

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wisconsin American Indian Studies Summer Institute

July 30 - August 3, 2018 | Black River Falls, WI

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**\*\*\* HURRY!!! Early Registration Deadline is Friday, June 15, 2018!!! \*\*\* [REGISTER NOW!!!](#)**

### About the Summer 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 American Indian nations and tribal communities in Wisconsin.

The goals of the summer institute relate to both American Indian Studies and the education of Native American 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 or education is welcome to attend. Past summer institute participants have included:

- District Administrators and Principals
- Classroom Teachers
- Curriculum Specialists, Directors of Instruction, Library Media Specialists
- School Counselors, Social Workers, Psychologists
- Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESAs) Administrators and Staff
- Homeschool/Title VI/Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Coordinators and Staff
- Tribal Education Directors and Staff
- Head Start and Preschool Staff
- College and University (e.g., Schools of Education) Students, Faculty, and Staff
- Any others with an interest in American Indian Studies and education of Native American students

### **Location**

School District of Black River Falls  
(Red Creek Elementary)  
410 County Rd A  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

### **Registration**

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

The registration fee is \$250 per person if registered before **June 15, 2018**, \$325 if registration is received by **July 16, 2018**, and \$400 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.*

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

## 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 and large 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 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](mailto:abirdbear@wisc.edu) or (608) 262-8427.

## Questions

Contact David O'Connor, American Indian Studies Consultant at [david.oconnor@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:david.oconnor@dpi.wi.gov) or (608) 267-2283 or Ida Kukimiya, Office Operations Associate at [ida.kukimiya@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:ida.kukimiya@dpi.wi.gov) or 608-267-9267.

*Note: Refunds must be requested **in writing** before Monday, July 23, 2018. (A \$50 administrative fee will be deducted from the amount refunded. No refunds will be granted for non-attendees.)*

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## Agenda and Daily Activities (Tentative)

### **Monday, July 30, 2018 (12:00 pm – 6:30 pm)**

- Welcome, Opening, and Introductions
- American Indian Studies in Wisconsin (Act 31)
- Introduction to Wisconsin American Indian History, Culture, and Tribal Sovereignty
- Ho-Chunk Nation History, Culture, and Tribal Sovereignty
- Small Group Discussion and Sessions

### **Tuesday, July 31, 2018 (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 1, 2018 (8:30 am – 4:30 pm)**

- Ho-Chunk Nation Community Tour

### **Thursday, August 2, 2018 (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 3, 2018 (8:30 am – 2:00 pm)**

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

## Hotel and Lodging Information

### [AmericInn Lodge & Suites](#)

W10090 WI-54  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Phone: (715) 284-3320

Note: 10 rooms blocked for July 30–August 3 (2 queens-\$89.99+tax). Reference “American Indian Studies Summer Institute.” Last day to receive room rate above is June 30.

### [Best Western Arrowhead Lodge & Suites](#)

600 Oasis Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Phone: (715) 284-9471

Note: 10 rooms blocked for July 30–August 3 (single room-\$82+tax). Reference “American Indian Studies Summer Institute.” Last day to receive room rate above is June 30.

### [Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls Hotel](#)

W9010 WI-54  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Phone: (715) 284-8056

Notes: 9 rooms blocked for July 30–August 3 (\$84.20+tax)  
Reference “American Indian Studies Summer Institute.”  
Last day to receive reserve room rate above is June 30.

### [Comfort Inn & Suites](#)

W10170 Highway 54 E,  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Phone: (715) 284-0888

Note: 10 rooms blocked (\$82.00+tax). Reference "American Indian Studies Summer Institute." Last day to receive room rate above is June 30.

### [Days Inn Black River Falls](#)

919 Highway 54 East  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Phone: (715) 284-4333

Note: Note: 10 rooms blocked for July 30–August 3 (\$69.99+tax). Reference “American Indian Studies Summer Institute.” Last day to receive room rate above is July 14.

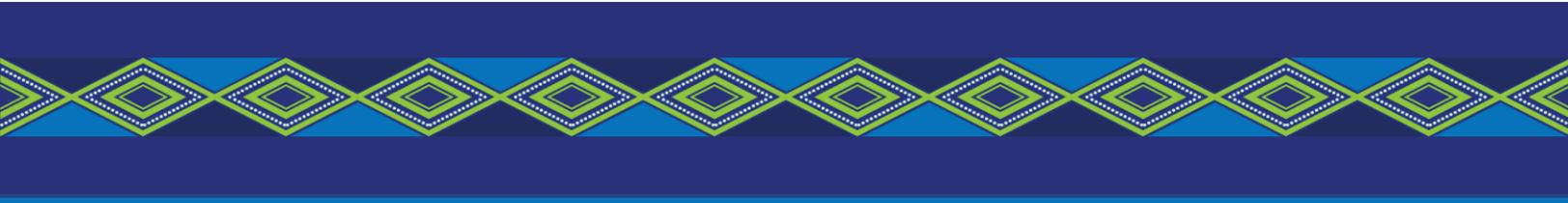
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## Directions to School District of Black River Falls (Red Creek Elementary)

Click on the following hyperlinks for driving directions from the various cities or towns across the state of Wisconsin for attending the summer institute.

(Source: MapQuest)

- [Coming from Ashland](#)
- [Coming from Eau Claire](#)
- [Coming from Madison](#)
- [Coming from Platteville](#)
- [Coming from Stevens Point](#)
- [Coming from Wausau](#)
- [Coming from Crandon](#)
- [Coming from Eagle River](#)
- [Coming from Green Bay](#)
- [Coming from Milwaukee](#)
- [Coming from Oshkosh](#)
- [Coming from Shawano](#)



## **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)*

*". . . (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)*

*"Excellent week. Great people, great resources!" (2016)*

*"I am so happy I came up here and took this class. It's helped me grow personally and professionally, and as an educator." (2017)*

