

2025 Mawinzowi-Gabeshiwin

WETCC Community Extension hosted Mawinzowi-Gabeshiwin "Berry Camp" on July 17th–18th. This year looked a little bit different for community attending, as the camp was set up and hosted out in the bush with the berry patches. Twenty-four (24) participants from six (6) surrounding communities joined us. The harvesting areas were scouted ahead of time by our local instructor and guide Stanton (Stan) Alexander. Stan surveyed berry patches weeks prior to camp to track berry growth and observe community picking practices. While out in the patch, Stan shared his honorable harvesting practices, as well as showing what happens to berry patches when these respectful ways are not followed. Collaborative partner, Nicole LaFrinier (White Earth Food Sovereignty Program Coordinator), provided each participant a berry picker to use and keep, with Stan and Nicole working together to share and ensure sustainable harvesting practices.

The 2025 Mawinzowi-Gabeshiwin was made possible through Capacity grant funding from USDA/NIFA (Award #2022-47003-38383). We greatly appreciate our local partners, instructors and volunteers for assisting us in offering healthy food-based community learning activities.



WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COMMUNITY EXTENSION

MAWINZOWI-GABESHIWIN BERRY CAMP

FREE FAMILY-BASED DAY CAMP

JULY 17 & 18, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Meet at WETCC Parking Lot
2250 College Rd, Mahanomen, MN

We will depart from WETCC at 9:15 AM and return at 4 PM. Transportation is limited, so families are encouraged to follow in their own vehicles.

Breakfast will be provided enroute and a light lunch between noon and 1 PM.

Individuals & families are invited to join us for two days of berry picking. (No unaccompanied minors allowed.)

Dress for hiking outdoors and bring a water bottle to stay hydrated. Sunscreen & bug spray is highly recommended!

SCAN TO REGISTER NOW

Questions? Contact Maria Fark
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