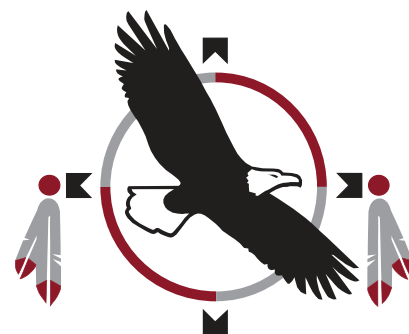




Medicine Wheel Garden



Outdoor exhibit
is open daily
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WIYOHIYANPATÁKIYA

Toward the East

We pray that the Hehaka bring love among friends and family.

Remind us always that our children are sacred.

Nurture our youth who will lead tomorrow.

Help us embrace the challenges of each new day.



ITÓKAĠATÁKIYA

Toward the South

We pray for those who have made their spirit journey.

Wipe our tears and be with us in our time of sorrow.

Give us the courage to forgive.

Remind us to always walk in balance.



WIYOĤPEYATÁKIYA

Toward the West

We pray that the life giving Wakinyan Oyate continue to replenish Unci Maka.

We ask that Tunkasila (God) strengthen us to pursue the sacred path we walk.

Protect our Wakanyeja that they might have it better than we did.

Help us provide a better world for those who follow.



WAZIYATÁKIYA

Toward the North

We pray that the Tatanka Oyate provide for the needs of the people.

We ask for wisdom to learn from our past mistakes as we move forward.

Remind us always to honor the teachings of Elders.

Help us walk the Red Road you have placed before us.



WAKATÁKIYA

Toward the Sacred

We pray that the sacred Wanbli Gleska carry our prayers to you.

Hear the prayer we offer on behalf of the people.

Let your purifying rains and cleansing winds replenish the Earth and awaken our spirit.

Give us the courage to soar to greater heights.



MAĤATÁKIYA

Toward the Earth

We pray for the four-legged and all things that grow on Uncimaka.

Help us acknowledge that the Earth is our Mother and that she nurtures us.

Remind us that all things have a spirit, therefore all things are related.

Teach us to respect each other and all of nature.



HÓĈOKATÁKIYA

Toward the Center

Tunkasila, we ask that you hear the prayer offered from our hearts.

Teach us to pray as one people with one voice.

Walk with us this day and always. That we might find a way to heal from within.

Help us look within to seek the answers.

The Medicine Wheel is a sacred symbol to the Plains tribes. It represents all the knowledge of the universe; each color and line signifies an important element in the circle of life. Visitors may sit in quiet meditation among the native plants, listening to the sound of the *Mni Wicóni* (Waters of Life), or stroll around the perimeter and enjoy the Lakota directional prayers displayed on interpretive panels fashion after sacred buffalo hides.