

Learn how to

Brain-Tan Bison Hides

- the *Lakota/Dakota* way!



Doug & Anetha Wilkinson working on their hide at the 2007 tanning workshop at Porcupine

Participate in a five-day workshop:

Near **Mobridge** from Monday, June 2nd through Friday, June 6th at 'The Bay' campground on the west bank of the Missouri River at the Hwy. 12 bridge.

Four camp sites are reserved for participants.

D. Joyce Kitson, professional *Lakota/Hidatsa* hide tanner, will be the teacher.

Participants will work in groups led by an experienced tanner. We encourage participants to bring helpers or family members to work together on one hide. Children and elders are welcome. A hide is worth about \$20 at the start, but will be **worth up to \$200 when completed**. Participants take tanned hides home to keep, once borrowed tools are returned!

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

Planned Schedule:

Mon.: Wash hides, lace hides onto frames, begin fleshing (removing fat & muscle)

Tues.: Finish fleshing, dry-scrape to remove membranes and to thin the thick areas

Wed.: Continue dry-scraping, some hides will be ready for applying brains

Thurs.: Brain the remainder of hides, let hides dry, begin breaking (softening) hides

Fri.: Finish breaking hides, trim edges off, and take finished hides home.

Hours: Everyday we will start at 8 AM and end at 4 PM.

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



2007 bison brain tanning participants with their hide

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

Continuing Education Units: up to 2.5, Certificate of completion

'The Bay' campground: 605-845-7106