

## “Where East Meets West”

As we enter the Seventh year of the new millennium some things change, some things endure. Just as you do, we like some of the ways and things that have long endured, some of the old-time foods, the dances, the arts and crafts we learned from our fore bearers that we want to preserve for our children.

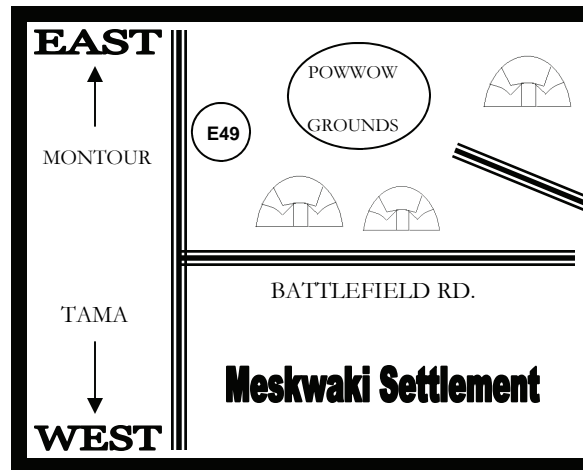
We respect your preference for some of the long-loved ways, brought here from the various countries of Europe, Africa, and Asia and we know that you respect your own.

Today we share with you the appreciation of what is truly distinctive about our way of life and welcome you to our Meskwaki Indian Settlement.

*A hearty welcome to you all and it is our hope that you will enjoy our celebration with us as we enjoy having you here with us.*



The Powwow site, historically known as the “Old Battleground” is 4 miles west of Tama, IA on Hwy E-49 and along the east bank of the Iowa River near the original 80 acres of the Meskwaki Settlement.



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**The Original  
All Indian Powwow  
in the State of Iowa!**



Hosted by the  
Meskwaki Nation



**August 6 - 9  
2009**

Tama, Iowa  
Meskwaki Indian  
Settlement

**95TH MESKWAKI INDIAN POWWOW**

The Meskwaki Nation is also known as the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa. The tribe is the only Federally Recognized Tribe within the State of Iowa.

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Friendship Dance

Pipe Dance

Buffalo Head Dance

Harvest or Bean  
Dance

Swan Dance

Shawnee Dance

Shield Dance

War Dance

Meskwaki Dance

Rabbit Dance

Victory or Soldier  
Dance

## A Brief History of the Meskwaki Powwow

The Annual Meskwaki Powwow originated from the traditional religious and social beliefs of the Meskwaki Tribe. Today it not so much a religious event, but more of a social gathering. Specifically, today's event is derived from the "Green Corn Dance" and other social events of the tribe in its early years. The "Green Corn Dance" was an annual event that took place during the harvesting of crops.

The "Field Days" held from 1902 to 1912, lasted about a week with dancing, games, and horse racing. It was a social gathering without a harvest.

In 1912, the Chief appointed 15 men to plan for the next year. The appointed men decided to change the name from "Field Days" to "Powwow." The first powwow was held at the present location.

Today, the Meskwaki Powwow is the only one of its kind and is held annually on the only Indian Settlement in the State of Iowa. During the four day affair, the gathered Indians celebrate and perform in full-dress regalia, dances that have been handed down for generations.

It is the dancing that has drawn the most attention from the outside world, for it is by the most colorful and intriguing aspect of the Powwow. It is a time of reaffirmation and hope of worship and kinship and it is above all, a time of friendship and making of new friends.

*A special thanks to Johnathan L. Buffalo, Tribal Historian, for his contribution of the Powwow history.*

95th Annual

**Meskwaki**

**Indian**

**Powwow**

*Presents*

**Tribal Ceremonial Dances, Colorful Native Regalia, Arts & Crafts and Exhibits, Field Day Events and Contests.**

### ~PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE~

Thursday thru Sunday

Sessions start at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

### ~GENERAL ADMISSION~

Adults: **\$6.00**    Children: **\$4.00**

#### **Thursday**

Children's Day 6 to 12 yrs. —\$2.00

#### **Friday**

Senior Citizen's Day 55 yrs.+ —\$4.00

#### **Saturday**

Veteran's Day —\$3.00

(Must show proof)

#### **Sunday**

Governor's Day

*In Honor of the long relationship the Meskwaki people carry with the State of Iowa.*