

Northwest Suburban Integration School District Inter-District Partnership (IDP) Series 2019 – 2020 Field Trip

Bdote* Sacred Sites Tour and Curriculum Presentation

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM



**Bdote is a Dakota word that generally means “where two waters come together.”*

Join us to visit several sacred sites while experiencing the place we live in as Mni Sota Makoce: The Land of the Dakota – an area we now call the Twin Cities.

This guided tour will provide participants a more nuanced and detailed understanding of the place the Dakota people call home.

Our goal is for you to begin to experience and understand the place we live in as Mni Sota Makoce – the Dakota homelands.

- How has colonization impacted Dakota use and access to these places?
- How have Dakota people asserted a continuing relationship with these places?
- What happens when this history is unknown by Minnesotans?
- How can educators work to address this gap in knowledge and understanding?

“Minnesota” is derived from the Dakota phrase Mni Sota Makoce, Land Where the Waters Reflect the Clouds—and the people's roots here remain strong. Mni Sota Makoce is, more than anything, a celebration of the Dakota people through their undisputed connection to this place, Minnesota, in the past, present, and future.

The bus ride is provided by NWSISD. Lunch is on your own. Arrive at the NWSISD office at 8:00 am for light refreshments. The bus will depart promptly at 8:30 am and return by 2:00 pm.

For more information contact: Melissa Jordan
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Iyekiyapiwin Darlene St. Clair, will guide us through the tour.

As Director of the Multicultural Resource Center, St. Cloud State University, her department provides services and resources for students, faculty, and community members to research, educate, and broaden knowledge of historically excluded racial and ethnic groups in the U.S. She is also a visiting professor in the Department of American Indian Studies, University of MN, with expertise in Dakota culture and history, American Indian arts, cultural expressions and education, and Minnesota tribes and communities.



Administrative CEU's will be available.

Hurry! Only 50 spots are available!

RSVP by September 27 to:

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