

myaamia kiilhswaakani 2025

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The Myaamia lunar calendar connects the observation of lunar cycles to ecological changes in our environment. Each lunar month is named for an ecological event that is usually observed during that period of time. A lunar month is approximately 29.5 days long. In order to account for the half day, the calendar alternates between months that have 29 days and months with 30 days.

A lunar year is approximately 354 days long, which is eleven days shorter than the solar year. In order stay connected with seasonal ecological changes, the calendar needs to be adjusted approximately every three years by adding a thirteenth moon called waawiita kiilhswa ‘lost moon’. The 2025–26 calendar will have twelve months and begins with mahkoonsa kiilhswa. Because the lunar year is shorter, the Gregorian date for weehki-kihkatwi ‘Myaamia New Year’ varies, but it always occurs at the beginning of mahkoonsa kiilhswa. With the addition of waawiita kiilhswa, weehki-kihkatwi occurs on February 1st on the Gregorian calendar.

This calendar includes Gregorian dates in the lower lefthand corner of each day so that users can connect the Myaamia lunar calendar to the Gregorian solar calendar.

Calendar events are subject to change; visit miamination.com/cultural-resources-office for updates.

Some common terms associated with the Myaamia lunar calendar are listed below.

eelaamini-kiišikahki	Sunday
nkotakone pooni-kiišikahki	Monday
niišakone pooni-kiišikahki	Tuesday
nihsokone pooni-kiišikahki	Wednesday
niiyakone pooni-kiišikahki	Thursday
yaalanokone pooni-kiišikahki	Friday
kaakaathsokone pooni-kiišikahki	Saturday
weehki-kihkatwi	New Year

saakiwa kiilhswa	New Moon
napale kiilhswa	First Quarter Moon
waawiyiisita	Full Moon
napale neepiki	Last Quarter Moon
myaalisiwa	Waning Crescent
keešaakosita kiilhswa	Waxing Phases
peemineeta kiilhswa	Waning Phases
pahsaahkaahkanka	Solstice

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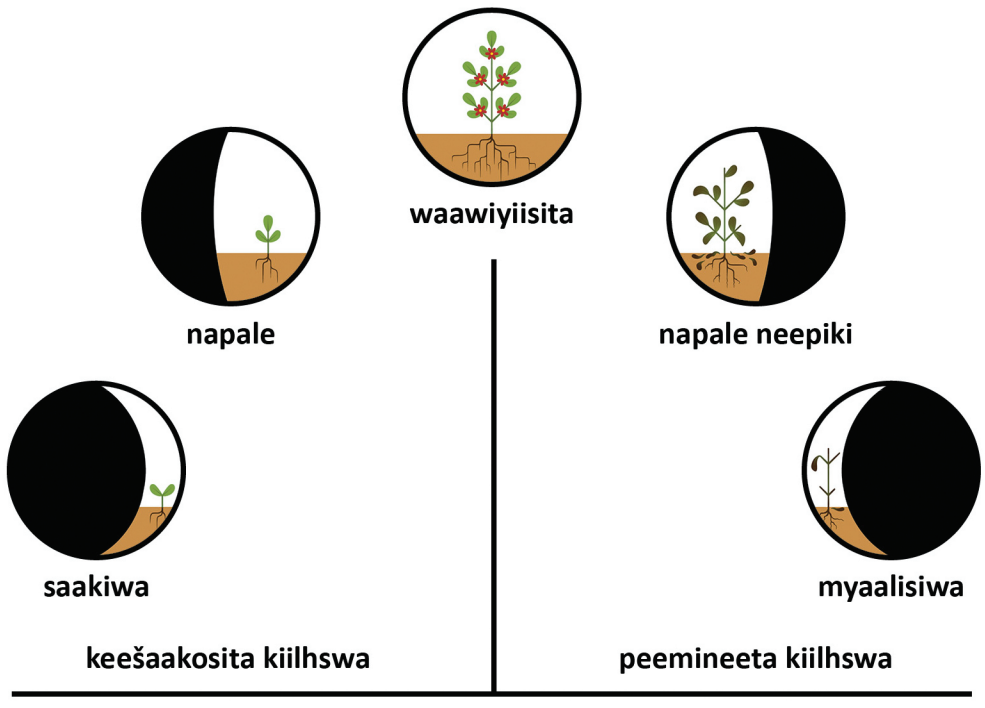
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kiilhsooki

For Myaamiaki ‘Miami people’ the moon helps us track the progress of a month. In Myaamia, we describe the moon growing like a plant during keešaakosita kiilhswa ‘growing/waxing phases’ and then dying away during peemineeta kiilhswa ‘dying away/waning’ phases.

