

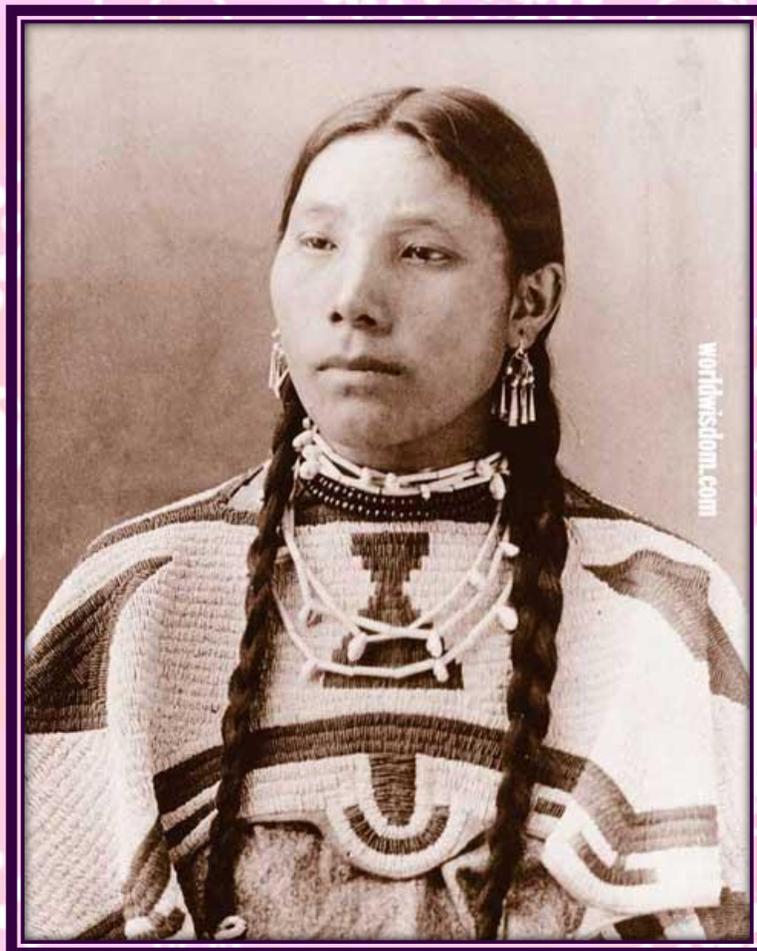
# WIKOSKALAKA YUWITA PI

## *Gathering of Young Women*

October 19-21, 2012

Sponsored by: *Mila Yatan Pika Pte Oyate Okolakiciye (Knife Chief Buffalo Nation Organization) and  
Tasunke Wakan Okolakiciye (Medicine Horse Society)*

Location: *Tasunke Wakan Okolakiciye Building and Ceremonial Grounds, Porcupine, SD*



*“My Indian mother . . . In her humble way helped to make the history of her race; for it is the mothers, not the warriors, who create a people and guide their destiny.”*

*Oglala Women, Marla Powers*

***AN OPEN INVITATION TO OUR YOUNG FEMALE RELATIVES:  
Ages 11-13 and their Mothers/Parents/Guardians***

*During the transition from being a girl to becoming a young woman, sometimes this can be a challenging time for young girls and their families. We would like to offer an opportunity to you to gain some Lakota traditional teachings related to becoming a young woman. We are offering a Young Women's Gathering for up to 10 girls, ages 11-13 and their adult female guardian/parent/relative from October 19-21, 2012 in Porcupine, SD at the Tasunke Wakan Okolakiciye Center.*

*There will be teachings, activities and healing opportunities throughout the days and will end with a ceremony called Isna Ti Awicalowan Pi (They sing for her that lives alone – a reference to the time of isolation during a girl/woman's monthly purification time) for those girls who are going through the ceremony after having their monthly purification time. (Please note: do not plan on attending if you will be on your monthly purification time during the camp as spiritual ceremonies will be taking place during the camp).*

*As the future women leaders of families and of our great Lakota Nation, we humbly invite you to join us. The following are the instructions to register for the camp:*

## **REGISTRATION**

- 1. Request your parent/guardian's permission to attend and fill out the attached registration form with your parent/guardian's signature of consent.*
- 2. Send/fax the registration form to Ethleen at 1-888-663-4180 or by email to [eictd77@gmail.com](mailto:eictd77@gmail.com); **registration deadline – Wednesday, October 17, 2012.** Due to limited space and resources, the camp will be limited to 10 girls, ages 11-13 and their female parent/guardian.*

