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Spring is Coming . . .

After all the snow and cold this winter everyone is ready for Spring complete with green grass, birds singing, flowers blooming. But while Spring is just a few days away on the calendar it will still be awhile before it truly reaches us here in Northern Maine.

It never fails. Each spring a family faces tragedy as a young one is lost to a swollen, raging stream, flushed with spring run off water. It doesn't have to happen. Remembering these tips will help you and your family remain safe.



- * Never leave children unattended near open water.
- * Don't go out on ice once spring thaw has started.
- * Wear proper clothing to suit the elements. Waterproof boots will keep feet dry and warm.
- * Never try to cross a swift moving stream, especially if you can't see the bottom clearly. Six inches of fast flowing water can easily knock you off your feet
- * If you do get wet, change into dry clothing immediately.

Spring run-off water is often very cold. Being immersed in cold water can cause serious medical conditions like hypothermia. People tend to think hypothermia can happen only

in the dead of winter, but this life threatening condition can happen most any time of year.

With the arrival of Spring, many of us just jump right in to working on yard chores only to pay the price the

morning after. Yard work, as with other forms of physical activity goes easier if you remember to stretch and get into it gradually giving your body a chance to warm up slowly.

Spring also means time to dig out the barbeque. Gas grills are a leading cause of back yard injuries. Just a few minutes checking the lines, making sure you have secure connections and no leaks can mean the difference between a fun, leisurely afternoon and a tragedy.

BIA Training Available



If you are currently enrolled as an HBMI tribal member with a High School Diploma or GED and have an interest in the environment, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is currently accepting applications for their Water Resources Technician Training Program. Each year, BIA offers this training to tribes across the country.

If selected for the program, the tribal member will attend a 3 week, all expense paid training session in either New Mexico or Washington State sometime this summer.

Following successful completion of the program, the participant will receive a voucher good for a one year paid temporary, full time position with HBMI's Water Resource Program.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please contact Cara Ellis ext. 212 or Dave Joseph ext. 216 or email ogs1@maliseets.com today for an application package.

Hurry the application deadline is April 18, 2003



The Animal Song



Chant: Ya wey a hay ya wey a hay ya wey a hay ya wey a hay
Ya wey a hay ya wey a hay ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Muwin, muwin wicuhkemin, ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Bear, Bear, help me, ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Muwin, muwin 'koselomul, ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Bear, Bear, I love you, ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Cihqonaqc, cihqonaqc wicuhkemin ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Turtle, turtle help me, ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Cihqonaqc, cihqonaqc 'koselomul, ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Turtle, turtle I love you, ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Cihpolakon, cihpolakon, wicuhkemin, ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Eagle, eagle, help me, ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Cihpolakon cihpolakon 'koselomul, ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Eagle, eagle I love you ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Putep, putep wicuhkemin ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Whale, whale help me, ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Putep, putep 'koselomul ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Whale, whale I love you ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Qaqsoss, qaqsoss wicuhkemin ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Fox, fox help me, ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Qaqsoss, qaqsoss 'koselomul, ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

Fox, fox I love you ya wey a hay ya wey a hay

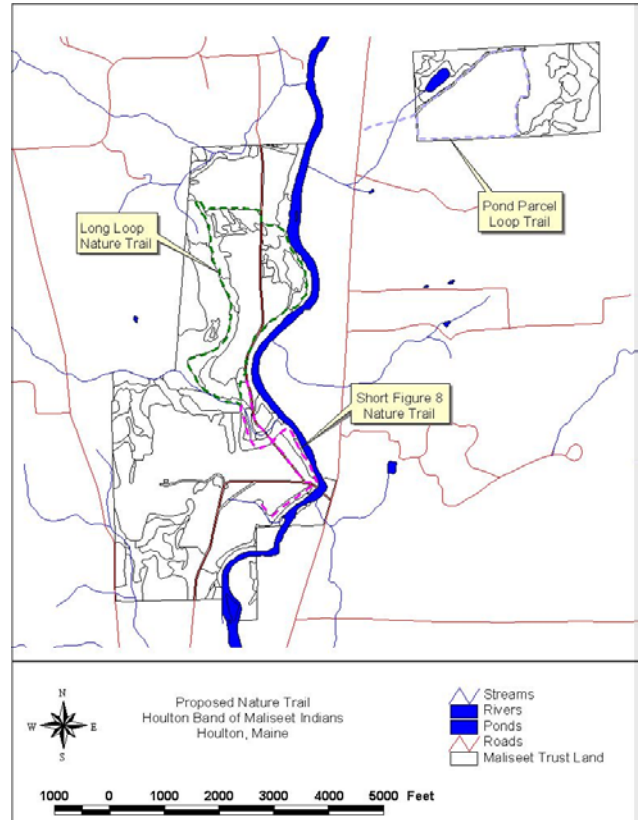


Maliseet Nature Trails

Under the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) HBMI has received funding to construct a series of nature trails on tribal lands. The goal of these trails is to provide tribal members with an increased understanding of our natural resources and environmental concerns affecting tribal lands and cultural values. The trails will also highlight the environmental management activities taking place on tribal trust lands.

At present, there are 3 trails being designed with minimal impact on the environment and will include interpretive signs along the way. Signs will use Maliseet names and will describe the cultural uses of the various natural resources from fiddleheads to brown ash to the river. Maps, brochures, and a video are also part of this educational project.

We'll keep you up to date as this project progresses.



Word Search Puzzle

F	T	R	O	U	T	L	I	L	Y	A	S
U	R	I	N	D	D	A	M	E	N	I	S
T	E	O	P	K	P	U	S	A	C	D	M
V	E	U	S	B	O	G	N	V	A	K	E
M	S	T	N	T	H	A	E	O	N	L	
N	K	S	N	H	H	T	H	S	A	S	T
I	O	I	S	D	O	E	D	R	Q	N	S
K	J	D	N	M	L	R	A	S	I	C	S
S	D	E	F	D	E	J	N	V	C	L	I
T	T	D	D	S	S	O	G	K	E	M	N
S	K	I	T	E	M	F	R	C	O	U	X
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F	G	G	D	T	U	I	N	N	H	E	A
K	O	N	U	T	E	R	G	R	E	E	N

CROCUS	ICE OUT	SALMON
FIDDLEHEADS	KITE	SMELTS
FROST HEAVE	LAUGHTER	SUNSHINE
GREEN	LEAVES	TREES
GROWING	OUTSIDE	TROUT LILY
	POT HOLES	

New Staff

This January the Natural Resources Department welcomed our newest member, Cara Ellis, as our Water Resource Specialist. Cara and Dave Joseph will soon begin their water monitoring season so you'll be sure to see her out and about on tribal lands.



Summer Technicians

With Spring just around the corner, we will soon be advertising our Summer Technician positions. These positions are a great way for tribal members to earn money while working outdoors and learning first hand about the tribe's natural resources and the various projects being worked on by the department.

Watch your mail for the announcement in the coming weeks!

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This & That



March 21, 2003 Spring!!

April 1, 2003 is a busy day

- Fishing season opens Contact Sarah Tomah, Tribal Clerk at 532-4273 ext 204 to get your fishing license
- Deadline for moose permit applications
- Cindy Fitzpatrick, HeadStart Director is looking for ideas to name the new HeadStart Center. Please contact her at 532-4273 ext. 211 to request a form to submit your idea.

April 6, 2003 Daylight Savings Time Begins

April 22, 2003 is Earth Day

April 26, 2003 Tribal Elections

May 18-24, 2003 Maine Celebrates Arbor Day



Word Search Answers