

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

--- Language & Culture Division ---



Semi Annual Report
January - June, 2026
Cody Jodoin, Director



Division Mission

The Language & Culture Division provides programming for tribal members that promotes Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin (lifeways) & Anishinaabemowin (language). In doing so, we protect & preserve what was handed down by our ancestors for future generations.





Language & Culture Staff Listing

Administrative Staff:

- **Cody Jodoin** – Director of Language & Culture
- **Michelle Bernier** – Administrative Assistant
- **Deb Pine** – Cultural Training Specialist

Cultural Activities Staff

- **Eva Collins** – Activities Coordinator (Unit 1)
- **Charlie Treleaven** – Activities Coordinator (Unit 2)
- **Caden Colegrove** – Activities Coordinator (Unit 3)
- **Kelly Tovar** – Activities Coordinator (Unit 4)
- **Stacie Chambers** - Activities Coordinator (Unit 5)
- **Vacant**– Cultural Activities Assistant

Maintenance Staff

- **Brett Blackwood** – Maintenance Technician (MMCC)
- **Joe Ailing** – Maintenance Technician (Niigaanagiizhik)

Anishinaabemowin Instructors

- **Yvette Pitawanakwat** – Ojibwe Language Instructor
- **Cecil Pavlat** – Online Language Instructor
- **Susan Askwith** – Online Language Instructor
- **Larissa Beun** – In-person Language Instructor (Marquette)

Repatriation & Historic Preservation & Ojibwe Library

- **Emma Donmyer** – Historic Preservation & Repatriation Specialist
- **Nicole Maleport** – Library Aide





Division Events & Activities

Unit 1

January 24-25 – Gill Net Workshop (re-scheduled)
January 31 – Winter Gathering & Storytelling (40 attendees)
February 7 – Mitten Making Workshop (25 attendees)
February 13 – snow snake track building across from Niigaanagiiizhik
February 14 – Snow Snake Workshop
February 28 – Winter Survival Camp at MMCC in collaboration with YEA – 20 youth attendees (age 8-15) with 10 adult chaperones.
March 9 – Sugar Bush Ceremony
March 19 – Kickoff of Sugar Bush Season at MMCC
March 23 – Summer Powwow Planning Meeting
March 28 – Spring Gathering & Ceremony at Niigaanagiiizhik
March 9 – April 17 – Annual Sugar Bush Camp at MMCC
April 28 – May 3 – Spring Fasting Camp @ MMCC
May 5 – Indigenous culture night at SAHS
May 11 – Summer powwow planning meeting
May 16-17 – Mshkmat Bag Workshop hosted by Yvette Pitawanakwat
June 5 - JKL Jiingtamok
June 8 - Sacred Fire Teachings with Cecil Pavlat (30 attendees)
June 11 - James Vukelich Event at Niigaanagiiizhik
June 13 - Newberry Powwow
June 25 - Powwow Grounds Cleanup

Unit 2

January 17-18 – Ribbon Skirt Workshop (Jackie Minton)
February 11 - CPR Certification Training
February 13 - Snow Snake track Workshop
February 14 - Snow Snake making Workshop
February 28 - Meet and Greet Feast in Hessel (20 attendees)
March 5 - Snow Snakes with YEA
March 12 - Hand Drums with YEA
March 17 – Coordinators Meeting
March 19 - Sugar Bush kickoff at MMCC
March 23 – Summer Powwow Planning Meeting
March 25 - Sugar bush with YEA
March 26 – Met with artist David Dutcher
March 26 - Hand Drum Bags YEA
March 30 - Sugar Bush – making maple sugar
April 8-9 – Sugar Bush @ MMCC
April 18-19 – Moccasin Workshop (Newberry)
April 22 - Rudyard Youth Powwow
May 30 - Hessel Spring Feast
May 31 - Advanced Beading Workshop
June 13 - Newberry Powwow
June 14, 21 & 28 - Advanced Beading Workshops
June 19-20 - Hessel Learning Lodge Build



