

*Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians*

**MEMBERSHIP  
SERVICES  
DIRECTORY**





## The Seven Grandfathers Teachings

Debwewin—	Truth	—Be faithful to reality
Gwekwaadziwin—	Honesty	—Tell the truth
Aakdewin—	Bravery	—Choose with courage
Nbwaakaawin—	Wisdom	—Use good judgment
Minadendmowin—	Respect	—Act without harm
Zaagidwin—	Love	—Practice absolute kindness
Dbaadendizwin—	Humility	—Treat all life equally

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# INTRODUCTION

Aanii, Boozhoo,

Welcome to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Membership Services brochure. This handout offers an overview of services available to Sault Tribe members, residing both inside and outside the service area.

There are over 44,000 enrolled tribal members, many of whom live in the tribe's seven-county service area spanning the Eastern Upper Peninsula. The tribe has landholdings, businesses, housing and health clinics throughout its service area. It provides membership services through the revenue generated by its businesses, grant funding, federal self-governance funds and other sources such as third-party insurance revenue.

Services include social services and victims services; Anishinaabemowin language lessons, cultural events and facilities; Elder services; health services including medical, pharmacy, behavioral health, community health, traditional medicine and others; home ownership and rentals; treaty fishing, hunting and gathering conservation regulation and management; child care and Head Start; after school youth programming; and recreational opportunities across the tribe's service area, among others.

Produced by Sault Tribe's Administration, this booklet provides an overview of Sault Tribe, an overview of services and contacts for each tribal service division, and a map of Indian Health Services with links throughout the United States. Please call the tribe's main line, 906-635-6050, or see the tribe's website at [saulttribe.com](http://saulttribe.com), for more information.

## **— MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE —**

*For assistance with a membership issue or concern, contact a Membership Liaison at (906) 635-6050, (906) 643-2124, (906) 341-8469, (906) 450-7011, or [membersconcerns@saulttribe.net](mailto:membersconcerns@saulttribe.net).*

# **Anishinaabek Community & Family Services**

## **ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER**

The mission of the ARC is to provide comprehensive, culturally-honoring and trauma-informed responses to those impacted by the abuse of power and control. Services for survivors and their family are confidential and free of charge, depending on grant funding.

**Services include:** Core advocacy, transportation assistance, safety planning, personal protection order assistance, court accompaniment, client computer kiosk, educational resources, financial assistance, supportive housing, crime victim compensation assistance, criminal justice advocacy, legal aid for victims, education and outreach activities and missing or murdered advocacy. The Traditional Medicine - Survivor Care Kit is available outside the seven-county service area.

**Programs include:** Aakdehewin Gaamig - Lodge of Bravery - Domestic Violence Shelter (Sault Ste. Marie): Gender integrated, handicap accessible, communal living, indoor / outdoor children's play area, on-site laundry, climate controlled animal kennel, adult/child support groups, resident computer kiosk, traditional medicine garden, in-room microwave/mini-refrigerator, and on site healing wabano.

## **Naanda Nswi Kidwenan "Those Three Words" Sexual Violence Services (SVS)**

**Program:** Core advocacy, transportation assistance, safety planning, personal protection order assistance, educational resources, cultural healing support, financial assistance and education and outreach activities. Sexual assault nurse examinations (SANE) are coming soon. Sexual assault forensic examinations support training access resources (SAFESTAR) are also coming soon. Culture is the Key to Healing - Facebook community group craft events are available to tribal members outside the service area.

Please visit the ARC website at [www.arcsaulttribe.com](http://www.arcsaulttribe.com) or ARC's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC](http://www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC).

## **FAMILY SERVICES / CHILD PLACEMENT**

Services to improve the outcomes of safety, permanency and well-being in each program area of the Family Services /Child Placement component. Services are provided in the tribe's seven-county service area.

**Family Services:** Children's Protective Services (trust land), Prevention Services, Parent Nurturing Program, In-Home Care Services, Family Continuity, Adolescent In-Home Services (AIHA), Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) monitoring in the United States and Adult Protective Services (trust land).

**Child Placement:** Foster Care, Foster/Adoptive Home Licensing, Adoptions and Foster Adoptive Home Promotion.

## DIRECT SERVICES

Direct Assistance Services provides financial assistance to tribal members experiencing financial hardship residing within the seven-county service area. The exceptions are Funeral Assistance that has no restriction on service area and the USDA Program that covers 15 counties. Direct Assistance includes: General Assistance, Native Employment Works, Emergency Assistance, Elder Heating Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Self-Sufficiency Funeral Assistance (USA), Child Care Development Fund, Child Care Licensing (Trust Land) and USDA Food Commodities Program (15-County Service Area).