## *What do I need to bring\**

*\*If you are planning on going through the womanhood ceremony, there is a list of what to bring included in this packet.*

### *Items that you will need:*

- At least one Adult Female to accompany (we encourage other females as well and younger siblings who will be experiencing their own changes soon)*
- Bedding*
- Pillows*
- 2 Towels (one for Inipi and one for bath)*
- Folding Chair*
- 2 Tarps (one to protect your items and one for a door)*
- Flashlight*
- Clothing (skirts and dresses to be worn through the duration of the ceremony by all our female relatives)*
- Hair Products: combs, brushes, rubber bands, etc. (to fix your hair on Ceremony Day)*
- Personal Items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, mouthwash, etc.)*
- Inipi Dress*
- Warm sleepwear (It is October and nights will be cold)*
- Shoes for running in the morning*



### *Other suggested items we recommend but not necessary*

- Other personal items (that you feel you may need)*
- Baby wipes/ facial wipes to wash up as needed*
- A lantern*

**Please DO NOT bring: Cell Phones, Ipods, Ipads or laptops or notebooks**

**AGENDA OVERVIEW\***  
**Subject to change**

**Friday, October 19, 2012**

**12:00 noon Potluck Lunch**

- **check in at Tasunke Wakan Okolakiciye Main Building – about 1 mile north of Evergreen Housing**

**1:00 pm – Opening Wocekiye, Introductions and Establishing our Circle as Relatives; Teams for the Day (who is doing what and when, chores list, tasks assignments, etc.)**

**2:00 pm - Oinajin Topa (Stages of Life) – Ethleen Iron Cloud-Two Dogs**

**2:30 pm – Setting up the Ti ikciye (tipi) and the meaning – Randilynn Boucher Giago**

**3:00 pm – The sacred fire will be lit for the Inipi (purification lodge) ceremony**

**3:30 pm - Snacks**

**4:00 pm – Getting settled in the Tipis, gathering wood for the fires inside, preparing for Inipi**

**4:30 pm – The spiritual use of sage and how to gather it – Dawn Frank**

**5:00 pm - Inipi orientation – Lula Red Cloud and Cindy Giago**

**5:30 pm – Inipi**

**7:00 pm – Wotapi and evening activities (beading, drawing) while listening to presentation on “What is the Isna Ti Awicalowan Pi Ceremony”**

**8:30 pm – Talking Circle on Setting Goals for the future**

**9:30 pm – Istim (bedtime)**

**Saturday, October 20, 2012**

**7:00 am – Greet the Sun and Run with Randi**

**8:00 am – Assist in preparation of morning meal and eat breakfast**

**9:00 am – Get prepared for the day; Who are the Teams for the Day?**

**10:00 am – Making the Wokpan (Lakota cultural tool kit) while listening to teachings on Role of a Young Woman – Cindy Giago and Lula Red Cloud**

**11:00 am – “What are my strengths?” activity**

**12 noon – Wotapi (lunch) and clean up afterwards**

**1:00 pm – Understanding our female bodies, emotions and changes and respecting ourselves as females - Randilynn**

**2:00 pm – Making our spiritual offerings and why we make them – Eileen Iron Cloud**

**2:30 pm - Preparing the Wasna for the Ceremony – Wilma Kills In Water**

**3:00 pm – Break**

**3:30 pm – Female Protocol/ Lakota Kinship, Ceremonial Protocol and Wopakinte (spiritual purification from trauma)– Lula, Ethleen and Cindy**

**4:30 pm – Break**

**4:45 pm – Leadership Roleplays (bullying prevention, boyfriends, family, siblings)**  
**6:00 pm – prepare for Inipi – Randi and Ethleen**  
**6:30 pm – Inipi**  
**7:30 pm – Lowanpi (healing ceremony)**  
**10:30ish – Istim (bedtime)**

### **Sunday, 10/21/12**

**6:00 a.m. – Greet the morning star and ask for blessings for first water of the day – Ethleen**  
**6:30 a.m. - Run and greet the Sun**  
**7:00 a.m. – Assist in preparation for breakfast**  
**8:00 a.m. – prepare for the day, Who are the teams for the day?**  
**8:30 a.m. – Wotapi (breakfast), sponsored by Bev Tuttle**  
**Those who are going through the Isna Ti Awicalowan Pi (womanhood ceremony) will begin preparations**  
**9:00 a.m. – sacred fire will be lit for Isna Ti Awicalowan Pi ceremony**  
**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Leadership Activities and Talking Circle**  
**11:00 a.m. – Inipi – Lula Red Cloud**  
**11:30ish a.m. – Isna Ti Awicalowan Pi – Lula Red Cloud**

