



Gibimishkaadimin

Realizing Truth and Reconciliation as We Paddle Together

August 22-30, 2022 – Lake Temagami

A Project of Reconciliation

Gibimishkaadimin is a five-year pilot project of reconciliation, engaging Indigenous youth from across Canada, and non-Indigenous youth from Shining Waters (Region 10) in Ontario in collaborative and experiential learning through an Indigenous lens. Gibimishkaadimin is a youth leadership opportunity to foster relationships with each other and the land as part of a summer canoe trip. Gibimishkaadimin is an Indigenous word representing “paddling together by boat”. This project of reconciliation seeks to provide youth, who are age 16-18 on Aug. 22, with the opportunity to develop relationships with each other and with the land on a canoe trip in Lake Temagami. Specific details are provided on the web site:

<https://gibimishkaadimin.wixsite.com/home>

Gibimishkaadimin is directed by a six-person Board, three of whom are Indigenous.

Our Goal

The project seeks to foster reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples:

- enhance the knowledge of Indigenous issues and culture,
- connect participants with the land,
- change stereotypical attitudes,
- build respect for others and self; create opportunities of mutual learning,
- develop leadership skills in the truth and reconciliation process to enable the youth to lead their communities towards reconciliation,
- provide a life-changing experience and establish lasting friendships.

Each year for 5 years, 12 Indigenous youth from across Canada will participate in experiential learning with 12 non-Indigenous youth from Shining Waters (Region 10) in Ontario. It will be a twelve-month commitment for these youth:

- a summer canoe trip to foster relationships,
- the initiation of projects of reconciliation in their communities,
- a reunion the following winter after the canoe trip.

Cost of the trip

The trip expenses, including airfare for Indigenous youth, are paid by the Gibimishkaadimin Project.

Deadline for Applications

[Please submit your application by March 31.](#)

Itinerary

- Meet in Toronto for a bus ride to Lake Temagami.
- Travel to the Langskib base camp in the interior of Temagami where the canoes and supplies will be waiting.
- Receive orientation and skills training in canoe tripping and wilderness travel. Get to know each other and the trip leaders.
- Travel by canoe through Lake Temagami, back to Northwaters base camp, building friendships, having fun and learning respect for the land and each other, as well as gaining knowledge in reconciliation and Indigenous culture and spirituality.

Video of the excursions to get an idea of what to expect <https://tinyurl.com/gibitrips>

ONLINE Application Form - tinyurl.com/gibiapp

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