Division Events & Activities

Unit 3

January 6 & 20 - Hosted bi-weekly craft nights at the McCann
January 13 & 27 - Cultural teachings at Youth Detention Facility
January 9 – Beginner's Loom Workshop
January 24 – 4 Sacred Medicines Workshop
January 25 – Medicine Bag Workshop
February 3: Community Craft Night
February 4: Medicine Wheel teachings at (Youth Detention)
February 13: Elders' Talking Circle
February 17: Community Craft Night
February 27: Beginner sewing workshop
February 28: Winter survival camp (*Sugar Island*)
Mar 3: Community Craft Night
Mar 4: Cedar teachings at Youth Detention Facility
Mar 4: Dreamcatchers at Wellbriety
Mar 7-8: Bandolier Bag Workshop
Mar 12: Canoe Build with Ron Paquin
Mar 17: Community Craft Night – rescheduled due to blizzard
Mar 18: Dreamcatchers at Youth Detention Facility
Mar 28: Spring Ceremony
Mar 31: Community Craft Night
April 8 – Community Potluck and Storytelling with Dean Sayers
April 14 – Community Craft Night
April 14-18: St. Ignace Canoe Building with elder Ron Paquin
April 20 – Sugar Bush Teaching at Youth Detention Facility
April 22 – Dream Catchers for Earth Day
May 3 - Missing Murdered Indigenous Peoples Walk
May 3 - Community Potluck
May 4 – Youth Detention Facility Teaching

Unit 3 cont.

May 5 – Community Craft Club
May 15 – Youth Drum Social with YEA
May 16-17 – Moccasin Workshop with Jackie Minton
May 18 – Youth Detention Facility Teaching (cancelled)
May 19 – Birch Bark Baskets with Ron Paquin
May 21 – Cadaver Dog Survey (Enbridge, Line 5)
May 23 – Ojibwe Heritage Festival
May 24 – Community Craft Club
May 26 – Pine Needle Baskets with Midge Moses
May 30 – Ribbon Skirt, Shirt, and Shawl Workshop

Unit 4

January 16 – Meet the Coordinator Event @ Escanaba Community Center
January 24 & 25 – Ribbon Skirt
February 26 - Community Craft Night - Escanaba
February. 28: Moccasin Making Workshop – Manistique (*Rescheduled to 3/14 due to facilitator conflict*)
March 21: Hand Drum Workshop - Escanaba
March 22: Drum Teachings – Escanaba
March 27: Beaded Earrings – Escanaba
March 29: Community Hand Drum Teachings
April 17: Community craft night - Manistique
April 18: Caring for our Elders Pow Wow – Escanaba
April 25: Black Ash Basket Workshop – Escanaba
May 16: Black Ash Basket Workshop - Manistique
May 23: Girls / Women's Teachings– Escanaba
June 5-6 – Manistique Powwow
June 24 - Sacred Bundle Teachings - Escanaba
June 26 - Moccasin Workshop– Manistique



Division Events & Activities

Unit 5

February 4 - Language Class in Marquette with Larissa Buen
February 12 - Culture Night Marquette
February 21 - Black Ash Basket Making Munising
February 22 - Black Ash Basket Making Marquette
February 25 - Personal teachings with Maribeth & Dolores Leveque
February 26 - Cultural Night and Storytelling with Danny Garcea.
February 27 - Teachings with Janet Krueger
February 28 - Storytelling and Soup contest with Marybeth Leveque
March 4 & 18 - Language Class in Marquette with Larissa Buen.
March 12 & 26 - Culture Night Marquette
March 30 & April 1 - Dream Catcher Workshops- Marquette & Munising
March 31 - Ceremony for Sugar Bush in Marquette/ Community snowshoe hike with KBIC Promise Neighborhoods, CNAS/NMU, and Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy
April - Asemaa Workshop with Larissa Buen
April - Community Hand Drum Gathering
April - Escanaba Pow Wow
April - Kitchi Miniss Jiingtamok Meeting
April - Beginners Sewing and Cricut Workshop
April - Diaper Workshop with Leah Blanchard
April - Dream Catcher Workshop- Munising
April - Language Class with Larissa Buen
May - Ribbon Skirt Workshop with Rose & Chelsea in Marquette.
May - Seven Generations and Seven Grandfather's Talking Circle- Led by myself, Stacie Chambers.
May - Name, Clan and Color's Teaching with Mari Beth Leveque.