Each month, the moon starts out as a thin sliver called saakiwa kiilhswa, which refers to the sprouting moon. For the next eleven evenings, the moon grows from saakiwa to waakhšinka kiilhswa ‘crescent moon’, napale kiilhswa ‘half moon’, naawi waawiyiisita ‘almost full’, and finally to waawiyiisita ‘full moon’.

For the next fourteen days, you are more likely to see peemineeta kiilhswa ‘waning phases’ in the morning. Over this next period, kiilhswa will become napale neepiki ‘half dead’ and myaalisiwa kiilhswa ‘seriously ill moon’. Eventually kiilhswa dies away and goes completely dark, and then sprouts again during the next moon.





kiihtilaami meelohtamankwi aalhsoohkaana
‘We really enjoy winter stories!’

mahkoonsa kiilhswa 2025

Young Bear Moon

photo by Karen L. Baldwin

eelaamini-kiišikahki	nkotakone	niišakone	nihsokone	niiyakone	yaalanokone	kaakaath-sokone
				1/30	1/31	1 **weehki-kihkatwe** 2/1
2 2/2	3 2/3	4 2/4	5 2/5	6 2/6	7 2/7	8 2/8
9 2/9	10 2/10	11 2/11	12 2/12	13 2/13	14 2/14	15 **wiiyaakiteeheelo weehki-kihkatwe** noošonke siipionki 2/15
16 2/16	17 2/17	18 2/18	19 2/19	20 2/20	21 2/21	22 **Winter Storytelling** kiihkayonki 2/22
23 2/23	24 2/24	25 2/25	26 2/26	27 2/27	28 2/28	29 3/1
30 3/2						



nihswi weechsaantiiwaaci
'three sisters'

aanteekwa kiilhswa 2025

Crow Moon

photo by Karen L. Baldwin

eelaamini-kiišikahki	nkotakone	niišakone	nihsokone	niiyakone	yaalanokone	kaakaath-sokone
	1 3/3	2 3/4	3 3/5	4 3/6	5 3/7	6 3/8
7 3/9	8 3/10	9 3/11	10 3/12	11 3/13	12 3/14	13 3/15
14 3/16	15 3/17	16 3/18	17 3/19	18 3/20	19 3/21	20 3/22
21 3/23	22 3/24	23 3/25	24 3/26	25 3/27	26 3/28	27 3/29
28 3/30	29 3/31					



neepwaaminciki myaamia mihši-nipwaantiikaaninki
'Myaamia students at Miami University'

cecaahkwa kiilhswa 2025

Sandhill Crane Moon

photo by Karen L. Baldwin

eelaamini-kiišikahki	nkotakone	niišakone	nihsokone	niiyakone	yaalanokone	kaakaath-sokone
		1 4/1	2 4/2	3 4/3	4 4/4	5 4/5
6 4/6	7 4/7	8 4/8	9 4/9	10 4/10	11 4/11	12 **wiihsinitaawi neehi pakitahantaawi!** **'Picnic and Play!'** noošonke siipionki 4/12
13 4/13	14 4/14	15 4/15	16 4/16	17 4/17	18 4/18	19 4/19
20 4/20	21 4/21	22 4/22	23 4/23	24 4/24	25 4/25	26 4/26
27 4/27	28 4/28	29 4/29	30 4/30			



“nkoti, niišwi, nihswi, myaamia!”
‘one, two, three, Myaamia!’

wiihkoowia kiilhswa 2025

Whippoorwil Moon

photo by Jonathan M. Fox

eelaamini-kiišikahki	nkotakone	niišakone	nihsokone	niiyakone	yaalanokone	kaakaath-sokone
				1 5/1	2 5/2	3 5/3
4 5/4	5 5/5	6 5/6	7 5/7	8 5/8	9 5/9	10 5/10
11 5/11	12 5/12	13 5/13	14 5/14	15 5/15	16 5/16	17 5/17
18 5/18	19 5/19	20 5/20	21 5/21	22 5/22	23 5/23	24 5/24
25 5/25	26 5/26	27 5/27	28 5/28	29 5/29		



neepinwiki siipiihkwa awiikinki
‘summer at Drake House’

