

# Start here!

## THE ORIGIN:

Did you know that Ho-Chunk people have been here in *Teejop* (Four Lakes, or Madison) for THOUSANDS of years?

What kinds of things do they make?

What are their families like?

### In this kit you will find:

- Bookmarks to color and cut
- Kinship maps, or family trees
- Effigy Mound bingo
- Scissors, colored pencils, and bingo stickers
- Things to learn about Ho-Chunk clans, families, and mounds!

## Color Your Bookmark! Ho-Chunk Clans & Artistry

There are 4 bookmark designs for you to color, cut out, and use while you read!

**1 & 2. Clans:** The Ho-Chunk people have twelve (12) clans. When a child is born, they follow the clan of their father.

Ho-Chunk Lower Clans

Those-who-are-on-Earth: Bear, Buffalo, Deer, Wolf, Elk, Fish, Water Spirit, and Snake.

Ho-Chunk Upper Clans

Those-who-are-above: Thunder, Warrior, Eagle, and Pigeon

*(People of the Big Voice: Photographs of Ho-Chunk Families by Charles Van Schaick, p. 115)*

### 3. Black Ash Basketry

Black ash baskets are one of many distinct crafts of the Ho-Chunk. Women would often sell baskets they made on the roadside. Wood strips were pounded and gathered from black ash trees. Today, the black ash tree is under threat from the emerald ash borer, and the artistry craft of ash baskets is practiced by few.

### 4. Ho-Chunk Applique

The applique design is a distinct trait of the Ho-Chunk culture. Applique designs come from nature; flowers, plants, trees, etc. On the pow-wow circuit, you can see women dance Ho-Chunk Applique. The applique designs adorn dresses in many different colors.

## Kinship maps

What does a Ho-Chunk family tree look like? Find out what you'd call your cousins, and what your cousins would call you; because in Ho-Chunk kinship there are no cousins!! Confused? You won't be after you map it!

## Effigy Mound bingo

Over 1,000 years ago, Ho-Chunk people built more than 1,500 effigy mounds in Madison, Teejop, in the shapes of animals.

1. Read about the mounds and their shapes on the Effigy Mounds of the Midwest sheet in this kit.
2. Cut out your Bingo Sheets – you should end up with four sheets that all say BINGO at the top!
3. Use your scissors to cut out all of the Caller Cards. Mix them up and put them in a bag, a hat, a bowl, or just face-down on a table so you can't see them
4. One person will pick up a caller card and show it to you. Do you see that shape on your Bingo sheet? Put a sticker on it!
5. Keep playing until someone gets four stickers in a row: across, up-and-down, or diagonally. BINGO!