



Gikendaasowin Education Department

The mission of Gikendaasowin (knowledge), Lac du Flambeau Tribal Education Department, is to guide and support the community on their lifelong path to success.

Vision: Through creative partnerships, Gikendaasowin (knowledge), the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Education Department, will provide learning opportunities promoting, enhancing the educational and cultural growth of the Lac du Flambeau community.

Joni Theobald, M.Ed., Education Director supervises and provides oversight of the educational operations, serves as a liaison between the tribe and educational agencies, advocating and building partnerships to design programs and opportunities that meet community needs.

Christin Coleman, MS, MBA, Higher Education Coordinator oversees the following programs and provides direct student services:

- *Higher Education:* This financial aid supplement is for eligible tribal members who are: full-time students at an accredited school, have declared a degree and eligible for financial aid.
 - *Undergraduate Assistance* This financial aid supplement is for tribal members, who are attending part-time at an accredited school seeking a degree, and eligible for financial aid.
 - *Graduate Assistance* financial aid requirements are: an eligible tribal member attending full-time at an accredited school.
 - *Job Placement and Training (JPT)* is a training assistance grant for tribal members of any Tribe that resides within the LdF reservation or in the immediate surrounding area served by the Lakeland Union High School district. You must be seeking training or certification necessary to gain or sustain full time employment and become or remain self-sufficient.
- Lorraine Smith , Youth/Adult Education Coordinator, oversees the following programs and provides direct services to students:
- *Adult Driver's Education* requirements are you must be a tribal member 18 years old or older and submit a copy of tribal ID, certified birth certificate and social security card. If these items are not at your disposal, Lorraine can assist in getting required copies.
 - *Youth Driver's Education* Youth who are tribal members and are income-eligible. Proof of income must accompany application and a copy of tribal ID, certified birth certificate and social security card. If these items are not at your disposal, Lorraine will assist in getting these required copies. There are 2 admission dates: September 1-15 and January 1-15. If these deadlines are missed, you must wait until the next session.
 - *Youth Summer Employment Program* is a 6-8 weeks of employment running June-August. Students are placed in job shadowing experiences in various tribal departments in order to gain employment skills and career exposure.
 - *Career Cruising Program* is a career guidance resource for community members that creates a personalized summary of career options based on experiences, skills and also generates colleges that are considered the best match . Stop in the education Dept. for a consultation.

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- *WIA 166 program* assists tribal members in becoming self-sufficient through training and educating such as the construction trades. Requirements are certified birth certificate, tribal ID, and social security card. If you do not have these documents, assistance through the program can help you obtain them. Priority is given to veterans and spouses that meet the minimum requirements.
- *WIA 167 program* is a national farmworkers program. It helps seasonal workers, such as people who have worked at a cranberry marsh, to obtain better job skills through short-term trainings. Training opportunities include those such as truck driving school.

Ruben Santiesteban , Tribal AmeriCorps (TAP) representative:

- Overall goal is to strengthen the capacity of tribal coalition to reduce and prevent substance abuse among the youth statewide.
- Tribal AmeriCorp members: tutor and mentor disadvantaged youth, fight illiteracy, improve health services, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, manage or operate after-school programs, help communities respond to disasters, and build organizational capacity.
- Ruben facilitates the Junior Tribal Youth Council, who meet twice a month on the weekends at the Education office. The goal is to develop leadership skills while volunteering through community service. The youth council also serves as a voice for community youth on issues that affect our tribal children. The junior tribal council is open to youth , 14-18 years of age and would like to participate in volunteer and leadership opportunities.
- Meetings are held every Sunday at 4pm at the Community Education building. Snacks and beverages are served. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Education Department has numerous cohorts and educational trainings. Cohorts are groups of students start an educational program together and continue together until the desired degree is accomplished, be it an associate's, bachelor's, master's or doctorate's. Several cohorts are currently existing in the community to address barriers of transportation, childcare and distance to post-secondary schools. Many of the trainings and educational opportunities are open to everyone in the community.

EMT Basic training began November 1, 2011 running through January 4, 2012 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am-2:30pm. Upon completion of the training are able to participate in the National Registry of EMTs testing. This certification is the first step to obtaining a paramedic status. Free to tribal members.

Fiber Optic Theory and Applications is being held December 6th & 7th , 8 am-4 pm. Participants will receive hands-on training from trenching to splicing. Enrollment limited to 12.

