



Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians **GUN LAKE TRIBE**

Scott Sprague
Tribal Chairman

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August 23, 1999

County Service Areas:
Allegan, Barry, Kalamazoo,
Kent, and Ottawa

June 27, 2017

REQUEST FOR CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS

Dear Tribal Community,

The Match-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians is seeking cultural knowledge holders to assist the Tribal government in carrying out our mission statement.

We, the members of Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians of Michigan, will maintain our elders' vision, integrity, spirituality, culture and economic self-sufficiency by protecting our sovereignty, treaty rights, traditions, land and natural resources for future generations.

The Tribe is often in need of cultural teachers for a variety of programs and project support in order to educate and facilitate connections to culture which support spirituality and traditions. In order to follow a fair process to aid selection of teachers/vendors, we are developing a database for our government staff to access when in need of cultural services.

The database will include individuals willing to share the traditional teachings, feast preparation and other culture of the Anishinabe people including stories, traditional knowledge and arts & crafts. Staff will first consult this database when in need of cultural services. If you are interested in providing traditional cultural services to the Tribe, please return the enclosed response form. A list of potential services is also enclosed. If you have a skill or knowledge that is not listed, please do not hesitate to respond. The list is not all inclusive.

We are interested in responses from Gun Lake Tribal Citizens and their family members, as well as, Citizens of other tribes. Please forward this information to individuals that may be interested. Starting August 1, 2017, the Tribe will contact individuals listed in this database every time we are in need of a cultural service; however, you may submit your response at any time.

Please contact Jessica Kimble, Executive Assistant, at Jessica.Kimble@glt-nsn.gov or (269) 397-1780, with questions regarding this database.

Sincerely,

Scott Sprague, Tribal Chairman



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Name _____

Birthdate _____ Tribal Affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Lifeway, Skill, Art, etc. (list one) _____

Relevant additional information regarding the above lifeway, skill, art _____

How many years of experience do you have teaching this skill? _____

Do you have previous teaching experience with the following age groups? (select all that apply)

Preschool 5 – 12 13 – 49 50 +

Do you have experience teaching groups of the following sizes? (select all that apply)

5 – 15 15 – 30 31+

Additional explanation

Are you willing to co-teach with another person? Yes No

How much do you typically charge? _____

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What do you typically charge? _____

The Tribe receives inquiries on a regular basis from outside organizations looking for Native American teachers and crafters on a variety of topics. Do you authorize the Tribe to share your contact information outside of the Tribal Government with individuals or organizations seeking teachers or products? Yes No

Please return this form to Jessica Kimble via email Jessica.Kimble@glt-nsn.gov, in person or by postal service.

Jessica Kimble, Executive Assistant
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Shelbyville, MI 49344.