

20th Annual Wisconsin American Indian Studies Summer Institute

August 1-5, 2016 | Crandon, WI

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***** Early Registration Deadline is Friday, June 17, 2016 *** [REGISTER NOW](#)**

About the Institute

The annual Wisconsin American Indian Studies Summer Institute is an active, highly participatory, week-long workshop designed to increase participants' understanding of issues related to the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the eleven federally-recognized American Indian nations and tribal communities in Wisconsin.

The goals of the summer institute relate to both American Indian Studies and the education of American Indian students. The summer institute aims to improve teaching and learning and to enrich student services, resulting in both becoming more culturally responsive. Participants will learn how to adapt or develop new techniques best suited to their unique circumstances.

Who Should Attend

Anyone with a personal or professional interest in American Indian Studies and/or American Indian education is welcome to attend. Past participants of summer institutes have included: Head Start and pre-school staff, 4K-12 (public, tribal, private, or charter) educators, pre-service teachers, classroom teachers, teacher aides, school counselors, social workers, psychologists, curriculum specialists, library media specialists, home-school coordinators, Title VII and Johnson O'Malley (JOM) coordinators and administrators, principals and superintendents, tribal education staff, college and university (especially schools of education) students, faculty, staff and administrators, and others with an interest in American Indian Studies and education of American Indian students.

Note: This event meets licensing stipulations or requirements for educators trained outside Wisconsin.

Location

[School District of Crandon](#) (High School)
9750 US Hwy 8 West
Crandon, WI 54520

Registration

All participants are required to [register](#). Registration includes printed materials related to American Indian Studies. A lunch and snacks are provided daily. Participants are responsible for their own lodging and transportation.

The registration fee is \$300 per person if registered before **June 17, 2016**, or \$375 if registration is received by **July 15, 2016** and \$450 onsite. Discounted group rates are also available. [REGISTER >>](#)

Due to the nature of this event, registrations for only a portion of the summer institute are not available.

Space is limited, so please [register](#) early.

<http://dpi.wi.gov/amind>

Activities

Classroom sessions use a variety of teaching methods and provide opportunities for both presenters and participants to share information, resources, best practices, and model programs. A field trip and other sessions outside the classroom provide opportunities for experiential learning. Rich discussions allow everyone to share their insights and reactions. Perhaps most importantly, participants will have the opportunity to work in small groups to develop an action plan to teach others what they have learned. Events will include a celebration of the relationships we have made and the things we have learned at the summer institute with a traditional feast and cultural activities.

Staff and Presenters

Our staff and presenters come from a variety of academic and personal backgrounds. These individuals serve as resource people and mentors, and they assist in facilitating daily small group sessions designed to help participants process what they have learned and develop an action plan that extends their learning to others.

College Credit

For participants interested in college credit, one University of Wisconsin-Madison credit is available for an additional fee. To register for credit, please contact Aaron Bird Bear at abirdbear@wisc.edu or (608) 262-8427.

Questions

Contact David O'Connor, Education Consultant, American Indian Studies Program, at david.oconnor@dpi.wi.gov or 608-267-2283.

*Note: Refunds must be requested **in writing** before July 22, 2016. (A \$50 administrative fee will be deducted from the amount refunded. No refunds will be granted for non-attendees.)*

Agenda and Daily Activities (Tentative)

Monday, August 1, 2016 (12:00 pm – 6:30 pm)

- Welcome, Opening, and Introductions
- American Indian Studies & Wisconsin Act 31
- Introduction to Wisconsin American Indian History, Culture, and Tribal Sovereignty
- Sokaogon Chippewa Community History and Culture
- Forest County Potawatomi History and Culture
- Small Group Discussion and Sessions

Tuesday, August 2, 2016 (8:30 am – 4:30 pm)

- Responsive Teaching for Self-Determination
- Understanding Tribal Sovereignty
- Building Community Partnerships and Relationships
- Small Group Discussion and Sessions

Wednesday, August 3, 2016 (8:30 am – 4:30 pm)

- Community Tour(s)
 - Forest County Potawatomi
 - Sokaogon Chippewa Community

Thursday, August 4, 2016 (8:30 am – 4:30 pm)

- Development of Action Plan Statements and/or Related Project
- Other Follow-Up Activities
- Individual Learning and Research or Field Trips

Friday, August 5, 2016 (8:30 am – 2:00 pm)

- Group Presentations
- Small Group Discussion Sessions
- Closing and Next Steps

Hotel and Lodging Information

[Best Western Crandon Inn & Suites](#)

9075 E. Pioneer Street
Crandon, WI 54520
Ph: (715) 478-4000

Note: A small number of rooms are being held at the Best Western Crandon Inn & Suites until July 17 for institute participants at \$82/night. Please mention "DPI event" when making your reservation to receive the special rate.

[Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel](#)

618 State Hwy. 32
Wabeno, WI 54566
Ph: (715) 473-6785 or (800) 487-9522

Note: A small number of rooms are being held at the Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel until July 18 for institute participants at \$83/night. Please mention "DPI event" when making your reservation to receive the special rate.

[Mole Lake Casino & Lodge](#)

3084 Hwy. 55
Crandon, WI 54520
Ph: (715) 478-5290

Note: A small number of rooms are being held at Mole Lake Casino & Lodge until July 27 for institute participants at \$56.50/night + tax. Please mention "DPI event" when making your reservation to receive the special rate.

[Four Seasons Motel](#)

304 W. Glen Street
Crandon, WI 54520
Ph: (715) 478-3377

Comments from Past Summer Institute Participants

" . . . [T]he best educational experience I have had in a few years. . . . An awesome week of education. I look forward to seeing this institute go on, as an annual event, for many years and decades to come." (1997)

"I plan to make the AISSI a yearly tradition." (1998)

"Very worthwhile 5 days! I will advocate for and recommend the institute." (1999)

*"All aspects of it were enjoyable and enlightening to us all. We will certainly recommend it to our colleagues. Thanks!"—
Team of Middle School Teachers (2000)*

"What an eye-opener! An experience I will long remember. I learned so much. Thank you." (2001)

"Many of the things I experienced at the institute have not only impacted my professional endeavors but, moreover, my personal life has been positively transformed." (2002)

"This is the only workshop/institute in which I've been immersed in the culture I'm learning about." (2003)

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Comments from Past Summer Institute Participants (cont.)

"... (D)efinitely one of the best classes in which I've participated! Authentic, accurate information was shared in non-threatening small and large group presentations. Additionally, this institute was a 'minds-on', 'hands-on' experience!" (2004)

"It was wonderful to see and experience everyone's growth and change over this week. The projects were wonderful culminations of our learning. I can't wait to go back and start my planning for the fall. Thank you for being a catalyst in my growth and change." (2005)

"The most useful learning experience I've ever participated in during my 16 year professional career." (2006)

"This was an incredible experience! It expanded my knowledge base on sovereignty, treaties, and Wisconsin statutes. It also increased my understanding and appreciation to examine my own attitudes, biases, and perspectives. I learned a lot about being a more sensitive, empathetic teacher. A great program!" (2007)

"I have gone to many, many conferences/workshops, etc. over many years and this is the best one to really educate—not just the mind, but the heart and soul. It is a true honor to be part of this experience and a phenomenal opportunity for learning growth and wisdom." (2008)

"It contributed to my understanding of tribal culture that is directly related to my curriculum, personal interest and my community. The wide variety of activities and knowledgeable instructors made for an interactive and memorable experience. I especially loved my small group discussions and emphasis on sharing of resources." (2009)

"This experience was wonderful. I leave here with a lot more knowledge about culturally responsive, appropriate education. Sovereignty, ... now I feel like I can explain it. All the staff members were so helpful and accepting and non-judgmental to our sometimes ignorant questions." (2010)

"Learned so much which added tremendously to my understanding of Native American culture, resources, food, etc. The more I can learn, the more I can share with others. Wonderful group of Native and non-Native participants and free atmosphere to ask questions I might otherwise have been hesitant to ask." (2011)

"I participated, listened, learned, and took notes! So many good minds come together at these Institutes, enrichment for pay it forward!" (2012)

"Thank you for all the info, community, guidance, and encouragement to continue the important work of educating our students and others in the community about the history and culture of all Wisconsin Indian Nations." (2013)

"Provided support & other resources & info to move towards my team goal. Thank you all again for such a great week! I won't forget many of the great things I've learned & people I've met." (2014)

"Love this institute! It is vital to keep it going! #20?" (2015)

Directions to School District of Crandon (High School)

Coming from the East (Green Bay):

