

**103RD ANNUAL
MESKWAKI
INDIAN POWWOW**

~~ **GENERAL ADMISSION** ~~
Adults: \$7.00 Children: \$5.00
Children 5 and under: FREE

Thursday, August 10
Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm
Children's Day/ages 6 -12: \$3.00

Friday, August 11
Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm
Senior's Day/ages 55 and up: \$3.00

Saturday, August 12
Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm
Veteran's Day/ All Veterans: \$3.00
(Must show proof)

Sunday, August 13
Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm
Special Events



The Annual Meskwaki Powwow originated from the traditional religious and social beliefs of the Meskwaki Tribe. Today, it is not so much a religious event, but more of a social gathering. Specifically, today's event is derived from the "Green Corn Dance" and other social events of the Tribe in their early years. The "Green Corn Dance" was an annual event that took place during the harvesting of crops.

The "Field Days" held from 1902 to 1912, lasted about a week, with dancing, games, and horse racing. It was a social gathering without a harvest.

In 1912, the Chief appointed 15 men to plan for the next year. The appointed men decided to change the name from "Field Days" to "Powwow". The first powwow was held at the present location.



Today, the Meskwaki Powwow is the only one of its kind and is held annually on the only Indian Settlement in the State of Iowa. During the four day affair, the gathered Indians celebrate and perform, in full-dress regalia, dances that have been handed down for generations.

It is the dancing that has drawn the most attention from the outside world, for it is by far the most colorful and intriguing aspect of the Powwow. It is a time of reaffirmation and hope, of worship and kinship, and, above all, a time of friendship and making new friends.

A special thanks to Jonathan Buffalo, Tribal Historian, for his contribution of Meskwaki History.



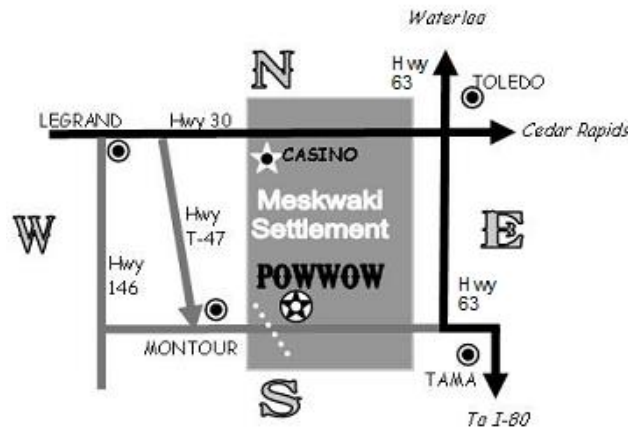
As we enter the 18th year of the new millennium, some things change and some things endure, just as you, we like some of the ways and things that have long endured, some of the old-time foods, the dances, the arts and crafts, passed down from our fore bearers that we want to preserve for our children.

Today, we share with you the appreciation of what is truly distinctive about our way of life. We welcome you to our beautiful Meskwaki Indian Settlement.

A hearty welcome to you. It is our hope that you will enjoy our celebration with us, as we enjoy having you here with us.

UNIQUE DANCES PERFORMED

- Friendship Dance
- Pipe Dance
- Buffalo Head Dance
- Harvest or Bean Dance
- Swan Dance
- Shawnee Dance
- War Dance
- Meskwaki Dance
- Rabbit Dance
- Victory or Soldiers Dance



The Powwow site, historically known as the "Old Battleground" is 4 miles west of Tama, IA on Hwy E-49 and located along the east bank of the Iowa River near the original 80 acres of the Meskwaki Settlement.



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102nd Annual Meskwaki Powwow Princess & Jr Princess

Eleina Rivera (Young Bear)
 & Ardis Walker



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