## CONTACTS

### Sault Ste. Marie Main Office

Address: 2218 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Phone: (906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093

Fax: (906) 632-5266

[www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com)

### ARC

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Phone: (906) 632-1808 or toll free (800) 726-0093

### USDA

3601 Mackinaw Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Phone: (906) 635-6076 or toll free (888) 448-8732

### Kincheloe

60 Kincheloe, Kincheloe, MI 49788

Phone: (906) 495-1232

### St. Ignace

1140 N State Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781

Phone: (906) 643-8689

### Manistique

5698 W Highway US-2, Manistique, MI 49854

Phone: (906) 341-6993 or toll free (800) 347-7137

### Munising

622 W Superior Street, Munising, MI 49862

Phone: (906) 387-3906 or toll free (800) 236-4705



# ***Education***

The Education Division is dedicated to the concept that all students, from earliest childhood to adulthood, can learn and master basic educational skills. Students can succeed regardless of previous academic history, family background, socio-economic status, gender or ethnic identity. We believe that the primary purpose of our program is to instill all students with high expectations of academic success and competent thinking skills while fostering growth in social and emotional behaviors and positive attitudes. Services include:

**Early Childhood Programs:** Child Care Center (infants through pre-school age), Early Head Start (infants, toddlers and pregnant women) and Head Start (pre-school). For more information about child care, call (906) 632-5258. For more information about Head Start, call (906) 635-7722.

**Youth Education & Activities (YEA) Program:** Homework labs and in-class tutoring; cultural enrichment activities; Tribal Youth Council; summer activities (Circle of Life and Little Learners).

**Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program:** On-The-Job Training, Work Experience, Summer Youth Employment Program and Senior Employment Program.

**Sault Tribe Internship Program:** Internship Program for Sault Tribe member college students. Call (906) 635-4937, ext. 53079, or email [internships@saulttribe.net](mailto:internships@saulttribe.net) for information.

**Adult Education Program:** GED Classes, GED Test Assistance and GED Referral Assistance.

**Higher Education Program:** Scholarships, higher education grants, self-sufficiency incentive awards. contact Higher Education at (906) 635-7784 or [HigherEducation@saulttribe.net](mailto:HigherEducation@saulttribe.net).

**JKL Bahweting School:** JKL Bahweting School is a public, charter academy.

**Sault Tribe Youth Development Fund:** Youth living within the seven-county service area may request funding for a variety of purposes outside of tribal programs. For more information, email [youthdevelopmentfund@saulttribe.net](mailto:youthdevelopmentfund@saulttribe.net) or call (906) 632-6797.

## CONTACT

### **Education Division**

2 Ice Circle Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
(906) 632-6798

# ***Elder Services***

The Elder Division, established in January 1996, oversees Elder Programs for tribal members age 60 and older in the seven-county service area. These vital programs are designed to help elders remain in their homes with limited assistance by providing quality services and supportive care.

**Elder Meal Programs:** Congregate and home delivered meals. Meal site operations, Monday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.:

Nokomis-Mishomis Place, 2076 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, (906) 635-4971

Elder Complex, 3017 Mackinac Trail, St. Ignace, (906) 643-6484

Hessel Tribal Center, 3355 N. 3 Mile Rd., Hessel, (906) 484-2710

Manistique Tribal Center, 5698 W. HWY US-2, Manistique, (906) 341-9564

**In-Home Services:** Homecare services for elderly patients with functional limitations. Provides personal care assistance with activities of daily living (ADL) for elders, including help with bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, transferring, eating and walking; and homemaking assistance with light household tasks, shopping errands and meal preparation.

**Transportation:** Provides safe and reliable transportation to and from non-emergency medical appointments.

**Outreach:** Home Visits from outreach team to help any elder needing assistance to access community resources available to them.

**Elder Health Fund:** Provides assistance for Optical and Dental services for elders receiving care at any Sault Tribe health facility. It also helps provide certain medical equipment and other healthcare items a deemed medically necessary.

**Elder Committees:** Elder committee members personally invite elders to attend any sub-committee meeting in their area. Attending the meetings keeps elders informed about tribal programs and issues.