Unit 5 cont

May - Serve Safe Certification Class
May - Seven Grandfather's and Smudging teaching with Munising YEA- Cooking Club.
May - Tikiniigan Workshop with Leora Tadgerson and Little Agate
May - Seven Generations and Seven Grandfather's Talking
May - Circle Community Hand Drum Gathering
May - Language Class and Bingo with Larissa Buen
June 2-3 - Elders Ribbon skirt workshop
June 6 - Niiwin Noodin Pow Wow Feast
June 13 - Newberry Pow wow
June 18 - YEA Riptide Ride
June 19-20 - Hessel lodge building
June 23 -YEA Manistique Bear Clan teachings
June 25 - Munising YEA Water teachings
June 27 - Jen and Chuck Raspor Bundle teachings
June 28 - Birch bark harvesting with Leora Tadgerson

In total the division organized and implemented 135 community events/activities from January to June, 2026!



SAULT TRIBE - UNIT 4

RIBBON SKIRT WORKSHOP

JANUARY 24 & 25, 2026
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ESCANABA COMMUNITY CENTER

5 SPOTS AVAILABLE EACH DAY
AGES 16+

Priority given to Sault Tribe Members

Workshop lead by Jackie Minton
To reserve your spot, call or text
Kelly Tovar, Cultural Activities Coordinator
906-379-8486



Hessel Community Center, Hessel, MI

Feast & Meet

UNIT 2 CULTURAL COORDINATOR

COME AND MEET CHARLIE TRELEAVEN,
UNIT 2'S NEW CULTURAL COORDINATOR

COME CHECK IT OUT

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 28**

4pm-6pm
Food provided,
Bring a dish to pass

contact Charlie Treleven for more information
ctreleven1@saulttribe.net | (906) 379-8529

SAULT TRIBE UNIT 4

Meet the Coordinator

BRUNCH

FOR DINNER



- MEET THE COORDINATOR
- ENJOY A DELICIOUS BRUNCH FOR DINNER
- SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR CULTURAL PROGRAMS

All Sault Tribe members are encouraged to attend!

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH
4-6 PM**

ESCANABA COMMUNITY CENTER

FOR INFORMATION AND TO RSVP CALL
KELLY TOVAR, CULTURAL EVENTS COORDINATOR - UNIT 4
906-379-8486
KTOVAR@SAULTTRIBE.NET

Sault Tribe Language and Culture Unit 3
PRESENTS

Elder Talking Circle



FRIDAY | 02.13.2026 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm | Elders' Center
3017 Mackinac Trail, St. Ignace

Come spend time with our community leaders,
listen to stories, and learn from our elders.

For Registration and Inquiry
contact Caden:

Phone: (906) 379 - 8820
Email: ccolegrove@saulttribe.net
Facebook: Sault Tribe Language and Culture - Unit 3



Sault Tribe Language and Culture Unit 3

Beading Workshop

Beginner's Loomwork

January 9, 2026
5:00 - 8:00pm

Enji Maawanji' Iding (McCann School)
399 McCann Street, St. Ignace

Learn to use a loom and the basics of beading!



To register or inquire, contact Caden:
ccolegrove@saulttribe.net || (906) 379-8820

Sault Tribe Language and Culture Unit 3

BI-WEEKLY

COMMUNITY CRAFT NIGHTS

February 3rd 5:00pm - 8:00pm
&
February 17th 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Enji Mawaanji' Iding
(former McCann School)
399 McCann St
St. Ignace, MI

This event is coordinated by community members and
Sault Tribe Language and Culture Unit 3



4 Sacred Medicine Workshop

MCCann Building, St. Ignace

January 24, 2026 11:00am-4:00pm
Tony Grondin to host Medicine teaching

January 25, 2026 11:00am-4:00pm
Making Medicine Bags: Supplies provided with registration

For Inquiry or Registration call or e-mail

Caden Colegrove,
Sault Tribe Language and Culture
906-378-8820
CColegrove@saulttribe.net

Terri Allan
Sault Tribe Community Health Education
906-643-8689 ext. 34532
TAllan1@saulttribe.net



Brought to you by Sault Tribe Community Health Education and Sault Tribe Language and Culture Department. Made possible through the Tribal Practices and wellness in Indian Country grant. Made possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions.

