

NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM (TYP) MNOCHEGÉ (ACT RIGHT, DO RIGHT)

“Developing youth who become healthy, caring and responsible members of their families and communities.”

Who we are...

The NHBP TYP consists of young Tribal Members whose ages range from 12-18 years. The goal of the program is to prevent juvenile delinquency through the active involvement in afterschool and summer programming.



NHBP Youth in front of the *Survivor Tree* at the site of the *Oklahoma City Bombing*.

Did you know?

The NHBP TYP has been in existence for 4 years. The NHBP TYP represents over 15 different schools.

In the past year, over 225 hours were spent in vans and buses, traveling to and from youth group meetings, as well as, trips to Kansas, Oklahoma and Clear Lake, which is located in the middle of the Upper Peninsula.

Learning from the past...

The Language and Environmental Departments developed a program titled “Culture Keepers.” This encouraged the NHBP TYP to take a look back at the culture that has defined who they are today, and continue to strengthen it for generations to come.

Students began their time with Language pertaining to the activity at hand. Throughout the year, students were able to make Birch Bark containers, collect sap to make Maple Syrup, and learn how to bead with a loom.



“Culture Keepers”

Planning for the future...

Students had a number of exciting opportunities to develop their capacity for *Leadership*. Four (4) of NHBP TYP’s students were selected to attend the *Leadership Challenge*. This event was held at the Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence Kansas with native students from all around the Nation. There, students participated in workshops and heard from motivating speakers such as Chance Rush, Olympic Gold Medalist, Billy Mills, and the Executive Director of the National Indian Education Association, Lillian Sparks. NHBP TYP Members attended the Anishnabé Future Leaders Camp held in Clear Lake, MI. This year there was an emphasis placed on cultural awareness. The Annual Potawatomi Gathering of the Nations was hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Their Tribal Youth Program hosted a Leadership Conference for the youth from different Tribes. They had very informative topics that the TYP related to and enjoyed.



Haskell Leadership Challenge



Potawatomi Gathering Youth Conference



Curtis is demonstrating his anti-drug; dancing.

Living in the present...

The NHBP TYP had the opportunity to partner with the Kent County Prevention Coalition’s, “Talk early and talk often” Campaign. This encouraged parents to talk with their youth about the dangers of drug and alcohol use. During the town hall meeting, TYP Members shared information about the “Wellbriety Movement” and how *dancing* and *culture* IS their **Anti-drug**. Members also continued to support one another in their own anti-drug activities independently through attendance to numerous track, football, basketball, volleyball, wrestling matches, games and meets.

Supporting one another at athletic events.

