

ASKI BOYZ

in Oneida Nation of the Thames



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Kids, Did you know:

- The community is in southwestern Ontario, near London, Ontario
- The population is 5,446 registered band members and 2,029 members live on reserve
- The language spoken is Oneida
- The name Oneida comes from the original Onyota'a:ka, which means People of the Standing Stone
- Oneida Nation of the Thames is one of the five founding Nations in the Iroquoian Confederacy, which is one of the world's oldest democracies
- They have three Family clans that sit together within their nation
- Othahyu:niꞌ: translated in English describes the Wolf which means leadership and guiding the community to live according to the original instructions
- Ohkwa:lí translated into English describes the Bear, the keepers of medicine knowledge and community wellness
- A'no:wál translated into English describes the Turtle and in their Creation Story it was the turtle who came forward to provide his back as the first place for humans to live upon

History:

Oneida Nation of the Thames purchased their lands, arriving as settlers from New York State. They travelled from Madison County area of New York. The community is one of the original five nations of the Iroquois Confederacy (Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk) which formed around 1450. The Tuscaroras had lost their lands in North Carolina to English settlers around 1713, and were given protection by the Oneidas. By 1722 the Tuscaroras were adopted into the Confederacy as the sixth nation. The Iroquois call themselves Haudenosaunee, which means the People of the Longhouse. The Oneida Nation today continue to practice its traditions and ceremonies.

Important Links:

- <http://oneidalanguage.ca/oneida-culture/our-history/>
- <http://oneidalanguage.ca/oneida-culture/oneida-clans/>
- <http://www.sfns.on.ca/oneida-nation-of-the-thames.html>
- <http://oneida.on.ca>

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