Meeting days and times:

Unit I – Sault Ste. Marie - First Wednesday of the month, 12:30 p.m., Elder Building, 2076 Shunk Rd.

Unit II – Hessel - Third Monday of the month, 12:30 p.m., Hessel Tribal Center

Unit II – Naubinway - Last Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Naubinway Pavilion

Unit II – Newberry - Third Friday of the month, 10:30 a.m., Zellars Restaurant

Unit III – St. Ignace - Second Thursday of the month, 12:30 p.m., Elders Complex, 3017 Mackinac Trail

Unit IV – Manistique - Second Wednesday of the month, 12:30 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center

Unit IV – Escanaba - Second Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Building

Unit V – Munising - First Thursday of the month, 11 a.m., Munising Tribal Center

Unit V – Marquette - First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m., Holiday Inn

**Elder Advisory Council:** Third Friday of the month, 1 p.m., Newberry Tribal Center

# **Enrollment**

The Enrollment Department is the tribe's first and oldest membership service program, having been established in the 1950s. The department oversees the tribe's membership database and can assist members. Please keep your address up to date with the Enrollment Department.

Card Renewal for Expired Card.....	\$5
Replacement of Unexpired Card.....	\$20
Tuition Waiver Certification.....	\$15
Blood Quantum Certification .....	\$15
Copy of File Documentation.....	\$5

## **CONTACT**

Enrollment Dept., PO Box 1628, 2428 Shunk Rd, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783  
Phone: (800) 251-6597, (906) 632-8552, (906) 635-3396  
Fax: (906) 632-1648

Julie Salo, Tribal Registrar, jsalo@saulttribe.net  
Bonnie McKerchie, bmckerchie1@saulttribe.net  
Stacey Synett, ssynett@saulttribe.net  
Carrie Sayles, csayles1@saulttribe.net



# **Environmental Department**

The Environmental Department asserts the tribal government's sovereignty over the air, land and waters of the tribe by supporting other tribal departments and the elected leadership with briefing notes and information on environmental issues. Membership services include:

- Information about healthy homes and how to protect Mother Earth and your family's health.
- Energy efficiency information.
- Advice and information on complying with Michigan's environmental rules
- Within the service area:
  - Indoor air home assessments.
  - Testing members drinking water wells for uranium contamination (for a limited time).

## **Events**

Honoring Mother Earth Festival – September  
Young Environmentalist Camp at Mary Murray Culture Camp  
Give back to Mother Earth volunteer events

## **CONTACT**

Environmental Department, 206 Greenough, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783  
Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday  
Phone: (906) 632-5575, Fax: (906) 253-1696  
kbrosemer@saulttribe.net

# **Conservation Law Enforcement**

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) issues all treaty-regulated hunting and fishing licenses across the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory in northern Michigan.

For forms, applications, maps and reports, go to:

[www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/natural-resources/download-files](http://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/natural-resources/download-files).

## **License Requirements**

Several requirements that apply regardless of the type of license you are requesting: new applicant tribal members must provide a copy of their current tribal card (cannot be expired), reporting requirements must be met and an application is required for each licensing season. Members obtaining their licenses at STLE's window in Sault Ste. Marie are able to use a credit or debit card to pay. Licensing done through the mail requires a check or money order for payment.

Members are strongly encouraged to contact STLE prior to arriving or mailing their application if they have any questions regarding any of the required documents for processing your licensing application.

## **Great Lakes Subsistence / Gill Net Licenses (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31)**

Chapter 20 of tribal law (Tribal Code) and Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) Code regulates these licenses. All Subsistence and Gill Net fishing licenses expire Dec. 31 each year. STLE begins issuing the upcoming year's licenses in mid-December.

Great Lakes Subsistence licenses are free of charge; however, if you are applying for a Gill Net license in addition to the Subsistence, and you are between the ages of 17 and 54, please be sure you have a check or money order in the amount of \$20 if obtaining your license at Sault Tribe Law Enforcement.

For those requesting Subsistence and/or Subsistence Gillnet licenses through the U.S. Mail, ALL applicants must provide \$4 for the mailing fee.

Tribal members are not required to have a Subsistence license to fish on the Great Lakes; you can fish with just your tribal enrollment card (cannot be expired) as long as you follow state rules and regulations.