Sault Tribe Language and Culture Unit 3

Sewing Workshop

Beginner's Guide to Sewing

February 27, 2026
5:00 - 8:00pm

Enji Maawanji' Iding (McCann School)
399 McCann Street, St. Ignace

Hand dexterity is needed for this workshop

Learn to use a sewing machine and the basics of sewing!



To register or inquire, contact Caden:
ccolegrove@saulttribe.net || (906) 379-8820



SAULT TRIBE - UNIT 4
COMMUNITY NIGHT

Join us for a night of craft and conversation.
There will be various supplies for your use.
Feel free to bring your own projects to work on.



FEBRUARY 26 Estabro Community Center
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM 3721 Jingo St.

For info contact Kelly 906-379-8485

Minookmi Mnidookewin
SPRING CEREMONY

Saturday, March 28
Niigaanagizhik Building
11 Ice Circle
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Event Agenda
8:00am - Sunrise Ceremony
10:00am - Pipe Ceremony
Late lunch to follow!

The thunders have come! Come feast your sacred items as we welcome Spring. All pipes are welcome!
We respectfully ask that moon time teachings be followed & encourage attendees to bring feast bundles / dish bags

Questions: please contact Cody Jodoin
phone - (906) 635-6510 or email - cjodoin@saulttribe.net

Sault Tribe - Unit 4



MOCCASIN WORKSHOP
WITH JACKIE MINTON

Saturday Feb. 28th
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Manistique Community center

Ages 10+
Ages 10 - 16 must be accompanied by an adult

Limited Spots Available
"Please note that attendance is extremely important!"
"Check your calendar to ensure availability before registering!"

Register by calling or texting
Kelly @ 906-379-8486

SAVE THE DATE
JULY 3-5, 2026 - SAULT STE. MARIE, MI



Full Event Flyer to be released at a later date
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
NO DRUGS - NO ALCOHOL - NO POLITICS
Hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Questions? Please call the Language & Culture Division at (906) 635-6510

Presented by Sault Tribe Language and Culture - Unit 3

BAYDOLIER
BAG WORKSHOP
with Dalinda Brisette

MARCH 7th & 8th
11:00 - 5:00

Enji Maawanji'ding
(former McCann School)
399 McCann St

Registration is limited to 10 participants. Basic skill with a sewing machine is encouraged but not necessary.

All supplies and lunch provided.

For Registration and Inquiry:
Caden Colegrove
CColegrove@saulttribe.net
906 379 8820
or message our Facebook Page



Sault Tribe Language and Culture Department
Unit 5
Presents:

Asemaa- Our Traditional Tobacco and Creating Kinnikinnik with Larissa Buen

Sunday April 12, 2026
1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Sault Tribe Community Center
204 Cherry Creek Rd.
Marquette, MI 49855

Participants will leave with a tobacco plant.



Lets Make
Dream Catchers

Please join us as we instruct how to create a dream catcher.
Take part in a discussion of its origin, significance and use.

WHEN: MARCH 30, 2026
5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Sault Tribe Community Center
204 Cherry Creek Road
Marquette, MI 49855

CLASS IS LIMITED TO 10 PARTICIPANTS.

To register contact:
Stacie Chambers
Sault Tribe Language and Culture
Cultural Event Coordinator Unit 5
(906)379-8061
schambers1@saulttribe.net



SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
LANGUAGE AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT

SEWING AND CRICUT BEGINNER CLASS

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR BEGINNER-FRIENDLY SEWING CLASS TO LEARN THE CRAFT AND PRODUCE YOUR OWN FEAST/DISH BAG.

