Anishinaabe Teachings of the Eagle (Migizi)



The Eagle (Migizi) is one of our most revered and respected Beings in Creation. These beautiful birds represent our link to our Creator (Gchi Manidoo) and our connection to all that is Spiritual for our people. It is taught that when we lay our tobacco (sema) the Eagle (Migizi) comes down to gather our prayers and then will soar high up into Ishpeming (Above) to bring them to Creator (Gchi Manidoo).









Eagle Clan (Migizi Dodem)



The Eagle Clan (Migizi Dodem) is one of our sacred Bird Clans (Bineshi Dodem).

The Eagle Clan (Migizi Dodem) people hold roles as Spiritual leaders in our communities, and help us to live in balance with all that surrounds us. The Eagle (Migizi) holds the gifts of knowledge and higher learning, and is responsible for passing on our oral history, traditional stories, and providing counsel and quidance to our community leaders.

The Eagle Feather (Migizi Miigwaan) is a symbol of honor to us as Anishinaabe. The passing of a feather to an individual is a very sacred gift, that becomes a part of who they are as a person, as it is a direct connection to the Eagle (Migizi), the Thunderbirds (Animikiig), and our Creator (Gchi Manidoo). We use these gifts of feathers, fans, headdress and staffs for Ceremonies, Celebration, and to seek guidance from above. We know that holding and caring for these Sacred items is a great responsibility and always handle them with care and respect. When it comes time for seasonal Ceremonies, we feast our gifts and give thanks to the Eagle (Migizi) that gave them to us and to the Creator (Gchi Manidoo).



