

# ASKI BOYZ

in Curve Lake First Nation



OTTAWA RIVER

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## Kids, Did you know:

- The community is near Peterborough, Ontario
- There are 1822 registered band members and 753 members live on reserve
- The language spoken is Ojibway
- Curve Lake had the very first Anishnaabe Kwe O'gimaa (Native Woman Chief) in Canada. Her name was Elsie Knott in 1954.
- World famous artists Norman Knott, Alice Williams and David Johnson are from the community
- The famous Whetung's Art Gallery has been in the community since the 1960s. The gallery is known for having a large collection of Indian fine art, sculptures, masks, leather works, clothing and jewelry
- Curve Lake First Nation people are Anishnaabeg (uhnish-nahbe) from the great Mississauga Nation
- The surrounding area has lots of wild rice, various species of fish, birds, animals and plants for harvesting; there was everything people in the community needed to survive

## History:

The word Anishnaabeg is from an-ish-aw meaning without cause and the word in-au-a-we-se means human-body. This translates to mean spontaneous man. Most people outside of the community believe that the Anishnaabeg didn't have a written language nor a recorded history, but this is wrong. Although the Anishnaabeg did not have a written alphabet like the Europeans, they did have a set of picture symbols or pictographs which were used to educate through stories. They are the traditional people of Lake Ontario.

## Important Links:

- <http://www.curvelakefirstnation.ca/about-us/history.php>
- <http://www.curvelakeculturalcentre.ca/culture/history/>
- <http://www.ammsa.com/content/elsie-knott-footprints>
- <http://kahnawakepowwow.com/?p=96>
- <http://www.pimaatisiwin-quilts.com/about.html>
- <http://www.whetung.com/johnson.html>
- <https://www.facebook.com/curvelakefirstnation>
- <http://whetung.com>
- <http://www.curvelakefirstnation.ca>

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