By applying for and accepting the Great Lakes Subsistence and Gill Net licenses, you are agreeing to comply with the mandated monthly catch report submission, due by the 10th of each month.



**Great Lakes Commercial Fishing Licenses (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31):** Chapter 20 of tribal law (Tribal Code) regulates these licenses. All commercial fishermen are required to contact Sault Tribe Law Enforcement to schedule an appointment when applying for this license.

**Inland Hunting and Fishing Licenses (April 1 – March 31):** Chapter 21 of tribal law (Tribal Code) regulates these licenses.

All members between the ages of 17 and 59 must pay a fee of \$5 in the form of a check or money order. (See License Requirements above.)

All tribal members born after 1960 who are new applicants for the hunting portion must provide a proof of hunter safety in order to obtain the hunting portion of the license, but are able to obtain just the fishing and gathering portion without hunter safety.

This license has an annual Harvest Report requirement that is due by Feb. 1 each year with any catch or kill up to that date. This report is also required whether you go hunting or fishing and whether you catch or kill anything while hunting or fishing. We cannot process any current year applications without your harvest report for the prior year. Harvest report forms are available online, at STLE, or by contacting the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department.

## CONTACT

**Sault Tribe Law Enforcement :** (906) 635-6065; Licensing Office fax: (906) 635-7707; Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, 2175 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (mailing address P.O. Box 925)

**Inland Fish and Wildlife Department:** (906) 632-6132 specifically for Inland licensing harvest report questions



**During the COVID pandemic, Chief of Police Robert Marchand brings a tribal member forms to complete.**

# Health Services

Sault Tribe's eight health clinics provide the following:

**Acupuncture:** Chronic pain, smoking cessation and ear acupuncture.

**Audiology:** Includes diagnostic hearing evaluations (ages 4 and up), hearing aid consultations, hearing aid fittings and repairs.

**Behavioral Health:** Culturally sensitive outpatient services include intake and assessment; individual, couples, family, and group therapy; psychological evaluations; psychiatric evaluation and follow-up care; crisis intervention/urgent care; enhanced outpatient for substance use disorders; compulsive gambling counseling; auricular acupuncture; continuing care counseling; alcohol/drug education and awareness; and home-based parenting education.

**Dental Services:** Exams, x-rays, cleanings, fillings, root canal therapy, crowns, extractions, dentures.

**Diabetes and Nutrition Programs:** Diabetes education from nurses and dietitians provides guidance throughout treatment and help with any fears, issues, and problems along the way.

**Big Bear Fitness Center:** Located on Big Bear Arena second floor surrounded by a 0.1 mile walking track available for use during Big Bear hours of operation.

**General Medicine:** offers outpatient medical appointments for newborns through the elderly with family physicians, pediatricians and nurse practitioners. Acute needs, chronic medical conditions, women's health and health promotion/disease prevention appointments. Some of our providers specialize in women's health, others in pediatrics. Nurse-only appointments available for blood pressure checks, allergy injections, immunizations, injectable birth control, wound care and other services are offered once a month.

**Health Education:** Health promotion and chronic disease prevention programs to increase the health of individuals, families and communities across the tribe's seven-county service area.

**Immunizations:** Childhood and adult immunizations available at tribal clinics and Community Health Immunization Clinics.

**Medical Case Management:** Short-term mental health therapy, assisting clients procuring and obtaining services from various agencies, helping patients apply for Social Security disability benefits, applying for MIBRIDGES benefits, enrolling for healthcare coverage.

**Nutrition Services:** Medical nutrition therapy by a registered dietitian to provide a personalized nutrition treatment plan.

**Optical:** Comprehensive eye health examinations with an emphasis on the prevention, offering early diagnosis and intervention of sight threatening diseases such as diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and macular degeneration.

**Pharmacy:** Services provided to Sault Tribe Health Division patients in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Manistique. Phone (906) 632-5226 for more information.

**Physical Therapy:** Provided only by licensed physical therapists (PTs) or by physical therapist assistants (PTAs) working under supervision of a physical therapist. Occupational therapy and speech therapy are also offered.

**Radiology:** Medical imaging provides diagnostic radiology, mammography and ultrasound imaging services to eligible patients.

**Smoking Cessation:** If you are ready to quit, contact the Sault Tribe Nicotine Dependence Program at (906) 632-5210. 1 (800) QUIT-NOW also provides access to several types of cessation information and services.