paaphsaahka niipinwiki 2025

Mid-summer Moon

photo by Karen L. Baldwin

eelaamini-kiišikahki	nkotakone	niišakone	nihsokone	niiyakone	yaalanokone	kaakaath-sokone
					1 5/30	2 **Lacrosse into Spring** kiihkayonki 5/31
3 6/1	4 6/2	5 6/3	6 6/4	7 6/5	8 6/6	9 6/7
10 6/8	11 6/9	12 6/10	13 6/11	14 6/12	15 6/13	16 6/14
17 6/15	18 **Eemamwiciki Programs Week** noošonke siipionki 6/16	19 6/17	20 6/18	21 6/19	22 6/20	23 6/21
24 6/22	25 6/23	26 6/24	27 6/25	28 **Family Day** noošonke siipionki 6/26	29 **Cultural Education Day & Miami Nation Powwow** noošonke siipionki 6/27	30 **Miami Nation General Council & Miami Nation Powwow** noošonke siipionki 6/28



saakaciweeta eelwasihtwaanki
'having fun at saakaciweeta'

photo by Karen L. Baldwin

kiišiinkwia kiilhswa 2025

Green Corn Moon

eelaamini-kiišikahki	nkotakone	niišakone	nihsokone	niiyakone	yaalanokone	kaakaath-sokone
1 6/29	2 6/30	3 2001 Myaamia Project Established 7/1	4 7/2	5 7/3	6 7/4	7 7/5
8 7/6	9 7/7	10 7/8	11 7/9	12 7/10	13 7/11	14 7/12
15 7/13	16 **Eemamwiciki Programs Week** kiihkayonki 7/14	17 7/15	18 7/16	19 7/17	20 **Kiišiinkwia Kiilhswa Dinner** kiihkayonki 7/18	21 7/19
22 7/20	23 7/21	24 7/22	25 7/23	26 7/24	27 7/25	28 7/26
29 7/27						



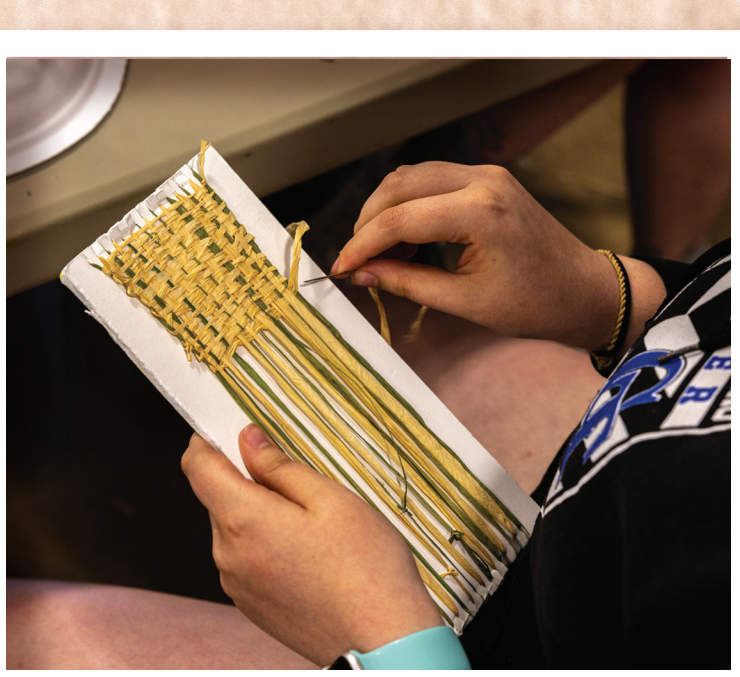












maamawi kati wiihsa kiišhtooyankwi
‘we can create so much together’

photos by Karen L. Baldwin and Jonathan M. Fox



neepwaaminciki keewahtekaawaaci
'learning to stomp dance'

mihšiiwia kiilhswa 2025

Elk Moon

photo by Karen L. Baldwin

eelaamini-kiišikahki	nkotakone	niišakone	nihsokone	niiyakone	yaalanokone	kaakaath-sokone
	1 7/28	2 7/29	3 7/30	4 7/31	5 8/1	6 8/2
7 8/3	8 8/4	9 8/5	10 8/6	11 8/7	12 8/8	13 **SummerFest** noošonke siipionki 8/9
14 8/10	15 8/11	16 8/12	17 8/13	18 8/14	19 8/15	20 8/16
21 8/17	22 8/18	23 8/19	24 8/20	25 8/21	26 8/22	27 8/23
28 8/24	29 8/25	30 8/26				



pankihkwaašikotaawi peehkahkionki
'let's go fishing at CREO'

