



Quarterly Newsletter

Niibiin 2023

## Boozhoo gakina awiya!

## Summer team

Our interns and summer students stayed busy this summer. They worked at Bagagikendamowinikikaaning (Ottertail), helping to prepare the building and surrounding space for programming.





Rainy Lake Sacred Sites tour and acknowledgement with Niigaaniibines & Pebaambines

They participated in and facilitated language learning opportunities at numerous community and organizational events, often collaborating with communities and organizations to integrate language into their programs.



Activities & Games with Weechi-it-te-win Developmental Services



Awenin Giin at Nigigoonsiminikaaning Community Event



Anishinaabemowin Bingo for Family and Well-Being Youth Week Couchiching First Nation



Teddy Bear Picnic Language Fishing Activity







## **Dasoonag 150th Celebration Canoe Trip**

The Dasoonag 150th celebration canoe trip played a significant role for two of our summer team members. They were actively engaged in planning and preparing for this trip, providing assistance in the preparation and facilitating the canoe safety workshop that helped the group prepare for their journey.









## **Experience - Syndey Radigan**

"This summer, I had the opportunity to complete my field placement at SGEI with the Anishinaabemodaa team. Knowing that language revitalization is vital to the field of Indigenous Social Work, it was my goal to support the Anishinaabemodaa Initiative. Through my role as a placement student, I developed and implemented various programming opportunities for Indigenous youth and families that were land-based, family-centered, and language-focused. This overall experience also allowed me to further my own personal knowledge of the language and who I am as an Anishinaabe.

After I completed my placement requirements, I graduated from the Indigenous Social Work program at Laurentian University and obtained a Bachelor of Indigenous Social Work.



I am now employed by the Northwestern Health Unit and based at the Fort Frances High School as the Student Support Navigator where I continue to support Indigenous youth as they navigate high school. Chi-miigwech to the Anishinaabemodaa team for taking me on this summer and supporting me on my post-secondary journey!"





