

# ASKI BOYZ

in Munsee-Delaware First Nation



OTTAWA RIVER

North Bay

Ottawa

## Kids, Did you know:

- The community is southwest of London, Ontario, along the northern shore of the Thames River
- The population is 547 registered band members and 144 members live on reserve
- The language spoken is Lenape (Delaware)
- The ancestral homeland of the Munsee Delaware Nation is along the Delaware and Hudson Rivers, what is today called New York City.
- The Munsees were an agricultural, hunting, fishing and gathering people
- They lived in settlements along streams that flowed into the Delaware River and the Hudson River
- Hunters' weapons included the bone harpoon, the bola, the spear and a spear-throwing stick called the atlatl
- Some people hunted, fished, cleared land, made canoes, tools and weapons and defended the community from European settlers
- Other roles in the community were caring for the children, gathering plant food, making and decorating clothing

## History:

Human communities were present in the Munsee area for at least 11,000 years, when the southern edge of the great ice cap passed through what now is New York City. The northernmost Lenni Lenape, were known as the Minisink which means People of the Stony Country. The early Munsee people built and lived in circular or round houses made of bark laid over a sapling framework. These changed later on into large rectangular houses with rounded ends, each home can hold from one person up to six families. Before settler Europeans came to their territory these homes would have had hand woven reed mats making a full circle around the inside walls of the house. In order to survive, every member had a job to do in the community.

## Important Links:

- <http://munseedelaware.squarespace.com/member-faqs/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Munsee-Delaware-Nation/741672379219743>
- <http://www.munseedelawarenation.org>

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