- Presentation of the young women who went through the womanhood ceremony to the People**

**1:00 pm – Wotapi (lunch)**  
**Clean up and prepare to go home**

## *Objectives:*

By the end of the Wikoskalaka Yuwita Pi, participants will:

1. Understand what and how *"Self-Empowerment"* assists her in her journey as a Lakota woman
2. Understand the *"Role of a Woman"* in Lakota Society
3. Understand the importance of *"Mitakuye Oyasin"* and how we relate to ALL entities in the Universe.
4. Understand the significance of the *"Isnati Awica Lowanpi"* and how this ceremony will guide your life



## *What should my family and I bring if I am going through the Womanhood Ceremony?*

*We have compiled a list of items that you will need to bring with you on your first day. These items should be completed or near completion when you arrive, there may be time for you to put finishing touches on your items during down time at your dwelling.*

### *These items are:*

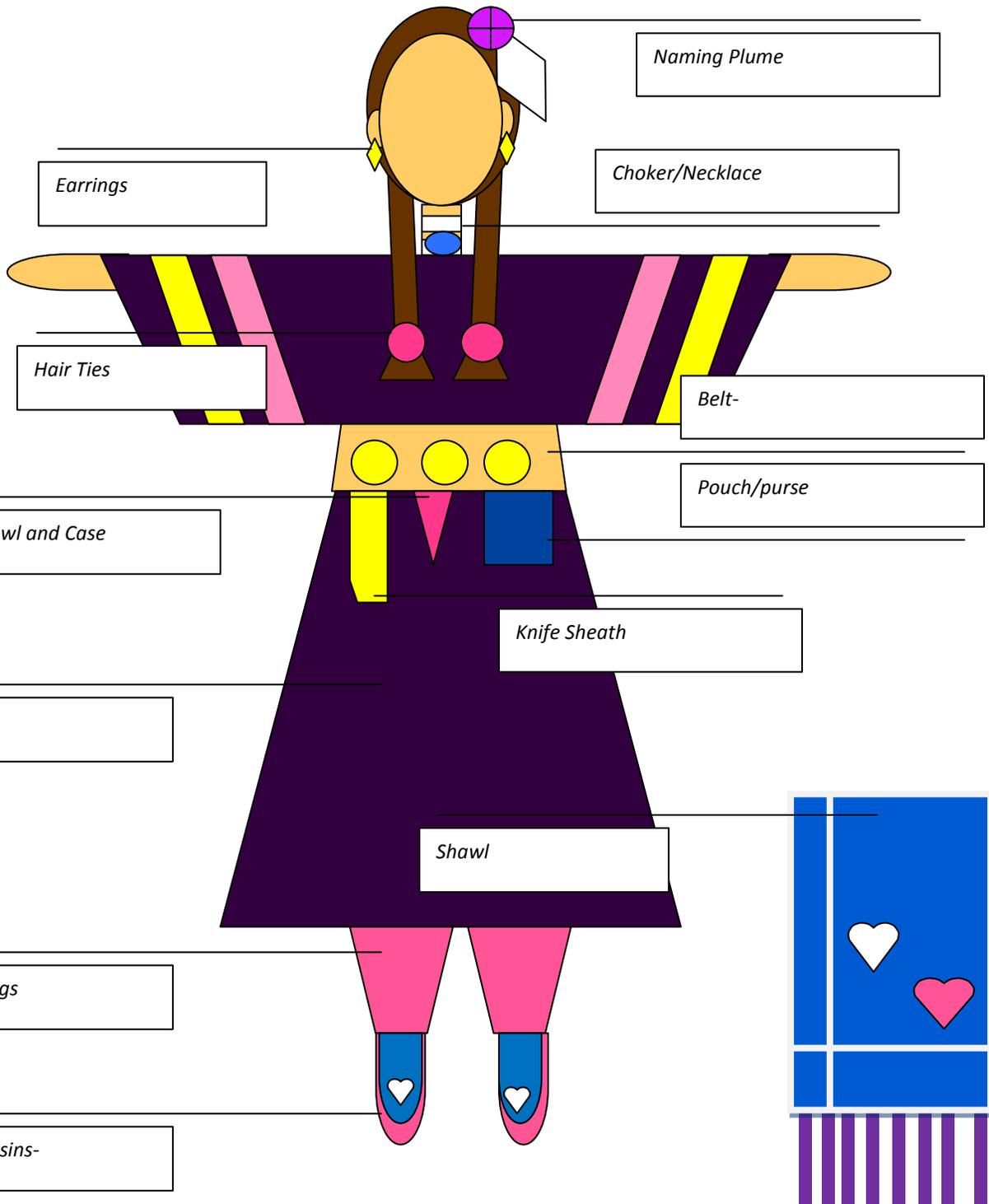
- Your ceremonial dress*
- Leggings*
- Moccasins*
- Belt*
- Shawl*
- Hair Ties*
- Naming Plume*

### *Optional items:*

- Knife Sheath*
- Choker/Necklace*
- Purse/pouch ( may insert needle, thread)*
- Awl and case*
- Barrette*
- Earrings*

# My Ceremonial Dress

In Lakota/English and why it is important to me.



