



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

Office of the Chief Executive

July 14, 2025

Via E-mail

To: Mille Lacs Band Executive Branch Employees

Re: Annual Healing Circle Run/Walk Event

Dear Executive Branch Employees:

The Mille Lacs Band's portion of the annual Healing Circle Run/Walk will take place on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, covering approximately 40 miles. This powerful event is more than just a run—it is a prayer for healing. It offers an opportunity to pray for ourselves, our families, our communities, our nation, Aki, and all our relatives. Spanning seven days and connecting ten Tribal Nations throughout the Ojibwe Ceded Territory, the Healing Circle Run/Walk unites us in prayer, strength, and purpose.

We encourage all Mille Lacs Band employees to participate. Community Service hours may be used with prior approval from your supervisor. All participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

Event Day Details

Meeting Location: Big Sandy Lodge and Resort

Arrival Time: 9:30 AM

Invocation: 9:30 AM, followed immediately by the run

Transportation: A DNR staff member will assist with transporting participants to their assigned segments. Most runners/walkers will group and rotate throughout the route. Once your segment is complete, please return to work unless otherwise approved.

Please dress appropriately for the weather, wear sturdy footwear, and bring bug spray and sunscreen for your comfort and safety. Snacks and water will be provided. To sign up for a segment of the Run/Walk, please visit: <https://gqr.sh/NS6N>.

The Run/Walk will conclude at the Fond du Lac Powwow Grounds, where GLIFWC will host a Pipe Ceremony and Talking Circle at approximately 5:30 PM. All participants are welcome to attend. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Alyssa Welsh at (320) 532-4772 or via email at alyssa.welsh@millelacsband.com.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Virgil Wind', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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Chief Executive