



104TH ANNUAL MESKWAKI INDIAN POWWOW



~~ **GENERAL ADMISSION** ~~

Adults: \$7.00 Children: \$5.00

Children 5 and under: FREE

Thursday, August 9

Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm

Children's Day/ages 6 -12: \$3.00

Friday, August 10

Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm

Senior's Day/ages 55 and up: \$3.00

Saturday, August 11

Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm

Veteran's Day/ All Veterans: \$3.00

(Must show proof)

Sunday, August 12

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.



Princess— Summer Youngbear

Jr. Princess—Isabella Kapayou

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

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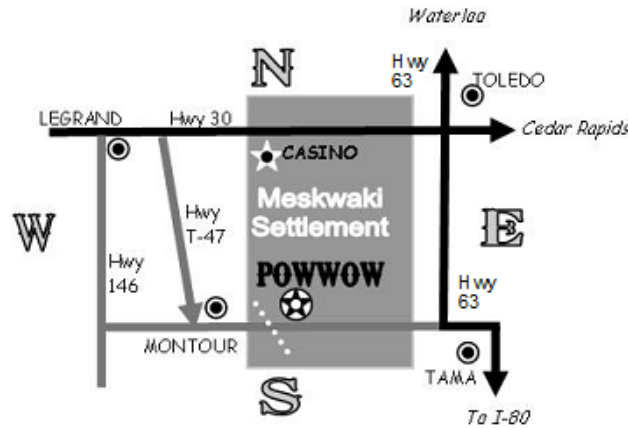
As we enter the 19th year of the new millennium, some things change and some things endure, just as you, we like some of the ways and things that have long endured, some of the old-time foods, the dances, the arts and crafts, passed down from our fore bearers that we want to preserve for our children.

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
- Meskwaki Dance
- Harvest or Bean Dance
- Swan Dance
- Buffalo Head Dance
- Pipe Dance
- Shield Dance
- Shawnee Dance
- Rabbit Dance
- Victory or Soldiers Dance
- Intertribal Dance
- Snake 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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