## *What else will I need for my ceremony?*

You and your Family should bring:

- ½ yard of Blue Material*
- ½ yard of Red Material*
- ½ yard of Yellow Material*
- ½ yard of white Material*
- Cansasa or Tobacco*

*This Material will be used to make you Waounye (Prayer Flags).*

*You will also need the following to make your canli wapahta (prayer ties):*

- ½ yard of Red Material (for a total of 1 yard)*
- Twine*
- And more Cansasa or Tobacco*

*We will provide for the ceremony:*

- A buffalo robe for those going through the womanhood ceremony*
- Ingredients for and teaching how to make the Wasna for the ceremony*
- Chokecherries for the juice that will be used in the ceremony.*

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## *What should my Family be prepared to do and how they should participate?*

Your Family will be able to support you in many ways. Both your male and female relatives will be encourage to participate in different ways, in fact your entire family or support system can be a part of the process.

- Your Adult Female support will remain with you throughout the duration of your stay and assist with teaching, cooking, other tasks.
- Your Male Relatives will be able to assist you on your first day of ceremony by participating in the teachings on the Ti Ikiciye (common dwelling or Tipi), help you set up your Tipi, help you to gather firewood for the cold October nights, light the Inipi fire and other tasks.

### Meals

- 10/19/12 - we will be having a potluck meal on this day. Feel free to bring whatever you can to share.
- All other meals are provided and those that can contribute, you are welcome to bring food items, supplies, paperware, paper towel, etc.
- 10/21/12 - In honor of those going through the womanhood ceremony we will pool our resources and feed the people in attendance at the ceremony.
  - Usually a giveaway is held in honor of those going through the ceremony, those families that can bring giveaway in honor of their daughter/granddaughter are welcome to do so. However, in light of the economic hardships we all face in this day and age, it is understandable if families are not in a position to do this.

*Wikoskalaka Yuwitapi (Gathering of Young Women) Registration*

*October 19-21, 2012, Porcupine, SD 57772*

*Contact: Ethleen, 605-209-8777, eictd77@gmail.com*

*Young Woman's Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Lakota Name* \_\_\_\_\_ *Age* \_\_\_\_ *Phone #* \_\_\_\_\_

*Mailing Address* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*City* \_\_\_\_\_ *State* \_\_\_\_\_ *State* \_\_\_\_\_ *Zip* \_\_\_\_\_

*School* \_\_\_\_\_ *Grade* \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent/Guardian Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name Adult Guardian (staying with young woman at camp)* \_\_\_\_\_

*Relationship* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_ *City* \_\_\_\_\_ *State* \_\_\_\_\_ *Zip* \_\_\_\_\_

*Home Phone* \_\_\_\_\_ *Work Phone* \_\_\_\_\_

*Cell Phone* \_\_\_\_\_ *Email* \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand it is my responsibility to bring any special conditions about my daughter/granddaughter/niece to the attention of the Camp Coordinator (Ethleen)*

*List any special conditions here:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**PERMISSIONS/CONSENTS**

- I give permission to the Camp Sponsors to take, use, publish and reproduce photographs, slides and/or video tapes of my child for its records, public relations and for sharing photos with potential sponsors (No names will be used).*
  
- I certify that the above named child on this registration is physically and mentally prepared to participate in all camp activities; and I consent for my child to participate in all activities and that a parent/guardian will accompany the child and be present throughout the entire camp session.*
  
- I understand the Camp Coordinator reserves the right to dismiss a participant when in her judgment the Camper's behavior interferes with the rights of others, violates the camp's principles of conduct or poses a safety threat to self, other campers or staff. Furthermore, I understand that Camps Sponsors cannot be held liable for any thefts, injuries or accidents during the camp.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list the major strengths and needs of your child here:*

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*Please return completed registration forms to: Fax: 1-888-663-4180 or email: [eictd77@gmail.com](mailto:eictd77@gmail.com) by Wednesday, October 17, 2012.*