



Zoongaabwe-Od Eshniig-Jik Program
~Youth Standing Tall and Strong~



United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising
Justice Program



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- Activities
- Shield Making
 - Seasonal medicine walks
 - Just 4 tweens & teens groups
 - Seasonal outdoor activities
 - Hiking
 - Snow shoeing

- Activities
- Fishing
 - Sweet grass harvesting
 - Traditional teachings
 - Fire teachings
 - Craft/sewing activities
 - Goal setting

What is the Zoongaabwe-od Eshniig-jik Program all about

The Zoongaabwe-od Eshniig-jik Program was developed by U.C.C.M.M. Justice to help promote positive decision making for young people 12 to 25 years of age. Translated the title literally means:

"Youth standing strong and tall with both feet planted firmly on the ground" The Zoongaabwe-od Eshniig-jik Program promotes positive relations between youth and the community. The program stresses balance between the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual elements of one's being. Youth participants may become involved in one or all of the program's components. While the program was developed to help youth who have been involved with the U.C.C.M.M. Justice Program or court system, **ALL** youth are welcome to join the activities and adventures. The Zoongaabwe-od Eshniig-jik Program has three components of organized activities and opportunities will be made available for youth participants.

Culture and Community

The youth program worker will arrange activities for youth to become more active in the community, in addition, community service hours (e.g., from school or the legal system) can be recognized for participation in these activities. Youth will be encouraged to participate in and assist with events held by their communities, such a family fun days, Pow-wows, and feasts. ****If you are a service provider or community member who is organizing an event in your community and would like youth to help out, please contact the Zoongaabwe-od Eshniig-jik Program.**** Youth will also be encouraged to take advantage of activities organized by the Zoongaabwe-od Eshniig-jik Program such as nature hikes, medicine walks, and adventure retreats.

Workshops

The Zoongaabwe-od Eshniig-jik Program will hold workshops in the U.C.C.M.M. communities to help promote positive decision making for youth clients. These workshops may include but are not limited to; Traditional Teachings, First Aid/CPR, Positive Self Esteem through games/activities

Wherever possible, the Zoongaabwe-od Eshniig-jik Program will seek the assistance of communities to help organize and facilitate workshops. The Zoongaabwe-od Eshniig-jik Program recognizes and supports the dedication and work of all service providers in the communities.

Teaching Circles

The Zoongaabwe-od Eshniig-jik Program will be offering opportunities for youth and community members to come out in a traditional circle setting to speak and learn about Anishinaabek ways of life. The focus on the circles will be to learn, support positive decision making and avoiding conflict with the law.

How can I be part of the Program?

If you are interested in joining the activities or have ideas/suggestions for the program, please contact Karen Corbiere-Genereux at 377-5307 ext. 216 (U.C.C.M.M). Email: kgenereux@uccmm.ca