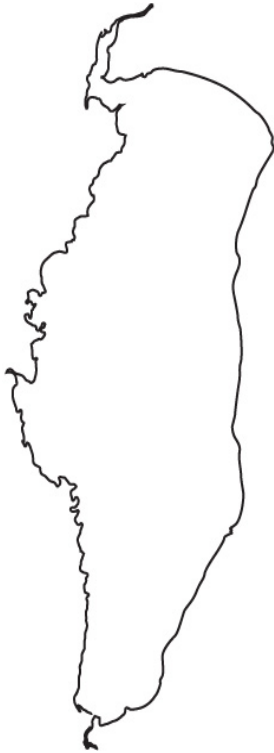


## PLEASE JOIN US

**JUNE 14, 2018 – JUNE 17, 2018**

## LAKE WINNEBAGO WATER WALK



The Indigenous-led walk honors water through ceremonial protocols, water offerings, singing water songs, and making petitions for our water to be clean and pure. A Water Walk is not a protest or a performance. It is a time to reflect on how we can protect our waters.

We will start at the community of Pipe with a sunrise ceremony on June 14, 2018 and share the walk, relay style, traveling clockwise (south toward Fond du Lac) around Lake Winne. All are welcome and needed in this 90-mile journey for the Water. Please join us to walk, to drive, to provide water or food, to share your knowledge, and to offer prayers and good thoughts for the Water.

### **Water is Life!**

#### Personal challenges:

What can you do to reduce your water waste each day?

What can you do to improve water quality each day?

Questions: Call 920-929-9964 or reach us on line at:

[www.brothertownindians.org](http://www.brothertownindians.org)

### **Water Walking Protocols**

Our protocols are based in Ojibwe Ceremonial understandings of Water. We ask all walkers to observe these protocols as we work together for the Water.

We walk to honor the rivers, the lakes, and the spirit of the Water. We do this by remaining focused, positive, and determined. If a person cannot do this, we take the time we need to refocus and come back to our work.

We have orphaned this Water from its home; we carry it with great love and attention, careful not to spill even one drop.

Everyone must be free of the influence of drugs and alcohol on the walk.

As the Waters flow and work continuously, we walk throughout the day without stopping. From touch-up (before dawn) to touch-down (before dusk), the Water is carried continuously forward and never backward (any wrong turns are corrected by circling).

Only women carry the Water, as it is women who carry life. Men carry the eagle staff beside the women, protecting the women and the Water. Children and their caregivers are welcome. We ask that your pets be cared for at home.

All women and girls walking with the Water must wear long skirts. Men and boys who carry the eagle staff are to wear long shorts or pants. We ask that any messages worn by walkers be positive and in keeping with the spirit of the walk. This is our way of demonstrating respect for ourselves and the responsibilities with which we are entrusted.

Pregnant women need not carry the Water as they already carry sacred Water and are bringing life forward. Also, women on their moon time (menstruating) do not carry the Water as their bodies are in ceremony and preparing for the possibility of life. There is other good work to do.

Please carry asema/tobacco to offer to streams, rivers, and the lake.

Please bring refillable drinking water bottle containers, NO bottled water.

Walk according to your ability and at your own risk. Prepare for hydration, fatigue, heat, hunger, weather, and – of course – walking!