**Traditional Medicine:** Services provided to all members of federally recognized tribes, tribal households and families, all members of the tribal community. Holistic Ojibwe traditional medicine services meet spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional needs, including traditional medicine procedures and ceremonial functions performed by traditional practitioners; seasonal fasting and ceremonies; giving of an Anishinaabe name, clan and color identification; and referrals.

**Ultrasound:** Available in Sault Ste. Marie: abdomen, breast, vascular studies (e.g., renal, carotids, legs but NOT cardiac), pelvis or OB, thyroid and prostate or testicles.

## CONTACTS

**Escanaba Community Health Center**, 1401 North 26th Street, Suite 105, Escanaba, MI 49829, (906) 341-1836

**Grand Island Chippewa Community Center**, 622 West Superior St., Munising, MI 49862; (906) 387-4721

**Hessel Community Health Center**, 3355 N. 3 Mile Rd., Hessel, MI 49745; (906) 484-2727

**Manistique Tribal Community Center**, 5698W U.S. Highway 2, Manistique, MI 49854; (906) 341-8469

**Marquette Community Health Center**, 1229 Washington St., Marquette, MI 49855; (906) 225-1616

**Newberry Community Health Center**, 4935 Zeez Ba Tik Lane; Newberry, MI 49868; Phone: (906) 293-8181;

**Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Center**, 2864 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; Phone: (906) 632-5200;

**Sault Tribe Health & Human Services Center**, 1140 N. State St. Suite 2805, St. Ignace, MI 4978; (906) 643-8689



# ***Housing Authority***

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority strives to create and sustain Housing programs that strengthens the quality of life, economic self-sufficiency and future growth for the tribal membership. Housing opportunities available within the tribe's seven county service area include:

**Income-Based Rental Program:** The income-based Rental Program provides 400-plus rental units on nine housing sites across the seven-county service area. Families are selected using a point-based selection criterion and must meet NAHASDA income guidelines. Rent is based on 27.5% of the family's adjusted gross income. The Resident Services Department provides training and counseling to improve quality of life and promote self-sufficiency, assisting families to remain in their homes.

**Home Ownership Lease to Purchase:** Gives the homebuyer an opportunity to achieve ownership of a home in return for fulfilling the homebuyer's obligations to make monthly payments based on an amortization of the purchase price, to provide all maintenance of the home and to satisfy all other program requirements. It is a lease with the option to purchase. This program is designed to have the home paid off in 15-30 years. Payments are based on the value of the home. No down payment required; participant may secure a traditional mortgage and purchase the home outright anytime during the contract.

The Homeownership Department provides counseling and resources in an effort to reach the goal of homeownership. The department provides information on mortgage products, assistance with credit repair and advocates on behalf of tribal members with banks and credit unions.

**Rental Assistance Voucher Program:** Provides rental subsidies to income-qualified, working families or families with a steady income. The family is subsidized, not the unit. Families are required to pay 27.5% of their adjusted gross income to the landlord and the voucher will pay the remaining rent up to fair market rent.

**Down Payment Assistance:** Assists Sault Tribe members to become homeowners of a structurally sound home for the first time. Each member selected could receive up to \$9,500 or 20% of the purchase price. The member must secure a mortgage and contribute \$500.

## **Individual Development Account Program**

### **Zhaabwiiigedaa – Let's Save**

An Individual Development Account (IDA) program is a slow track homeownership program, designed to help participants that may not be able to finance a home in the immediate short term due to credit issues. Participants in the program will make monthly savings deposits of \$75 for 12-36 months. Participants' savings deposits are matched at a rate equal to \$10,000 with the maximum match of \$7,300 per participant.

**Sanitation:** Provides funding through Indian Health Services (IHS) for individual water and sewer services and community connections to municipal services. Each eligible member selected could receive up to \$50,500; this program is a once-in-a-life-time service. There is no income eligibility requirement for this program.

**Home Improvement Program:** Provides funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to assist Sault Tribe members in need of repairs and renovation to off reservation homes in the tribe’s seven-county service area. The goal is to provide housing for the neediest Indian families having substandard housing and have no other recourse for assistance.

**Home Rehabilitation Program:** Provides rehabilitation services for Sault Tribe members who privately own homes on and off reservation.

**Standards of Assistance**

**Level I** — Not to exceed \$7,500 per applicant/household; eligible applicants may receive assistance no more than every 5 years. Weatherization services include, but are not limited to, replace entry doors, install insulation, heat tape, weather stripping, caulking and window replacements.

