

Fall Harvest Student Worksheet

SEVEN GENERATIONS EDUCATION INSTITUTE



Date: September 24-25, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Opening Ceremony: 9:15 a.m. on September 24

Location: SGEI's Rainy Lake Campus grounds

What is Fall Harvest?

Every fall near Signing Day (October 3rd), Seven Generations Education Institute (SGEI) hosts an immersive two-day cultural experience that demonstrates Anishinaabe fall harvesting practices to students from participating schools. Dagwaaganimawindoosijigewin (Fall Harvest) is a unique opportunity for students to learn about Treaty 3 and food sovereignty and participate in traditional practices.

This Booklet

The activities in this workbook are designed for you to record what you've learned.

The lessons in this activity book include:



Treaty 3

Participants will engage in meaningful dialogue about Treaty 3 and what it means to all people within the territory, to clear up common misunderstandings and provide a deep understanding.



Traditional Medicines

Students will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of traditional medicines harvested and utilized by the Anishinaabeg.



Gillnetting

While learning about the anatomy of the fish, participants will see how to fillet fish and may even get to try it themselves. Participants will be given a piece of prepared fish.



Honouring Our Children

Participants will have an opportunity to hear a Residential School Survivor speak about his/her experience in the IRS system.



Our Grandfather Drum & Grandmother Staff

Participants will have an opportunity to learn about Seven Generations Education Institute's Grandfather Drum, Saagajiwe. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Mashkikiwan: Traditional Medicines

The word for medicine in Anishinaabemowin is Mashkiki, which means “the strength of the Earth.” A traditional Anishinaabe teaching is that every plant upon the Earth has a specific purpose.

Fill in the chart as you learn about mashkikiwan at the Medicine Station and throughout the day.

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Bagita'wewin: Gillnetting

Gillnetting is a traditional fishing technique using a 300-foot-long fishing net.

What are the steps for setting a gillnet?

Step	Instruction
1 _____	_____ _____ _____
2 _____	_____ _____ _____
3 _____	_____ _____ _____
4 _____	_____ _____ _____
5 _____	_____ _____ _____
6 _____	_____ _____ _____

Saagajiwe and Gookomisinaan: Our Grandfather Drum and Grandmother Staff

While visiting SGEI's Grandfather drum (Saagajiwe) and Grandmother staff (Gookomisinaan), learn about the history and protocols of these sacred items.

What are the drum and staff used for?

How are the following used in ceremony?

Drum

Small Eagle Staff

Grandmother Staff

Copper Cup

Spoon

Honouring Our Children

Kelvin & Ernie Morrison share stories and talk about their personal experience at St. Marguerite's Indian Residential School on Couchiching First Nation and the effect it had on their relationship with their language and culture.

What was the purpose of the residential school system?

How did hearing about this make you feel? How would you feel if you were made to attend one of these schools?

Manidoo Mazina'igan: Treaty 3

On October 3, 1873, a very sacred agreement was signed at Harrison Creek (near the Northwest Angle) between the Anishinaabeg of the region and newcomers to the area. It is known as Treaty 3. It included sharing land, space, and place with newcomers.

We are all Treaty people.

What does the word treaty mean?

What are some things you learned about treaties?

What is one thing about treaties that surprised you?