šaašaakayolia kiilhswa 2025

Grass Burning Moon

photo by Jonathan M. Fox

eelaamini-kiišikahki	nkotakone	niišakone	nihsokone	niiyakone	yaalanokone	kaakaath-sokone
			1 8/27	2 8/28	3 8/29	4 8/30
5 8/31	6 9/1	7 9/2	8 9/3	9 9/4	10 9/5	11 9/6
12 9/7	13 9/8	14 9/9	15 9/10	16 9/11	17 9/12	18 **Indiana Fall Gathering** kiihkayonki 9/13
19 9/14	20 9/15	21 9/16	22 9/17	23 9/18	24 9/19	25 9/20
26 9/21	27 9/22	28 9/23	29 9/24			



keeshtwaanki
peepankišaapiikahkia eehkwaatamenki
‘making ribbonwork together’

kiiyolia kiilhswa 2025

Smoky Burning Moon

photo by Karen L. Baldwin

eelaamini-kiišikahki	nkotakone	niišakone	nihsokone	niiyakone	yaalanokone	kaakaath-sokone
				1 9/25	2 9/26	3 9/27
4 9/28	5 9/29	6 9/30	7 10/1	8 10/2	9 10/3	10 10/4
11 10/5	12 1846 Removal Day Boats Leave Peru, IN 10/6	13 10/7	14 10/8	15 10/9	16 1939 First Tribal Constitution 10/10	17 10/11
18 1846 Removal Boats Leave Cincinnati, OH 10/12	19 **Indigenous Peoples’ Day** 10/13	20 10/14	21 10/15	22 10/16	23 10/17	24 **Sasquash Seed Swap** kiihkayonki 10/18
25 10/19	26 1846 Removal Boats Arrive at Bloody Island, IL 10/20	27 10/21	28 10/22	29 10/23	30 10/24	



šaaye kiiloona keewahtekaanki
'ready for a stomp dance'

photo by Karen L. Baldwin

ayaapeensa kiilhswa 2025

Young Buck Moon

eelaamini-kiišikahki	nkotakone	niišakone	nihsokone	niiyakone	yaalanokone	kaakaath-sokone
						1 10/25
2 10/26	3 10/27	4 10/28	5 10/29	6 10/30	7 10/31	8 1846 Removal Boats Arrive at Westport Landing, MO 11/1
9 11/2	10 11/3	11 1846 Arrival at Osage River Agency, KS 11/4	12 11/5	13 11/6	14 11/7	15 11/8
16 11/9	17 11/10	18 11/11	19 11/12	20 11/13	21 11/14	22 11/15
23 11/16	24 11/17	25 11/18	26 11/19	27 11/20	28 11/21	29 11/22



weekiwi eehkwaatamaani
‘I sew carefully’

ayaapia kiilhswa 2025

Buck Moon

photo by Karen L. Baldwin

eelaamini-kiišikahki	nkotakone	niišakone	nihsokone	niiyakone	yaalanokone	kaakaath-sokone
1 11/23	2 11/24	3 11/25	4 11/26	5 11/27	6 11/28	7 11/29
8 11/30	9 12/1	10 12/2	11 12/3	12 12/4	13 12/5	14 12/6
15 12/7	16 12/8	17 12/9	18 12/10	19 12/11	20 12/12	21 12/13
22 12/14	23 12/15	24 12/16	25 12/17	26 12/18	27 12/19	28 12/20
29 12/21	30 12/22					



maawipyaayankwi eeweemankwiki
'our family gathers when we can'

mahkwa kiilhswa 2026

Bear Moon

photo by Karen L. Baldwin

eelaamini-kiišikahki	nkotakone	niišakone	nihsokone	niiyakone	yaalanokone	kaakaath-sokone
		1 12/23	2 12/24	3 12/25	4 12/26	5 12/27
6 12/28	7 12/29	8 12/30	9 12/31	10 1/1	11 1/2	12 1/3
13 1/4	14 1/5	15 1/6	16 1/7	17 1/8	18 1/9	19 1/10
20 1/11	21 1/12	22 1/13	23 1/14	24 1/15	25 1/16	26 1/17
27 1/18	28 **Mihšihkinaahkwa Day** 1/19	29 1/20				

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mihši neewe

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