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Dear Tribal Citizens and Family Members,

On behalf of the Great lakes Lifeways Institute, and The Jijak Foundation, we would like to invite Gun Lake tribal members and their families to participate in the 5th Annual Great Lakes Traditional Arts Gathering (GLTAG), Wednesday August 10th to Sunday August 14th, on Drummond Island. The GLTAG is a unique effort to help preserve, promote and revitalize our region's traditional arts and cultural knowledge though providing hands-on learning opportunities for all ages.

This event is held on a scenic, wooded, sandy cove on the south shore Drummond Island in Northern Lake Huron. We are proud to feature over forty instructors and around 60 unique hands-on classes this year including; building a white pine dugout canoe, foraging for wild foods and medicines, cordage and fiber skills, native foods and cooking, birch bark basketry, black ash basketry, grit tempered pottery, sailing and historic wooden ship construction, beadwork, atlatl dart making, copper skills, and finger weaving. Evening activities include live music and storytelling. All workshops and activities are designed to be family focused. Classes are also offered specifically for children.

Ordinarily, participation in GLTAG costs \$300 per participant, not including traveling and catering fees. This year, thanks to the generous support of Tribal Council, we are able to send tribal members through the Jijak Foundation to attend this incredible event. We are offering to cover the cost of your family's attendance and catering. You will be responsible for transportation to the event. Rustic tent camping is available onsite. If you would like to attend but have physical limitations which prevent you from being able to camp please let us know. We are very proud to have so many people from our tribal community representing Gun Lake at this fun and exciting family event.

Please find enclosed some information about the 2016 Traditional Arts Gathering. A full event schedule and more can also be found at the event website www.islandgathering.org. If you have any questions about the event or would like to reserve spots for yourself or your family members, please contact Kevin Finney at 616-644-3822, kevin.finney@glt-nsn.gov.

Migwech. We hope to see you on Drummond Island,

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