- a) Turn slight right onto WI-32/WI-29/State Highway 29. Continue to follow WI-29. (22.20 miles)
- b) Take the WI-47 S exit, EXIT 234, toward WI-117/Bonduel/Appleton. (0.28 miles)
- c) Turn right onto S Cecil St. (1.46 miles) S Cecil St becomes WI-117/State Highway 117. (4.11 miles)
- d) Turn right onto S State Highway 22/WI-22. (0.87 miles)
- e) Turn left onto Lake Dr. (0.75 miles)
- f) Stay straight to go onto County Hwy-R/County Hwy-HR/County Road R. Continue to follow County Hwy-R/County Road R. (11.54 miles)
- g) Turn right onto County Road M/County Hwy-M. (1.60 miles)
- h) Turn left onto Red Bank Rd. (0.36 miles)
- i) Turn left onto State Highway 32/WI-32. Continue to follow WI-32. (45.42 miles)
- j) Turn left onto US Highway 8 32/US-8 W/WI-32. Continue to follow US-8 W/WI-32. (11.37 miles)
- k) Turn right onto S Lake Ave/US-8 W/WI-32/WI-55. (0.50 miles)
- l) Turn left onto US-8 W/W Glen St. Continue to follow US-8 W. (1.18 miles) 9750 US HIGHWAY 8 W is on the right.

Arrive at Crandon High School

Coming from the North (Ashland):

- a) Turn right onto Lake Shore Dr W/US-63 N/US-2 E/WI-13. Continue to follow US-2 E. (36.67 miles)
- b) Merge onto US-51 S toward Hurley/Woodruff. 55.34 miles
- c) Turn left onto 1st Ave/WI-47. Continue to follow WI-47. (38.58 miles)
- d) Stay straight to go onto US-45 N/US-8 E/Highway 8. Continue to follow US-8 E. (11.58 miles) 9750 US HIGHWAY 8 W. is on the left.

Arrive at Crandon High School

Coming from the South (Madison):

- a) Merge onto I-90 W/I-39 N/I-94 W toward Wisconsin Dells. (23.70 miles)
- b) Take the I-39 N/WI-78 S exit, EXIT 108A-B, toward US-51/Portage/Wausau/Merrimac. (0.26 miles)
- c) Merge onto I-39 N via EXIT 108B toward US-51/Portage/Wausau. (102.62 miles)
- d) Take US-51 N toward WI-29 W/Wausau/Chippewa Falls. (20.67 miles)
- e) Take the WI-17/WI-64 exit, EXIT 208, toward Merrill/Antigo. (0.38 miles)
- f) Turn right onto WI-17/WI-64/State Highway 64. (0.18 miles)
- g) Take the 1st left onto WI-17/State Highway 17. (23.10 miles)
- h) Turn right onto County Hwy-Q/County Road Q. Continue to follow County Hwy-Q. (10.31 miles)
- i) Turn right onto County Highway G/County Hwy-G/County Hwy-Q. (1.49 miles)
- j) Turn right onto County Highway G/County Hwy-G. (3.06 miles)
- k) Turn left onto County Highway B/County Hwy-B. (1.03 miles)
- l) Turn left onto US Highway 45/US-45 N/WI-47/County Hwy-B. (0.33 miles)
- m) Take the 2nd right onto County Highway B/County Hwy-B. Continue to follow County Hwy-B. (4.81 miles)
- n) Turn left onto County Highway B/County Hwy-B. Continue to follow County Hwy-B. (6.38 miles)
- o) Turn left onto State Highway 55/WI-55. (1.09 miles)
- p) Turn left onto County Road S/County Hwy-S. (1.97 miles)
- q) Turn right onto US Highway 8 W/US-8 E. (0.90 miles) 9750 US HIGHWAY 8 W is on the left.

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Coming from the West (Eau Claire):

- a) Merge onto WI-29 E via EXIT 95A toward Green Bay. (88.26 miles)
- b) Take the WI-52 N exit, EXIT 164, toward US-51 N/Wausau/Merrill. (0.34 miles)
- c) Merge onto US-51 N. (16.43 miles)
- d) Take the WI-17/WI-64 exit, EXIT 208, toward Merrill/Antigo. (0.38 miles)
- e) Turn right onto WI-17/WI-64/State Highway 64. (0.18 miles)
- f) Take the 1st left onto WI-17/State Highway 17. (23.10 miles)
- g) Turn right onto County Hwy-Q/County Road Q. Continue to follow County Hwy-Q. (10.31 miles)
- h) Turn right onto County Highway G/County Hwy-G/County Hwy-Q. (1.49 miles)
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- j) Turn left onto County Highway B/County Hwy-B. (1.03 miles)
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- n) Turn left onto State Highway 55/WI-55. (1.09 miles)
- o) Turn left onto County Road S/County Hwy-S. (1.97 miles)
- p) Turn right onto US Highway 8 W/US-8 E. (0.90 miles) 9750 US HIGHWAY 8 W is on the left.

Arrive at Crandon High School