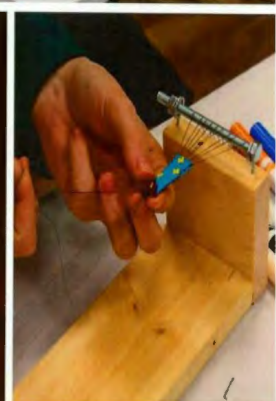
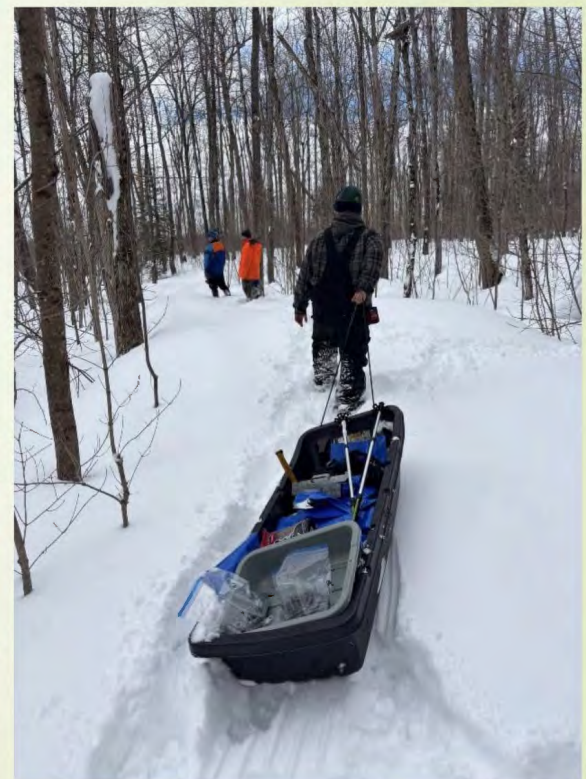
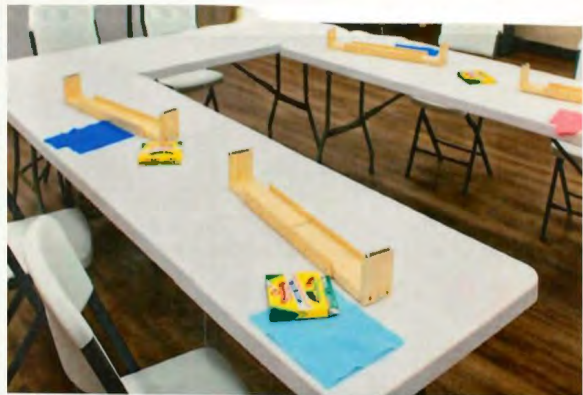
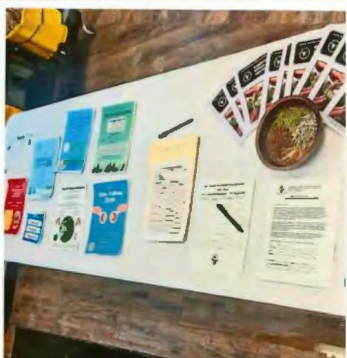
APRIL 25, 2026
1P.M. - 3P.M.
MUNISING TRIBAL CENTER
622 W SUPERIOR STREET
MUNISING, MI 49862

TO REGISTER CONTACT
STACIE CHAMBERS
(906)379-8061
[SCHAMBERS1@SAULTTRIBE.NET](mailto:schambers1@saulttribe.net)

LIMITED SLOTS!
RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!



All flyers are released a minimum 1-month in advance!







Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building – Sault Ste. Marie

January – June Activities

- Funerals – 14 (1-4 days in duration)
- Community Events – 9
- Craft Workshops - 8
- Meetings – (tribal departments, planning committees, in-service training) - 10
- Community Usage (Baby Showers, Wedding/Bridal Showers, Graduation Parties) – 16

Facility is also used weekly for drum practice (Tuesday) & weekly for cultural craft night (Wednesday) – both are organized by community members





Mary Murray Culture Camp – Sugar Island, MI

January – June Activities

- **Winter Survival Camp**
 - February 28 – March 1
 - 20 participants & 10 chaperones/facilitators
- **Annual Sugar Bush Camp**
 - March 9 – April 17
 - Tapped 75 trees
 - Hosted several school groups from JKL
- **Spring fasting camp with Traditional Medicine**
 - April 28 – May 3

On the Horizon

- After sugar bush camp wrapped up we began a major overhaul and clean out of the camp, garage & shed on site. We plan to start utilizing MMCC much more often for community events and camps including Ogichidaa & Ogichidaa-kwe camp, elder crafting, men's & women's retreats, smoked fish camp, deer camp, etc.





Anishinaabemowin Language Program

Our Anishinaabemowin language program currently offers a mix of both online & in-person options:

Online/Virtual

- Wednesdays from 6-8pm (Susan & Yvette)
- Thursdays from 10am -12 noon (Cecil)

In-Person

- New Instructor (Larissa Beun in Unit 5)
- Host annual language conference in September 17-20
- Afterschool program with YEA students

Future Considerations

Into the future the language program is looking to expand its reach by offering more in-person immersion events & camps. We will be working with the Big Bear Summer Recreation program and the Childcare Center to offer Language activities and Language support. We are also exploring ways to enhance our online language archives so that language recordings are more accessible for those learning Anishinaabemowin from home.

