is right around the corner, and we're excited to share what the Gitigaan Crew has been up to this summer! Between garden projects, Camp Chequamegon sessions, and envisioning what Farm to School will look like this year, this Niibin has been busy and sweet! Rey Hanson, who will be entering their senior year, returned to the Gitigaan Crew for their third summer and has been an incredible help in maintaining and caring for the gardens. Rey has also been studying the properties of medicinal herbs and plans to revamp the tea station using what they've learned to help educate others. As summer comes to a close, we're looking forward to one of the season's most meaningful traditions: Manoomin harvest!

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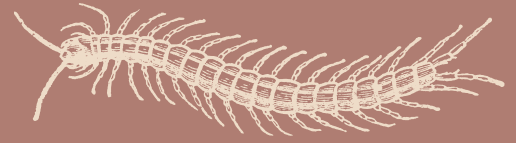
Camp Chequamegon

Garden & Nature

Ms. Kat and Ms. Lindsay led two eight-day summer camp sessions in partnership with the Red Cliff Boys & Girls Club, centered on gardening and exploring the natural world. Campers enjoyed hands-on learning experiences at local farms, beaches, trails, parks, and the school Gitigaan, discovering the plants, animals, and landscapes that make our community unique.

Every day brought new adventures, but some favorite activities included swimming, fishing, berry and cherry picking, gardening, visiting Mino Bimaadiziwin Farm, meeting alpacas and horses, and hiking together.

We always treasure the opportunity to welcome youth to the garden during the height of the growing season and look forward to next year!



Farm to School Action Plan

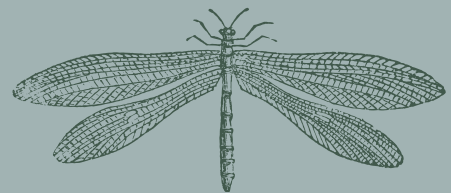
The Patrick Leahy USDA Farm to School Grant period concluded in June, and we are excited to share the finalized Bayfield School Farm to School Action Plan with our community. Informed by the voices of students, staff, and community members, the Action Plan reflects on the program's past and present while identifying opportunities for its future. It highlights the goals and accomplishments of the two-year grant period and will serve as a roadmap for continuing to strengthen and grow Farm to School in the years ahead.

To view the entire Action Plan follow this [link](#).



What's in Season?

Wild Rice / Manoomin
Mushrooms / Wazhashkwedowensag
Blackberries / Odatagaagominag
Raspberries / Miskominag
Plums / Bagesaanag
Grapes / Mazhoominag
Beans / Miskojiisiminag
Summer Squash / Agosimaanan
Brassicas / Gichi-Aniibiishan



Cucumbers / Bipakoombens
Carrots / Okaadaakoon
Peas / Anijiiminan
Tomatoes / Gichi-oginiig
Onions / Zhigaagawanzhiig
Garlic / Zhigaagominzhiig
Corn / Mandaamin
Peppers / Wiisagijiisimin
Potatoes / Opiniig

Manoominike

School Field Trips



We are beginning the planning process with Red Cliff Tribal partners to set dates for middle and high school manoomin harvesting and/or reseeding trips. As always, we welcome families and community members to attend to share their knowledge, learn, and get out of the water with youth. If you are interested in staying informed about manoominike this year please contact Kat Rakowski at krakowski@bayfield.k12.wi.us.

INTERTRIBAL MANOOMIN/MANŌMAEH CAMP

When and Where?

- September 18th through September 20th at the North Lakeland Discovery Center
- 14006 Discovery Ln, Manitowish Waters, WI 54545

Questions

- Contact Sagen Quale by email squale@wisc.edu
- Follow our Facebook page: Intertribal Manoomin Camp 2026 for updates and agenda

**PRE-REGISTER FOR
CAMP BY SCANNING THE
QR CODE BELOW**



What to expect?

- 3 full days of learning about and strengthening our relationship with Manoomin/Manōmaeh
- All meals provided with camping on site and limited cabins available to Elders, volunteers and workshop leaders
- Traditional tool making workshops, cooking demonstrations, food preservation, reseeding rice beds, harvesting and processing rice, lacrosse games

COLLABORATORS



The Intertribal Manoomin Camp is another great opportunity for those who want to deepen their relationship with the good berry. Scan the QR code to register for this special event!