Certified Nursing Assistant Program begins January 2012. An informational session will be held Monday, November 28th from 5-7 PM. Contact our office for more information and watch for flyers. Free to tribal members Participants may be eligible for scholarships

Employee Cohort in Tribal Business and Tribal Administration started in the winter of 2011 and continues until the associate degree is acquired. There will be certain classes that anybody can join that are transferrable. Watch for flyers on the types of classes to be offered, or if you join the education listserv, these announcements will sent via email.

Other cohorts to start are: Dental Assistant, Dental Hygenist degree program, and bachelors in early childhood with teacher certification with an emphasis on Ojibwe language and culture. Watch for upcoming flyers or the join the Education Facebook page.

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College Graduate Incentive: All college graduates need to turn in a copy of their degree and final grades by May 1st of their graduating year to be eligible for the incentive. There is an incentive request form that also needs to be filled completed. For more information contact the education department.

High School Graduate Incentive: All high school seniors that are continuing their education will need to have a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR) obtained from FAFSA and the education form turned into Christin no later than May 1, of their graduation year to qualify for their incentive. Christin will also need a copy of their high school diploma to finalize the requirement to receive the incentive.

Financial Aid Workshop: This day is scheduled for March 4, 2012. It will be held at the LdF Community Education Center. This event is for all persons interested in assistance with filling out their financial aid (FAFSA). You will need to bring your tax information or parents and their tax paperwork including W2s. This information is necessary to submit to FAFSA to determine financial aid eligibility. So parents please file your taxes before the event date. Door prizes and snacks will be available.

Graduation Celebration: This event is for all 2012 graduates. Please contact the education department with name and address information before March 1, 2012 for this event. Invitations will go out the week of March 19, 2012.

Resume Writing: We offer this for anyone who needs assistance in creating a resume. Contact the education department, as an appointment is necessary.

Join us on our Facebook page: Lac du Flambeau. The page is continually updated with educational services and programs offered.

Adult Education GED/HSED: Nicolet College provides an adjunct faculty member to help students work on completing their GED/HSED. The classroom is located in the LDF Community Education Building and is open daily.

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Zaasijiwan Head Start 0-5 Program: Will be opening the doors on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

Children who are currently enrolled in our 3-5 program will be able to meet their new teachers during our Open House on Thursday, October 27th between 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, October 28th between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

At this time we are unable to open our doors for children enrolled in Early Head Start. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause. If you know of someone who may be a qualified Early Childhood Teacher and interested in working with young children please have them call Cathy Kaiser, ZHS Interim Director at (715) 588-9291. The plan is to open our Early Head Start doors early in December 2011.

Classroom hours will be from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Each classroom follows a daily routine or schedule which helps teachers plan daily activities for children zero to five. *The following are examples of daily Activities:*

Children/busses arrive/ Discovery time –
Individual Choice
Upon arrival Bathroom / Wash Hands /
Breakfast / Brush Teeth
Circle Time (stories, finger plays &
songs and/or Ojibwe Culture &
Language
Small Group Activity
Bathroom / Outdoor Play
Learning Centers
Quiet Time / Wash Hands
Lunch / 12:30 Brush Teeth
Large Group Activity / Outdoor Play or
Music & Movement
Story Time
Upon departure / Bathroom
Children/busses Depart

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Come and check out the revised menus. They have more whole grains, more fruits & veggies, less salt, less sugar. Colorful too!

Parents are always welcome and we hope you will visit Zaasijiwan Head Start 0 to 5!

Community Thanksgiving Dinner THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH DINNER SERVED 4:00-7:00 pm Everyone welcome!!

Dinner location:
**Senior Dining Room at the Wellness
Center. (125 Old Abe Road)**

If you would like to donate food for the menu, please contact Danielle Montgomery @ 588-4388

The menu:

**Turkey, Ham, Deer Meat
Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes
Stuffing, Wild Rice, Sweet Corn
Homemade Dinner Rolls, Fry Bread
Cranberry Sauce, Assorted Pies, Cool
Whip
Soda, Juice Boxes**

Non-Food Items:

**Sturdy Paper Plates, Plastic Flatware,
Plastic Cups, Napkins
Tin Foil, Zip-lock Bags (all sizes),
Aluminum Roaster Pans**

Volunteers: If you'd like to help cook instead of serve – that can work. Remember the kitchen will be open at 8:00am on Thanksgiving Day, so if you want to come in early that'll be just fine. This won't be stressful for the volunteers – this is going to be enjoyable and fun. ☺ Please leave any and all personal issues at the door. Thank you very much!