SAULT TRIBE
(ONLINE)
ANISHINAABEMOWIN
CLASSES

Wednesdays
6pm-8pm
With Susan Askwith & Paul Blondeau
www.tinyurl.com/susanpaul
or join by phone at 1-312-626-6799
(Meeting ID: 926 5838 7956 passcode: 631691)

Thursdays
10am-12pm
With Cecil E. Pavlat Sr.
www.tinyurl.com/shirleycecil
or join by phone at 1-646-558-8656
(Meeting ID: 951 9196 1173 passcode: 346018)

FREE!! ONLINE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ojibwe Learning Center and Library



★ OLCL Highlights

- 364 Visitors January- June
- Applied for One State One Seed Library Distribution Grant
- Repatriation Stories Recorded with Cecil Pavlat
- Cataloged Library Collections that had been lost
- IMLS Basic Grant FY26-27 Awarded
- Basket Display Created in Big Bear Lobby

★ Year to Date Visitors

- January- 89
- February-57
- March-74
- April- 81
- May- 36
- June-27

Repatriation *January-March*

- ✦ *Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Designee and Michigan Repatriation and Cultural Preservation Alliance (MACPRA) Representative for Sault Tribe*

✦ January

- ✦ Traveled to Manitoulin Island, Ontario to attend Ceremony with Elders from the Ojibwe Culture Foundation and discussed Hair Ancestors at the Field Museum Repatriation
- ✦ Traveled to Lansing, MI for Fort Brady Collection Review with MSU and USACE
- ✦ Repatriation Specialist Certified in Human Remains Identification through Northern Michigan University.
- ✦ Traveled to Dearborn, MI for Ethical Return of Duck Decoy from Henry Ford Museum

✦ February

- ✦ Traveled to Ziibiwing Center in Mount Pleasant, MI to pick up donation of stone tool from private individual.

✦ March

- ✦ Reburial Ceremony of Ancestral Human Remains and Funerary Items
- ✦ Consultation with Michigan State University

Repatriation *April-June*

- ✦ Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
 - ✦ April
 - ✦ Continued Consultations with NAGPRA holding Institutions
 - ✦ Jiiman Build and Heart of Great Turtle Island Interpretive Center Site visit
 - ✦ May
 - ✦ Repatriation with Chicago Field Museum and Ojibwe Culture Foundation
 - ✦ Travel to Ann Arbor MI for Ceremony with Little River Band of Odawa and U of M
 - ✦ June
 - ✦ Repatriation of Ancestral Human Remains from U of M
 - ✦ Reburial Ceremony of Ancestral Human Remains and Funerary Items on (June 16st)
- ✦ Attendance at monthly MACPRA Monthly Meeting
 - ✦ Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance

Historic Preservation

January-June

- ✦ *Functions as Tribal Historic Preservation Office for regulatory review and compliance under the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106*
 - ✦ January
 - ✦ Enbridge Section 106 Consultation
 - ✦ Line 5 Tribal Coordination Meeting
 - ✦ February
 - ✦ Continued Enbridge Section 106 Consultations
 - ✦ Tribal Monitoring Training SHPO, LTBB, and Bay Mills.
 - ✦ Continued Line 5 Tribal Coordination Meeting
 - ✦ March
 - ✦ Continued Enbridge Section 106 Consultation Meeting
 - ✦ Continued Line 5 Tribal Coordination Meeting

Historic Preservation

April-June

★ April

- ★ Osteology Training with SHPO (April 1-2)
- ★ Continued Enbridge Section 106 Consultation Meeting

★ May

- ★ Continued Enbridge Section 106 Consultation Meeting
- ★ Monitoring Human Remains Detection Dog Surveys for Enbridge EGLE Permit Application (5/11-15, 5/21-27)
- ★ Monitoring for Shovel Testing for Enbridge EGLE Permit Application(5/27-31)

★ June

- ★ BMIC-USACE Leadership Meeting
- ★ Continued Enbridge Section 106 Consultation Meeting
- ★ Introductory Meeting with USACE Detroit District Archeologist



