

Háu mitákuyapi (hello my relatives)

Come, learn hands-on how to

Brain-Tan Bison Hides

- close to the *Lakota/Dakota* way!



2010 Bison hide tanning workshop participants

Attend one of two workshops at:

McLaughlin, SD: eight-days, noon Saturday, June 11 to noon Saturday, June 18 at the Sitting Bull College Bear Soldier campus on Main St. **Teacher:** Rochelle Forgét, professional hide tanner. Pre-registration is not required, but very helpful.

Hot Springs, SD: one-day workshop, July 29 (with travel: noon July 28 to noon July 30) for up to 12 experienced tanners. **Teacher:** Larry Belitz. Mr. Belitz has made more than 50 bison hide tipis, has tanned over 1000 bison hides, and published a book on making bison hide tipis. He will have hides prepared in advance at different stages so he can teach about all aspects of tanning in one day. A ride will be provided to take the participants to Hot Springs. Pre-registration is required.

Fees: This program is provided at NO cost to participants.

At McLaughlin we ask that all participants work together with another family member on their hide. Children, visitors and elders are very welcome. At least one adult must be tanning each hide. A hide is worth about \$40 at the start, but can be **worth \$800 or more when completed.** Participants take their tanned hide home to keep, once borrowed tools are returned!

Planned McLaughlin Schedule:

Saturday: Prayer & intro., wash hides, lace hides onto frames, begin fleshing (removing fat & muscle)

Sunday: Finish fleshing and start scraping with a *wahintka*

Monday: Dry-scrape to remove membranes and to thin the thick areas

Tuesday: Continue dry-scraping, some hides may be ready for applying brains

Wednesday: Finish dry-scraping, applying brains, begin breaking (softening) hides

Thursday: Brain the remainder of hides, continue breaking hides

Friday & Saturday: Finish breaking hides, trim edges off, and take finished hides home



Hours: Everyday we will start around 8 AM with a prayer, and work on the hides until 4 or 5 PM.

Meals & refreshments: Lunch will be provided every day. Refreshments will be available all day (water, lemonade, fruit, etc.)

Sponsors:

Sitting Bull College, U S Department of Agriculture-National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Please Contact us to let us know you are coming, and to get a list of things to bring. Call Sybil Clown, or Rick DeLoughery, Bison Education Coordinator, Sitting Bull College, Bear Soldier Campus, McLaughlin; **605-823-4318**. Or email: rickd@sbc.edu or sybile@sbc.edu

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