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THE HO-CHUNK AT KE-CHUNK VILLAGE

2019
LEARNING SERIES
NATURE
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Kečáč: We Once Lived Here | The Ho-Chunk At Ke-Chunk Village | 2019 Learning Series

At the confluence of Turtle Creek and the Rock River there once was a very large Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) settlement called Ke-Chunk (**Kečáč**) or Turtle Village. Our Learning Series features a variety of programs that highlights the culture and heritage of historic and contemporary Native American Indians.

Ho-Chunk Flute Making Workshop with Bill Quackenbush, Ho-Chunk Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, 3-day course held April 5-7. You'll learn about the history of the Native American courting flute, then you'll be guided on how to make, then play your very own flute. Held April 5, 5:00-9:00 p.m.; April 6, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; April 7, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Limited to 14 participants, cost is \$150 and includes all materials to make your own handmade flute, and you leave with a beautiful Ho-Chunk style Courting Flute and will have the skills to play your flute.

Nature Kids: Ho-Chunk Storytelling | Celebration of National Storytelling Day, Saturday, April 27, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Oral storytelling is one way that Ho-Chunk culture, traditions, and language are passed down from generation to generation. The featured story is the "The Ho-Chunk Courting Flute". Storytelling and an art project are part of this program for ages 7-11. Free program *

Walk With Me Among My Homelands: Hear the Echoes of My Ancestors, Saturday, May 4, 2019, 1:00 p.m., Janice Rice, a member of Ho-Chunk Nation, invites you to listen and envision a walk amidst the beauty of her ancestral homelands. Rice is a retired librarian with a focus on American Indian resources, literature, culture, history, language preservation & revitalization. \$5 suggested donation.

Who Once Lived Here? | Ke-Chunk Village At The Confluence – Offered on June 8, August 11, September 7 at 1 p.m.. Learn what we know about Turtle Village and why people called this area home. We'll start indoors with a visual presentation, and then walk the confluence property to learn more (less than quarter mile). \$5 suggested donation. Program for all ages held by Therese Oldenburg, Executive Director.

A Celebration of American Indian Culture through Music and Dance, Sunday, July 14, 1:00 p.m. Dressed in Jingle Dress regalia, Kim Sigafus, an Ojibwa author and speaker, will share her American Indian heritage and culture through music and dance. Learn traditional songs in her Native language, participate in a pow wow circle, play a rain stick or drum, and dance. Kim Sigafus is an internationally published award-winning Ojibwa author and speaker..” This free program for all ages is supported by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars program.

Nature Kids: What Did the Ho-Chunk Grow? Saturday, August 17, 10:00 a.m. - Kids will learn about the crops grown by the Ho-Chunk Native Americans at Ke-Chunk Village, and find out where they had their garden beds along Turtle Creek. How did they prepare and store their food for the winter? They'll see what is growing in the Native American Heritage Garden. Free program for ages 7-11.*

Nature Kids: Who Lived In These Woods? Saturday, September 7, 10:00 a.m. - Kids will learn who has made the confluence area at Turtle Creek and the Rock River home over the last 200 years, both humans and animals. After learning about the traditional Ho-Chunk dwellings called "Ciporoke" (chee-poe-doe-kay) used at Ke-Chunk Village, we'll build a scale model together. Free program for ages 7-11.*

A Peek Into The American Indian Way of Life: In Celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day, Sunday, October 13, 1:00 p.m. Kim Sigafus, an Ojibwa author and speaker, will invite people into the world of the American Indian to discover what it once was to be Native, and what it means to be Native now. Kim will be dressed in her traditional Native regalia, and will present on Native culture through oral traditions, language, and history. She will discuss Native encampment life and will drum and sing an Ojibwa lullaby. This free program for all ages is supported by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars program.

Nature Kids: Migration Through the Seasons: In Celebration of National American Indian Heritage Month, Saturday, November 2, 1:00 p.m. - Why do animals and people migrate? You'll learn about where wildlife goes when it becomes cold, as well as where the Ho-Chunk people who once lived at Ke-Chunk (**Kečáč**) Village migrated to in the fall and winter. Free program for ages 7-11 *

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