Administrative Updates

- **3-month rolling calendar**
 - Community has really appreciated this tool
 - 60+ events happening between August & October
- **Coordinator Collaboration**
 - Coordinators meet monthly and are encouraged to work with one another to host and implement events
 - Mini vans for Unit 2, 4 & 5 are finally on the road
- **Grant Updates**
 - \$10,000 - Received IMLS Basic Library Grant for FY27
 - \$106,902 IMLS Enhancement Grant(pending response)
 - \$60,000 - GLITEC Indigenous Harm Reduction Grant
- **Collaboration with other departments**
 - Happy to be working with ARC, Natural Resources, Environmental, Traditional Medicine, YEA, Behavioral/Community Health, Recreation, Education on various projects and events

Sault Tribe Language & Culture Upcoming Activities Calendar

Unit 1 – August, September & October (2026) – Questions? Email: ecollins@saulttribe.net

- | | |
|--|--|
| • Ogichidaa (Warrior) Camp (Aug 1-2) | • Woodland Style Canvas Paining (Sept 26) |
| • Sacred Medicines Teachings (August 10) | • Orange Shirt Day Event (Sept 30) |
| • Community Drum & Dance Social (Aug 13) | • Porcupine Quillwork Medallion Workshop (Oct 3) |
| • Ogichidaa-kwe Camp (Aug 22-23) | • Sacred Bundle Teachings (Oct 5) |
| • Gill Net-Tying Workshop (Aug 28-29) | • Men's Retreat at MMCC (Oct 9-11) |
| • Ceremonial Meal Teachings (Sept 14) | • Fall Ceremony & Gathering (Oct 17) |
| • Baawating Language Conference (Sept 17-19) | • Jiibay Feast (Ghost Supper) (Nov 1) |

Unit 2 – August, September & October (2026) – Questions? Email ctreaveen1@saulttribe.net

- | | |
|--|--|
| • Hessel Community Night (Aug 12) | • Birch Bark & Quill Medallions – Hessel (Sept 16) |
| • Hessel Powwow (Aug 14-16) | • Newberry Community Night (Sept 23) |
| • Newberry Community Night (Aug 26) | • Birch Bark & Quill Medallions – Newberry (Sept 26) |
| • Kincheloe Drum Dance Social (Sept 9) | • Advanced Beading Workshop (Oct 4, 11, 18 & 25) |
| • Hessel Sweat Lodge Build (Aug 29) | • Hessel Community Night (Oct 14) |
| • Advanced Beading Workshop (Sept 13, 20 & 27) | • Newberry Community Night (Oct 28) |

Unit 3 – August, September & October (2026) – Questions? Email ccolgrove@saulttribe.net

- | | |
|--|--|
| • Sewing Workshop (August 1-2) | • Feasting & Feast Kit Teachings (Sept 19-20) |
| • Sewing Workshop (August 4-5) | • Orange Shirt Day Event (Sept 30) |
| • Ribbon Shirts & Skirts (August 22-23) | • Birchbark Baskets w/ Ron Paquin (Oct 3) |
| • Community Pot Luck (August 27) | • Anishinaabemowin Hike at Sand Dunes Trail (Oct 10) |
| • Rendezvous at Straits Powwow (Aug 28-30) | • Leather Mittens Workshop (Oct 24-25) |

Unit 4 – August, September & October (2026) – Questions? Email: ktovar@saulttribe.net

- | | |
|--|--|
| • Crafts & Pot Luck – Manistique (August 29) | • Mitten Workshop – Manistique (Oct 3-4) |
| • Crafts & Pot Luck – Escanaba (August 30) | • Tobacco Bags & Asemaa Teachings (Oct 16) |
| • Ojibwe Bingo – Manistique (Sept 5) | • Beginners Sewing/Drawstring Bags – Escanaba (Oct 23) |
| • Moccasin Workshop – Escanaba (Sept 19-20) | • Flute Workshop – Escanaba (Oct 24-25) |
| • Beaded Loom – Escanaba (Sept 25) | • Corn Husk Doll Workshops (Dates TBD) |
| • Ribbon Shirt Workshop – Escanaba (Sept 28) | • Beaded Christmas Ornaments (Date TBD) |

