

18th Annual Mid American Indian Fellowships Gathering New Location with Different Date and Schedule

The 18th Annual Mid American Indian Fellowships Gathering is scheduled for:

Saturday, September 7
2019 at Deer Run RV Park, 5055 NW
Hwy. B, Appleton City, Missouri 64724.

While participants may arrive on Friday and camp on Friday night and/or Saturday night, scheduled gathering activities will happen only on Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. and winding up around midnight. Activities will include indigenous crafts, games, auction, ceremonies, dance and a talking circle, as in previous years. There will be no more than one speaker at the gathering, with a talk tying in with some aspect of decolonization and/or cultural restoration, with most of the day and evening given to activities.

Food: There will be breaks for brunch and dinner. Rather than having a food team or food coordinators, people are asked to prepare and bring whatever foods they want – a simple potluck such as we have at fellowship meetings and ceremonies. Table service will be provided and washing stations set up with instructions for everyone to wash their own. Please bring reusable cups for coffee and/or water, etc.

Auction: Please consider bringing crafts, art, culturally relevant books, handmade articles, etc. to donate for auction. Proceeds help defray Gathering and other MAIF expenses.

Deer Run RV Park is located on the North side of Hwy. B, 11 miles west of Osceola, Missouri and 27 miles east of Rich Hill, Missouri. RV Camping is \$15 per night. Tent camping is \$10 per night. Those planning to camp should please contact the park directly. The phone number is (660) 598-2481. The address is 5055 NW Hwy. B, Appleton City, MO 64724. Be sure to let the park know you are coming for the Mid American Indian Fellowships Gathering. If we have a minimum of three campers, we get to use the clubhouse free of charge.

As in the past, be sure to bring lawn chairs and reusable cups or mugs.

Other Lodging in the Area:

- Wildflower Inn, Osceola, Missouri (11 miles away) (417) 646-2555
- Weaubleau Motel, Weaubleau, Missouri (25 miles away) (417) 428-3516
- Apache Motel, Rich Hill, Missouri (27 miles away) (417) 395-2161
- Parkfield Inn, Clinton, Missouri (35 miles away) (844) 793-2498
- Westbridge Inn and Suites, Clinton, Missouri (35 miles away) (660) 885-2206
- USA Inn, Clinton, Missouri (35 miles away) (660) 885-2267

Meet Oshara Meesha, Speaker for the 18th Annual MAIF Gathering:

We are very pleased to announce that artist and activist Oshara Meesha has agreed to speak at this year's Gathering. My name is Oshara Meesha. I am an artist in Topeka, Kansas. It was an honor to be one of 27 core artists for the Brown v. Board Arts Connect Topeka Mural Project. I hope to use my gifts in the area of art to promote social change and be a part of the solution in the world. I am a part of Kansas People's Agenda and the Poor People's Campaign in Kansas. I am currently working on a mural project on the Topeka Police Department along with eight core artists.