
Native Report Episode Descriptions - Season 1

Season 1 Episode 1

On this premiere edition of Native Report host Stacey Thunder takes us to the Independence Day Pow-Wow at Red Lake Nation in northern Minnesota to learn about the long proud history of Red Lake, and how it shapes the community today. Co-Host Tadd Johnson introduces us to a traditional Ojibwe healer and a medical doctor who work cooperatively at the Mille Lacs reservation clinic in central Minnesota. Then Bois Forte elder and traditional healer Gene Goodsky will take us out into the woods with a group of high school students who he is teaching to identify traditional medicines. We'll also hear from the elders, and take a pop quiz on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 2

On this edition of Native Report we'll join a group of third graders learning about Dakota and Ojibwe culture and heritage at Mankato Minnesota's Education Day. Next we'll head to the White Earth Reservation for a tour of an archaeological dig at an old mission school site. We'll meet Chairwoman Erma Vizenor and talk about issues in education at a meeting of the Minnesota Indian Education Association, where we visit competitors in an Indian Quiz Bowl. We'll also learn from the elders and take a pop quiz on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 3

This week on Native Report we'll go out in the woods with folks from the 1854 Authority and learn about the role they play in preserving and protecting natural resources in northern Minnesota. Then we'll head out onto a scenic lake to gather wild rice, and learn about its processing. Next Co-Host Tadd Johnson will take us on a tour of the Vermillion History Center at Bois Forte Reservation near Ely, Minnesota. We'll visit with the elders, and learn something new on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 4

On this edition of Native Report host Stacey Thunder takes us to a brand new high school ITV class where kids are learning the Dakota language...it's a great thing for high school students from the nearby Lower Sioux Community. We'll also learn about a program offered by the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, which is creating a whole new accredited generation of Ojibwe language teachers. Co-Host Tadd Johnson then takes us to the back yard of a Bois Forte tribal member who teaches an Ojibwe language class for neighborhood kids every day in the summer. We'll also talk to the elders about the importance of preserving and passing on language...and take a pop quiz on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 5

On this edition of Native Report hop on a paddle boat to take the Big River Journey with students who are learning about the science and heritage of the Mississippi River, including lessons about the daily life of Dakota people pre-European contact. Host Stacey Thunder shares some examples of how tribes are cooperating with other governments to create great transportation projects. Co-host Tadd Johnson talks with St. Paul Pioneer Press editorial page

editor and Cherokee Indian Art Coulson about his career in journalism and his advice for aspiring native journalists. Visit with the elders, and take a pop quiz this week on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 6

This week on Native Report join a group of elementary school students as they head to Nett Lake to get a first hand lesson about traditional Ojibwe methods of gathering and processing wild rice. Tadd Johnson introduces you to Peggy Flanagan, a young urban Indian leader from the White Earth Reservation. Then Stacey Thunder talks to Ojibwe artist Steve Premo about his life, and his art. Also hear what the elders have to say, and take a pop quiz this week on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 7

On this edition of Native Report visit the busiest emergency services station in Minnesota's Scott County--at the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. Meet organizers of a very successful non partisan program which empowers and encourages tribal people to get out and vote. Then learn about traditional methods of harvesting and processing maple sugar. Also learn from the elders, and take a pop quiz this week on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 8

This week on Native Report visit a nationwide crisis hotline and learn about efforts to save American Indian youths from teen suicide. Learn about the history of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, and talk to tribal leaders about their vision for the future. Then visit the Eastman Johnson collection of sketches and paintings which gives us a glimpse of the people and culture of the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa before the turn of the last century. We'll also hear from the elders, and take a pop quiz this week on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 9

On this edition of Native Report learn how leaders from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community are working to create a new generation of Dakota language speakers. Meet artist Carl Gawboy...who has been called the Ojibwe Norman Rockwell. Then head out onto the ice to learn about traditional Ojibwe ice fishing in northern Wisconsin. We'll also hear from the elders and take a pop quiz this week on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 10

On this edition of Native Report new health threats...and new responses to old threats, hear what's working from Bemidji Area Indian Health Services Director Dr. Kathy Annette. Tour a new state of the art waste water treatment facility that will protect the environment...and turn waste into energy. Then learn about the illustrious career of artist George Morrison. We'll also visit with the elders and take a pop quiz this week on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 11

On this edition of Native Report visit the Bug-O-Nay-Gee-Shig school in northern Minnesota for lessons in Ojibwe language and culture. Then learn how the Upper Sioux Community is making

the revitalization of the Dakota language a family affair...and a community affair. We'll also hear from the elders and take a pop quiz this week on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 12

On this edition of Native Report learn what tribes are doing in Minnesota to prepare for natural disasters, epidemics, and terrorist threats. Then explore the history of the Upper Sioux Community. And meet St. Paul Pioneer Press Opinion Page Editorial Writer and Cloquet, Minnesota native Deborah Locke. Also hear from the elders and take a pop quiz this week on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 13

On this edition of Native Report the American Indian Youth Summit attracts tribal leaders from across Minnesota for discussions on plans to create communities that produce strong, empowered young people. Artist Gordon Van Wert talks about his career as a stone sculptor, and his inspirational recovery from a massive stroke. And Tadd Johnson explores the history of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Also visit with the elders and take a pop quiz this week on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 14

On this edition of Native Report visit Woodland Community Public Radio WOJB-FM in Hayward, Wisconsin which is licensed to the Lac Courte Oreilles band of Ojibwe. Then explore the American Indian Art Scholarship exhibit at the University of Wisconsin, Superior. And meet Joe Day, the head of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. Also hear from the elders and take a pop quiz this week on Native Report.

Season 1 Episode 15

On this edition of Native Report we'll head to one of Minnesota's favorite sports fishing lakes to see how they're keeping track of the fish population. Then we'll talk to the director of Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission about the role they play in managing natural resources in three states. And finally we'll meet University of St. Thomas literature professor Heid Erdrich who'll tell us about her picks for an essential reading list of great Native American authors. Also visit with the elders and take a pop quiz this week on Native Report.