

## Fun Activities

*A fifth grader reports, "My name Horse Peace and my tribes name is Bear Storm. Today I'm learning about Native Americans. I caught a river shiner and we planted a garden. We planted the three sisters, corn, beans and squash."*

*A fourth grader reports, "My tribe name is Fast Feet. We are named Fast Feet because we like to run. My name is Wild Horse because I like horses that are wild and ones that are tame. We finished our clothing today. It was fun and I have lots of feathers on mine and beads."*

*A fifth grader reports, "I'm part of the Swift Hawks tribe and my name is Shaman Strong Legs. The only design we put on our sign was the 'W' we made as a hawk. We wrote using a traditional Native American form of charcoal. I deemed myself the elder because I am the oldest person present beside the tribal leader. Today we also learned about story using pictures which made an animal."*

*A second grader reports, "My tribe name is Fast Feet because we like to run. My name is Daisy because I like daisies. We made maple candy and pottery and it was fun. We made a wiki-up and it was fun."*

*A first grade reports, "Today we squished strawberries and blackberries and raspberries."*

*A fourth grader reports, "We also made fruit leather which is smashed up fruit left out over night so they dry up to keep fresh. We also made baskets and bracelets for just my tribe. Today was open house and my grandma came and we made corn husk dolls. I really like the kids club program."*

### More Quotes

"Today we went fishing and it was fun! We caught big fish and little fish."

"We made maple syrup candy and I learned it takes 40 gallons of sap to make syrup."

"We went in the museum at Effigy Mounds and saw some arrowheads and vases that the Native Americans used."

"Today we made wiki-ups, they were really cool."



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## Summer Kids Program 2012 Native Americans through Fur Traders

# Allamakee County From the Kids' Perspective



# Adventures of Allamakee County

Community Connections Summer Kids Club Program embarked to many historic sites in Allamakee County. The youth are learning the history of the Winnebago/Ho-chunk Indians who lived here. Our kids became “tribes” of their own to live a full immersion experience. The kids practiced their customs and ways of life, planted a raised-bed garden, made wiki-ups, fished with nets, and designed their own Indian outfits and pottery. They lived as Native Americans in Allamakee County History.



## Places We Visited

### Mississippi River at Harpers Ferry

A third grader reports, “My tribe name is Swift Hawks and my name is Fast Tiger. I love my name. We went to the river today. We had to catch fish and release them.”

### Sandy Sommer’s Home

The kids viewed many Native American artifacts after being greeted by Sandy in her Native American clothing pictured in the bottom left corner.

### Fish Farm Mounds

A fourth grader reports, “I saw some mounds at Fish Farm Mounds. There was a couple of mounds and after that we had snacks and played games.”

### Lansing Fishing Museum

A kindergartener reports, “We went to the fish museum. We saw nice boats and the first ice fishing tents.”

### Effigy Mounds

A third grader reports, “My tribe name is Fast Feet, my nickname is Speedy Turtle. Today we went to Effigy Mounds, it was pretty cool and we got to go to the mounds and look at them. There was a big tunnel that went under a bridge. There was a case full of spears and they invented a thrower to throw a spear better. Effigy Mounds is really big because they have trails in the woods for you and your family.”

### Allamakee County Historical Museum

The Native American section was very interesting. We viewed many drawings, pictures, and arrowheads plus Emma Big Bear’s baskets.

## Native Americans of Allamakee County

### **Chief John Wakon (as spelled on headstone)**

We learned that Waukon was named after a Winnebago Indian Chief named John Wakon. We visited the headstone of Chief John Wakon at the Waukon Cemetery.

### **Emma Big Bear**

Emma Big Bear was a Native American. We learned that she would make baskets and jewelry and go from town to town selling handiwork. Her baskets were widely known and very well crafted. At the Allamakee County Historical Museum, the kids viewed numerous hand-made baskets that were made by Emma Big Bear.

