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What: Visit to Ziibiwing Center for Anishinabe Lifeways & Culture

When: Saturday, November 1, 2008; 9.30 am – 4 pm

Where: Creative Spirit Center, 1517 Bayliss Street, Midland

Cost: \$35 adults; \$25 children 16 and under; includes transportation

Information: Call 989-837-1885 or visit www.creativespiritcenter.org

[**Midland**] – What’s fun, educational, affordable, and family-friendly? A day at the Ziibiwing Center in Mount Pleasant, planned and organized through Midland’s Creative Spirit Center. Center Director Sarah Gorman says, “There is an unspoken longing within many people to understand more about the native culture of America. When we hear the traditional stories of the Chippewa or the Pottawatomi, we feel uplifted by the beauty of these teachings. Travel with us for a unique opportunity to listen and learn about the culture and life of Michigan’s first people.” Why is Creative Spirit Center offering the tour? Gorman adds, “For families that demand top value for their time and money, this tour is a winner. At Ziibiwing Center, visitors experience the peace of relating to the natural world as a brother or sister. Connect with Michigan’s Native American heritage and make friends on this great family outing, just 25 miles away.” Creative Spirit Center is providing transportation. After a 9.30 am departure from 1517 Bayliss Street in Midland, participants will receive a guided tour of the Ziibiwing Center, spend one hour with a native speaker sharing stories, and receive the materials and instruction to make a dream catcher or medallion necklace to bring home, arriving back at Creative Spirit Center around 4 pm.

Participants will have the opportunity to ask their guides about the Gifts of the Seven Grandfathers: Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. The tour is an ideal trip for parents and children, or grandparents and grandchildren, to take together. At the recent Indigenous Art Exhibit at Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant, an Anishinabe elder said, “Our teachings remind us to take every decision only after remembering seven generations into the past and thinking of seven generations into the future.”

About Ziibiwing Center for Anishinabe Lifeways & Culture

The Ziibiwing Center was created to enlighten and educate all communities in the rich culture, heritage, and history of the Anishinabek people of the Great Lakes. Featuring the Diba Jimooyung: Telling Our Story permanent exhibit, changing exhibits, lectures, and educational workshops, the Ziibiwing Center provides learning opportunities for all ages. More information at www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing.

About Creative Spirit Center

Creative Spirit Center is a not-for-profit community arts organization founded in 1994. The Center’s mission is to create an environment for people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, conferences, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, psychological and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities.

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[Note: Photo of dream catcher attached separately:]