

January 2, 1979

Mr. Lee McLester  
Route 1  
Oneida, WI 54155

Dear Mr. McLester,

This note is to confirm our conversation regarding a date for your group to exhibit the art of "Indian Social Dancing" for our Cub Scout Pack Blue and Gold Dinner. The date and time for this event being February 22 at 7:30 p.m.

We will be ready for you and your group at 7:30 and if you have any specific directions for us as to the amount of space you will need, etc., please contact me either by mail or phone.

Cub Scout Pack 122 and their parents will be looking forward to your visit.

Very truly yours,

*Louis Bruss*

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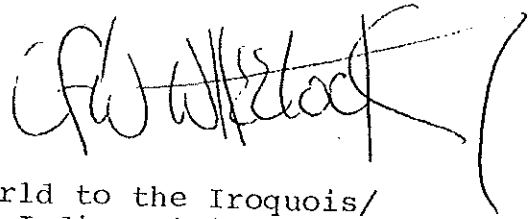
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*Feb. 10  
Church  
J.A. Tom*

DATE: January 4, 1979

TO: GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL

FROM: Oneida Tribal Cooperative - Iroquois Farm



The historical importance of the natural world to the Iroquois/Oneida people has been a major foundation of our Indian civilization. Legends relate the wonders of nature and its effects on all creatures and plants. The Indian people sensed a powerful force all around them and they believed that it was in everything, everywhere for time eternal. They called this force Great Mystery (Great Spirit) and vowed to learn all they could from it and its representatives. The Indian increased his own self-awareness by being a student of Nature recognizing the Mother Earth as his caretaker and all creation of the Great Spirit as his teachers. In this way by learning the teachings which governed nature, he began to understand his role and responsibilities in the natural world as an Indian person.

Thus, today we as Indian people are looking at our duties and responsibilities not only to our own families and community but also to mankind in general. In our discussions the topics of sovereignty, self-sufficiency, self-determination and the total welfare of our own people are debated. These thoughts take us back to the land base, its resources and the proper utilization of those resources by our community. Future generations will suffer or benefit from our decisions on these and issues and resource utilization thoughts which face our community today. We must consider our rights and responsibilities to not only the earth and its creation but also to the future generations of Indian people.

Oneida Tribal Cooperative-Iroquois Farms is an organization voluntarily owned and controlled by tribal members and operated for Indian people as a service for community needs. We are organized to engage in the development of "The Total Welfare of the Indian Community." The primary goal of the cooperative is to meet the members' needs in an economical, efficient manner by providing quality vegetables and meat protein. Presently we are operating from the 60 acre base farm (on Seminary Road) purchased by the Tribe during August of 1978. We welcome our thoughts on our Agriculture development and cooperative effort.

We as a native community have had a long existant relationship with the natural world. Thus base to the Oneida Tribal Cooperative-Iroquois Farms are the concepts of cooperation. True cooperation with others is feeling that comes from the heart. When people cooperate they share with one another the risks, responsibilities, duties, and benefit of their collective effort.

"The creation has given us a time for everything-the seasons move in cycle, giving us many signs of the forces working at that time. We have a duty to fulfill for each season, so we do not work against the forces of creation. The earth will teach us the signs-if we ask and listen". We ask that you join us in our "thanksgiving and request."