

# FAQ's

## Nenda – Gikendan Noopiming gaye Nibiing

(“seeking knowledge in the woods and place of water”)

### Natural Resources Tribal Youth Camp

**August 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*Q: “Does camp cost anything to attend?”*

A: Gaawiin! Camp Nenda is FREE! All expenses for lodging, food and activities are included for all youth participants.

*Q: “Do I have to be enrolled in a tribe to apply and participate in the 1854’s summer youth camp?”*

A: Gaawiin! Any youth that is **affiliated** with a tribe is encouraged to apply, including descendants.

*Q: “Is Nenda – Gikendan Noopiming gaye Nibiing a day camp?”*

A: Gaawiin! 1854’s summer youth camp is a week-long, overnight camp. Parents/guardians are only responsible for dropping off and picking up youth participants from a common meeting place on travel days, Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday August 8<sup>th</sup>. Camp will be held at the Hubachek Wilderness Research Center in Ely, MN. All other transportation to activity sites will be provided.

*Q: “When are applications due?”*

A: Applications to participate in camp Nenda – Gikendan Noopiming gaye Nibiing are due **Monday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. All the application materials can be found on the [1854 Treaty Authority website](#).

*Q: “Do I really need to write an essay in my application form?”*

A: Mii-gwayak (that’s correct). How are we supposed to know that you are *serious* and want to join the fun? If writing is not your thing, feel free to express your interest in another format (artwork, photos, etc)

*Q: “My kid is entering 10<sup>th</sup> grade – are they old enough to attend?”*

A: Yes! Tribal youth entering high school, grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome and encouraged to apply to attend camp Nenda. Younger candidates may be considered.

*Q: “I can’t drop my youth off for camp, are there any other options for transportation to camp?”*

A: Yes! Contact coordinator [Marne Kaeske](#) to discussion options for how to enable your youth to attend: 218-481-7018

*Q: “What activities are planned to take place during camp?”*

A: Including but not limited to:

- Meet a conservation law enforcement K9 unit
- Participate in on-the-water surveys: manoomin density, electrofishing demonstration
- Introduction to a Tribal community-based archeology field school and indigenous geographies
- Ishkode! (fire): fighting fire with fire (prescribed burning, tackling federal wild fires, etc)
- A visit to the International Wolf Center and discussion with Anishinaabe elder
- One-on-one range practice (shooting)
- Investigate deer/moose/wolf interaction and investigate parasite transmission in a laboratory
- “A day in the life...” discussions with professionals (ex: hot shot fire crew, Tribal liaisons)
- Connect with exciting college natural resource programs

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