

*Háu mitákuyapi* (hello my relatives)

Come, learn hands-on how to

# Brain-Tan Bison Hides

- close to the *Lakota/Dakota* way!



2011 Bison hide tanning workshop participants

**Attend one of two workshops at:**

**Ft. Yates, ND:** seven-days, Saturday, June 16 to Friday, June 22 at the Farmers Market hoop building at the corner of Redtail Hawk Ave. and 92nd St. **Teacher:** Rochelle Forgét, professional hide tanner. Pre-registration is not required, but very helpful.

**Bullhead, SD:** seven-days, Monday, July 9 to Sunday, July 15 at the Rock Creek Pow Wow grounds in Bullhead. **Teacher:** Rochelle Forgét, professional hide tanner. Pre-registration is not required, but very helpful.

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

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 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: 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 Taken Alive, or Rick DeLoughery, Extension Education Coordinator, Sitting Bull College, Bear Soldier Campus, McLaughlin; **605-823-4318**. Or email: [rickd@sbc.edu](mailto:rickd@sbc.edu) or [sybile@sbc.edu](mailto:sybile@sbc.edu)

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