



Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community

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We are a 501(C 3) non-profit organization (ID # 3359734) whose mission is: *To preserve, protect, and promote the Dakota culture for future generations.* Consistent with our mission, each year we hold several programs and activities that focus on the preservation of the Dakota culture. Our largest (and most costly) event is our annual Traditional Wacipi. Last year our attendance reached an all-time high at an estimated 5,500 people - that's an increase over the previous year. We expect this to increase further, and participation to continue growing.

A Wacipi or (Powwow) is a social gathering that focuses on traditional dance, song, and celebration. More than a tribute to a great ancestry, the Wacipi is an event of significance to the Native American Nations.

Our 26th Annual Traditional Wacipi or Powwow is September 08/09/10th and can be a valuable and fascinating cultural experience. We've enclosed a flyer that you can copy and share with your families, coworkers, church, or any associates. Please post wherever you can.

This is also a way to support your local Native American Community.

As a small tribal community, we operate on volunteer labor and donations. (We are not affiliated with the other Minnesota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Communities.) Our volunteers donate hundreds of hours of their time each year to hold a successful Wacipi. We cover most of our expenses by requesting donations. There is also a \$10 entry button donation. However, we will not turn away anyone who cannot pay. Along with relying on individual and corporate donors. We pay for our event with in-kind donations, charging vendors for craft booth space, food booth sales, and button sales.

\$10.00 \$100 \$250 \$350 \$500 Other \$_____.

This year the Mendota Community really needs your help for the Wacipi / Powwow. Along with donations needed to fund this event, we also accept donations for our raffle table. If you donate, we will put your name in our brochure. Please call our office at 651-452-4141 with any questions. We hope that you will consider this request for the important work we do in preserving and sharing our Dakota heritage.

We honor our veterans every year.

Please make all checks made out to MMDTC for Powwow.

Thank You from Sharon Lennartson Tribal Chairwomen, and the Mendota Powwow Committee.

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