



March 19, 2021

Aya aya eeweemilaani,

We hope that you and your families are staying healthy! In order to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19, cultural leaders and elected tribal officers have decided to stick with the learning at home format for the 2021 Eemamwiciki Summer Programs. Based on feedback from last year's participants, we have altered the format to more closely model our in-person programs.

We are excited to be able to host four programs this year: Saakaciweeta (ages 6-9), Eewansaapita (ages 10-16), Maayaahkweeta (ages 17-18 and completed six years of Eewansaapita), and Neehsapita (ages 18 and older). More information about each of these programs can be found at <http://www.miamination.com/eewansaapita>. Each program will take place over the course of one week. There will be two sessions for participants to choose from. **Session 1 is June 14-18, 2021 and Session 2 is July 12-16, 2021.** Participants may choose whichever session best fits their schedule.

This summer's learning theme is *ašihkiwi nehi kiišikwi* 'Earth and Sky' where we explore *Myaamionki* 'the place of the Myaamia' by looking at what is up, down, and all around. We look at the rocks beneath our feet and sky above our heads from a Myaamia perspective. This summer, we'll be asking questions about the way nipi 'water' flows through nearly everything around us (including ourselves) and continues to shape our world.

This year, we will be offering a limited number of supply boxes (one per household) containing many of the materials that we will be using during the program. It is possible to participate without receiving a supply box and a list of supplies will be available soon. In order to be eligible to receive a supply box, completed applications must be received on or before May 24, 2021. Supply boxes are not guaranteed for applications received after this date. The last day to apply for all Eemamwiciki Summer Programs is June 1, 2021.

Online applications will be available on March 29, 2021 at <http://www.miamination.com/eewansaapita>. Announcements regarding this year's program will be made via email for participants and the Eemamwiciki social media accounts (search "Eemamwiciki" on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram).

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## **Saakaciweeta Essays**

### For the participant:

Please choose one of the questions below. Parents may help as needed.

- 1) If you are new to Saakaciweeta, what are you hoping to learn during this Saakaciweeta experience?
- 2) If you came to Saakaciweeta last year, what do you remember and what did you learn?

### For the parent/guardian:

You play a major role in your child's involvement in Saakaciweeta. Your child will learn many new myaamia words and concepts to share at home. What do you hope your child will gain from this experience?

## **Eewansaapita Essays**

### First year Eewansaapita participants:

You will learn a lot of Myaamia language and culture during the Eewansaapita at Home Summer Educational Experience. How do you feel about having the opportunity to learn these things and what do you hope to do with what you learn?

### Returning Eewansaapita participants:

Tell us some of the things you have learned from other Eewansaapita experiences. How did you share that learning with others?

## **Maayahkweeta Essays**

### First year Maayahkweeta participants:

- 1) How has your experience as a participant in past Eewansaapita programs prepared you to be a Maayahkweeta participant?
- 2) How do you see yourself giving back to the Myaamia community? Think about any ways that you currently give back and ways that you can give back after your involvement with the Maayahkweeta program.
- 3) Create 2 learning goals to work on during the course of the program. At least 1 goal should be language related. It is important that your goals be focused so your progress is measurable during the program. Here are two examples of goals. Eemamwiciki staff will work with you on revising your goals via email before the start of your program.  
Broad goal: I want to learn how to drive.  
Focused goal: I want to learn how to parallel park.

### Returning Maayahkweeta participants:

- 1) How have you furthered your learning of Myaamia language and culture since last year?
- 2) How have you given back to the Myaamia community since last year's program?
- 3) Create 2 learning goals to work on during the course of the program. At least 1 goal should be language related. It is important that your goals be focused so your progress is measurable during the program. Here are two examples of goals. Eemamwiciki staff will work with you on revising your goals via email before the start of your program.  
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## **Neehsaapita Essay (optional)**

What are your goals for the program or what do you want to get out of participating?