

THE WORLD OF WATER IN WINNEBAGO

An Educational Event for Winnebago Youth

The Little Priest Tribal College proposes to hold a youth activity event to help local youth understand the value of water in their daily life and the importance of their participation in providing and maintaining a continuing supply of safe drinking water. The activities will help youth understand sources of water, water treatment and distribution, monitoring for water quality, ways water may become contaminated as well as job opportunities related to working with water. Key elements of the event follow.

TARGET POPULATION

Youth on the Winnebago Reservation ages 10 through 15. The participation of youth will be facilitated through the existing "Gear Up Program" that works with children in grades 5 - 8. The activity is designed to serve from 25 to 40 youth.

STAFFING

Local community leaders will be drawn from several community agencies that are involved with water supply and water quality. Staffing will be drawn from several of the following agencies:

- Village of Winnebago - water system operators
- Tribal Environmental Protection Program & Health Departments
- Whirling Thunder Wellness Center
- Indian Health Service Hospital
- Winnebago Senior Citizen Center
- Winnebago Public School - science teacher
- Little Priest Tribal College
- Winnebago Tribal Council

LOCATION

Whirling Thunder Wellness Center in the Blackhawk Community Center and the water treatment plant located across the street.

DATE

The afternoon/evening of Wednesday, December 13, 2000.

EVENT ACTIVITIES

The activities for this event will emphasize hands on participation by the youth. Activities being planned include:

- Demonstration and experimentation with a Ground Water Model.
- Tour of wells and water treatment plant. Water taste tests.
- Student presented skits on water source and water quality.
- Food with bottled water and local public water.
- Experience of elders in obtaining water in early days of the reservation.
- Activities with educational materials obtained from the Extension Service and the American Water Works Association.
- Video from the Native American Water Association.

PROJECTED BUDGET

Food and water for participants	\$150
Local community consultants	250
Water bottles & other handouts	250
Materials preparation	50
Midwest Assistance Program (facilitator)	100
Little Priest Tribal College (administration)	<u>200</u>
Total	\$ 1,000