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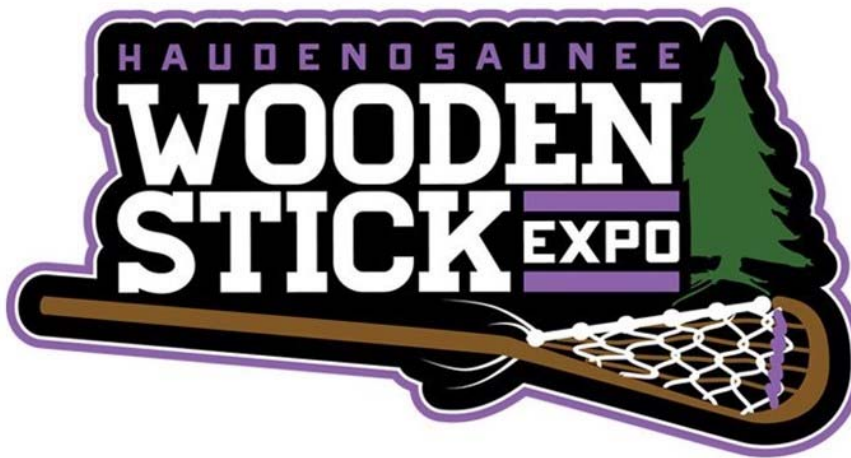


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WOODEN STICK EXPO THIS WEEKEND AT ONONDAGA LAKE PARK

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This weekend's expo is an opportunity to fully experience the history and legacy of lacrosse as it was played 1,000 years ago when the original Haudenosaunee (the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and later, the Tuscarora), after centuries of warfare, formed their confederacy based upon "The Great Law of Peace" at Onondaga Lake.

The event includes a traditional opening ceremony, games, and clinic demonstrations by indigenous players, including Syracuse University All-Americans Brett Bucktooth and Jeremy Thompson. In addition, former Orange men's lacrosse coach Roy Simmons Jr. will speak on Saturday. Oren Lyons, the Onondaga Nation Faithkeeper and a teammate of Simmons' at Syracuse, will give a talk Sunday at 11 a.m. in the media tent.

Throughout the weekend, master wooden lacrosse stick maker and box lacrosse player Alf Jacques will demonstrate the long process of cutting, shaping, carving and webbing his highly prized hickory lacrosse sticks, a skill that he learned from his father.

Overall, the expo features more than 30 Native American vendors and several Native American artists and crafters specializing in beadwork, carvings, drums, sculpture, paintings, leatherwork, ceramics and jewelry, and wooden lacrosse sticks.

The expo is free and open to the public. Parking is available at Onondaga Lake Park for no charge.

For more information on the Wooden Stick Lacrosse Expo and schedule updates, visit www.facebook.com/woodenstickexpo or call (315) 428-1864, ext. 314.

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