**Level II** — Not to exceed \$10,000 per applicant/household; eligible applicants may receive assistance no more than every 10 years. Services include roof repairs or replacement.

**Level III** — Structural Rehabilitation not to exceed \$40,000; eligible applicants may receive assistance once per lifetime. Repairs include, but are not limited to, electrical, plumbing, furnace, water heater, flooring, stairs, porch, deck, wheelchair ramp and remediation of hazardous lead-based paint.

**Owner Occupied Rehab:** The Owner-Occupied Rehab program assists Sault Tribe members replace substandard heating systems and water heaters. The funds are distributed to applicants who meet the eligibility criteria and who have demonstrated a need based on an emergency situation and it has been determined that providing assistance will remedy or eliminate the emergency situation. Each eligible member selected could receive up to \$6,500. This is a once in a lifetime service.

**CONTACTS**

Sault Tribe Housing  
154 Parkside Dr.  
Kincheloe, MI 49788  
Phone: (906) 495-1450  
Toll Free: (800) 794-4072

Sault Tribe Housing  
1176 Chitoma Dr.  
Manistique, MI 49854  
Phone: (906) 341-5145  
Toll Free: (888) 353-9502



# Language & Culture

The Language & Culture Division provides meaningful programming to tribal members and interested community members to promote Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin (lifeways) and our beautiful Anishinaabemowin (language) to protect and preserve our lifeways that were handed down by our ancestors for future generations. Language & Culture assists planning and implementation of various community events, projects, and activities, including powwows, ceremonies and cultural programming, and offers the following:

**Anishinaabemowin “The Sound of our Ojibwe Language” Language Department:** The goal is to teach Anishinaabemowin to our tribal members and interested community members in order to speak the language and preserve sovereignty. Anishinaabemowin instructors provide community language classes across the tribe’s seven-county service area, online lessons and assist other departments with language materials, translations and language activities.

**Anishinaabeg Edinokiiwad: “Where the Anishinaabe Work” Mary Murray Culture Camp:** Provides opportunity to experience traditional activities hands on with camps that focus on Anishinaabe lifeways. The camp is located on Sugar Island in a woodland setting with walking trails and sleeping quarters to accommodate small groups.

**Ojibwe Learning Center & Library (OLCL):** The OLCL provides meaningful educational materials and promotes the learning and preservation of traditional Anishinaabe lifeways. The OLCL features over 1,000 books focusing on Native American traditions, customs, and culture. The OLCL also has a collection of old and new items on display which illustrate the skills and lifeways of Anishinaabe people with everything from beadwork to authentic birchbark canoes.

**Naadin Eshpendaagwak “To Get Back What is Sacred” Repatriation:** Represents our tribe on Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) issues, including facilitating the return of our ancestral remains, sacred items and items of cultural patrimony removed from our homelands. Represents our tribe in regards to the National Historic Preservation Act and protecting sacred sites.

## CONTACTS

Language & Culture Department  
2 Ice Circle Dr., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Phone: 906-635-6050

Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building  
11 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Phone: 906-632-0239

Mary Murray Culture Camp  
266 Homestead Rd.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Phone: 906-635-5604

## **Virtual Language Classes**

Every Wednesday at 6-8 p.m. EST with Susan Askwith and Paul Blondeau [www.tinyurl.com/susanpaul](http://www.tinyurl.com/susanpaul) or (312) 626-6799 (Meeting ID: 926 5838 7956; Passcode: 631691)

Every Thursday at 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. EST with Shirley Recollet and Cecil E. Pavlat Sr. [www.tinyurl.com/shirleycecil](http://www.tinyurl.com/shirleycecil) or (646) 558-8656 (Meeting ID: 951 9196 1173; Passcode: 346018)

Pre-recorded Anishinaabemowin lessons posted each week on Facebook on Sault Tribe Language & Culture page.

# Recreation

Sault Tribe members have free access to recreational facilities within the seven-county service area including Curtis, Escanaba, Kinross, Kincheloe, Manistique, Marquette, Munising, Negaunee, Newberry, Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace. A complete recreation and wellness guide is available at [www.BigBearArena.com](http://www.BigBearArena.com).

