

Summer 2026 Lake Michigan Jiimaan Journey (communal naming underway) *Contributions and Participation Opportunities*

As planning developed for the summer 2026 Jiimaan Journey up Lake Michigan from Chicago to the Straits of Mackinac, we invite those interested to consider a wide range of opportunities to support. This document outlines an initial invitation for contributions or participation roles for Tribes or Tribal organizations, non-tribal government or community organizations, and individuals. Please reach out to lakemichiganjiimaanjourney@gmail.com to express your interest in supporting the project through one or more of the following:

If you are a tribe or a tribal organization:

- Assist in routine planning meetings
- Participate as crew (Paddling or Ground)
 - Whole journey (3 weeks)
 - Partial journey (indicate time frame)
- Sponsor paid stipend for youth apprentice (16-35 years old)
 - Whole journey (3 weeks)
 - Partial journey (indicate time frame)
- Allocate tribal staff to participate in the journey on work time (e.g. Send your language experts to teach and share language along the journey)
 - Whole journey (3 weeks)
 - Partial journey (indicate time frame)
- Host at a landing (welcome jiimaan and crew, provide space, meals, other community appropriate practices)
- Lend vehicles for travel
- Follow jiimaan in support (motor) jiimaan
- Support a journalist/documentarian/media specialist to document the journey
- Donate or prepare food for meals
- Donate supplies (camping gear, life vests, sun screen bug spray, fire wood, etc.)
- Donate camping/landing places (e.g. cabins/campsites/hotels) for accommodations
- Consider gifting to the jiimaan to make the journey with
- Donate gifts for giveaways at landing sites
- Traditional materials for processing (e.g. ash tree, birch bark, porcupine, etc.)
- Make a monetary donation to support the trip
- Other: _____

If you are a non-tribal government or community organization

- Participate as crew (Paddling or Ground)
 - Whole journey (3 weeks)
 - Partial journey (indicate time frame)
- Sponsor paid stipend for youth apprentice (16-35 years old)
 - Whole journey (3 weeks)
 - Partial journey (indicate time frame)
- Lend vehicles for travel
- Follow jiimaan in support (motor) jiimaan
- Support Tribal Nations or organizations to host landings
- Support a journalist/documentarian/media specialist to document the journey
- Donate or prepare food for meals
- Donate supplies (camping gear, life vests, sun screen bug spray, fire wood, etc.)
- Donate camping/landing places (e.g. cabins/campsites/hotels) for accommodations
- Support a journalist/documentarian/media specialist to help document the journey
- Donate gifts for giveaways at landing sites
- Make a monetary donation to support the trip
- Other: _____

If you are an individual:

- Assist in routine planning meetings
- Participate on the jiimaan paddling crew
- Participate on the ground crew
 - Food team
 - Camp set-up/take down team
 - Driver
- Lead cultural activities on shore at camp sites
- Follow jiimaan in support (motor) jiimaan
- Donate or prepare food for meals
- Donate supplies (camping gear, life vests, sun screen bug spray, fire wood, etc.)
- Donate camping/landing places (e.g. cabins/campsites) for accommodations
- Donate gifts for giveaways at landing sites
- Make a monetary donation to support the trip
- Other: _____