Unit 5 – August, September & October (2026) – Questions? Email: schambers1@saulttribe.net

- | | |
|---|--|
| • Kitchi Miniss Jingtamok (August 8) | • Art Workshop w/ ARC – Marquette (Sept 27) |
| • Kitchi Miniss Trip (August 13) | • Culture Night – Marquette (Sept 10 & 24) |
| • Culture Night – Marquette (Aug 13 & 27) | • Pucker Toe Moccasins – MQT (Oct 10-11) |
| • Hand Drum Workshop – Marquette (Aug 15) | • Ribbon Shirt Workshop – Marquette (Oct 14) |
| • Birchbark Quilling Workshop – MQT (Sept 12) | • Woodland Flute Workshop – Munising (Oct 17) |
| • Ribbon Jean Jackets – MQT (Sept 13) | • Indigenous Foods Presentation – Marquette (Oct 22) |
| • Fish Cleaning Workshop – Munising (Sept 19) | • Culture Night – Marquette (Oct 8 & 22) |

Please follow the Sault Tribe Language & Culture Facebook page in your unit for more information about these events. Individual flyers with additional details will be posted for each activity.



Tactical Plans

- 44th Annual Baawating Summer Powwow
- Continue enhancing rolling calendar
- Monthly cultural teachings series (June – December @ Niigaanagiizhik)
- Lansing Cultural Event (July 20)
- Inaugural “West End” Culture Camp – July 24-26 @ Clear Lake Education Center
- Return of culture camps at MMCC
- Music in the Park (August 5)
- Community collaboration (Bay Mills Indian Community, BMCC, Sault Schools, etc.)
- Annual Language Conference (Sept 17-20)
- GLITEC implementation & reporting
- Outdoor projects at MMCC & Niigaanagiizhik
- Cultural Training & Education with Deb Pine
- Guidance for activities coordinators

Cultural Training, Education & Team Building Opportunities

The Sault Tribe Language & Culture Department is pleased to start offering cultural training, education & team building opportunities to all Sault Tribe entities. This includes the Sault Tribe Government, Health Division, Kewadin Casinos & Enterprises.

Training Topics (additional topics available on request):

- Cultural Orientation - General Info for New Hires
- History of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians & Anishinaabe people
- Employee Talking Circles (beneficial employee conflict resolution)
- Celebration of Life & Funeral Protocol Teachings
- Medicine Wheel Teachings
- Residential Schools & Historical Trauma Teachings
- Common Medicines & their uses
- General Cultural Competency
 - This discussion based training allows your staff to ask cultural specific questions, ie) how pass to Asemma (tobacco), how to receive Anishinaabe name & clan, what are fasting & sweat lodge protocols, etc.

Team building opportunities can include: Employee talking circles, dreamcatcher making, birch bark biting, beading key chains/lanyards, medicine pouch making & medicine teachings, bandolier bag teachings & canvas painting, loom beading, earring making, etc. Other ideas welcome upon request.

Contact our department to schedule your staff training - we can come to you!

Cultural Training Specialist - Deb Pine

Email - dpine@saulttribe.net

Phone - (906) 635-6510 or ext. 26064



Language & Culture Division Contact Information

Email Contacts:

- Cody Jodoin (Director) – cjodoin@saulttribe.net
- Division Admin – mberner1@saulttribe.net
- Language Questions – language@saulttribe.net
- Cultural Training – dpine@saulttribe.net
- Niigaanagiizhik – niigaanagiizhik@saulttribe.net
- Cultural Leave – culturalleave@saulttribe.net
- Repatriation – edonmyer1@saulttribe.net
- Ojibwe Library – nmaleport@saulttribe.net
- **Unit 1** Cultural Activities – ecollins@saulttribe.net
- **Unit 2** Cultural Activities – ctreleaven1@saulttribe.net
- **Unit 3** Cultural Activities – ccolegrove@saulttribe.net
- **Unit 4** Cultural Activities – ktovar@saulttribe.net
- **Unit 5** Cultural Activities – schambers1@saulttribe.net

Phone Contact:

- Main office – (906) 635-6510

Social Media:

- **Facebook** – search Sault Tribe Language & Culture
- **YouTube** – search, Sault Tribe Language & Culture





Questions?