Sault Tribe youth also have opportunities for free enrollment to various Lake Superior State University athletic camps. Laker athletic tickets are also available to the membership via an application process available at [www.BigBearArena.com](http://www.BigBearArena.com) and Win Awenen Nisitotung.

## Big Bear Arena

Sault Tribe owns and operates the Big Bear Arena located in Sault Ste. Marie. The recreation complex includes two ice rinks, basketball and volleyball courts, walking track, fitness center and has an on-site nature trail and playground. The following services and events are offered within the facility:

**Drop In Activities:** Hockey, stick n puck, public skating, snow shoe rentals, figure skating, basketball, volleyball and pickleball.

**Leagues:** Youth hockey, adult hockey and volleyball.

**Classes:** Cultural, educational, nutritional, fitness, health, cheerleading and skating.

**Events/Programs:** Birthday parties, holiday parties, school fun days, totzones, trainings, meetings, food truck distributions, health clinics, hockey tournaments, hockey clinics and tryouts, summer recreation program and special events.

Some activities are free or discounted to Sault Tribe members at the Big Bear Arena and others have various fees. Assistance is available through the Youth Development Fund as well as Anishnabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) for qualified applicants.

## CONTACTS

Big Bear Arena, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, (906) 635-RINK (7465), [www.BigBearArena.com](http://www.BigBearArena.com), [bookthebear@saulttribe.net](mailto:bookthebear@saulttribe.net).

*The facility is closed on Saturdays during the summer (Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend). For fee structures and detailed services, visit [www.BigBearArena.com](http://www.BigBearArena.com) or email [bookthebear@saulttribe.net](mailto:bookthebear@saulttribe.net).*



# ***Missing or Murdered Sault Tribe Members***

The Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) seeks information about missing or murdered Sault Tribe members. In 2021, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians worked with the Department of Justice to develop its own Missing or Murdered Indigenous Person (MMIP) Tribal Community Response Plan (TCRP) to ensure a comprehensive and collaborative response to all reports of missing and murdered individuals while operating within a victim-centered, trauma-informed and culturally-honoring multi-disciplinary team approach, using the tribe's Victim's Services, Communications, Law Enforcement and Advocacy Resource Center.

ARC is seeking information regarding missing or murdered individuals who belong to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, in order to create an informational database for Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP).

The information provided does not need to be current information. The ARC is seeking information for ALL missing or murdered tribal members including the seven-county service area and tribal members across the world.

Please ask for Community Educator Jess Gillotte-King when calling the ARC at (906) 632-1808 or toll free at (877) 639-7820.

If messaging the ARC Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC](http://www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC)), please leave the following information: First/middle/last name, date of birth, date of death, murdered/when/where, and perpetrator name, if applicable.

If missing: Nickname/alias, date last seen/went missing, physical description, distinctive physical features and any vehicle information.

Any information would be appreciated.



# ***Tribal Health Centers in Michigan***

American Indian Health and Family Services - Detroit: <http://www.aihfs.org/>

Bay Mills Indian Community: <http://www.baymillshealthcenter.com/>

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians:  
<http://www.gtbindians.org/healthclinic.asp>

Hannahville Indian Community: <http://www.hannahville.net/services/hannahville-department-of-health-and-human-services-business-office/>

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Health Center: <https://www.kbichealth.org/>

Lac Vieux Desert: <http://www.lvdtribal.com/>

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Health Center:  
<https://lrboi-nsn.gov/membership-services/health-services/>

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians:  
<http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Health/HealthDept/Clinic.html>

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi:  
<https://gunlaketribe-nsn.gov/departments/health-human-services/tribal-health-center/>

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Health Center:  
<https://www.nhbpi.org/health-and-human-services/>

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Health Center:  
<http://www.pokagon.com/government/departments/health-services>

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Health Center:  
[http://www.sagchip.org/nimkee/#.V8m1K\\_krJD](http://www.sagchip.org/nimkee/#.V8m1K_krJD)

Sault Tribe Health Center: <http://www.health.saulttribe.com/>

## ***Tribal and IHS facilities across the U.S.***

Urban Indian Health Program Profiles across the country:  
<https://www.uihi.org/urban-indian-health/urban-indian-health-organization-profiles/>

IHS locations across the country: <https://www.ihs.gov/locations/>

Interactive map can be used to find an Indian Health Service, Tribal or Urban Indian Health Program facility:  
<https://www.ihs.gov/findhealthcare/?CFID=168044660&CFTOKEN=17876895>



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