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A Seneca player keeps possession from an Onondaga defender in the first Old Sticks game at the Haudenosaunee Wooden Stick Expo at Onondaga Lake Park on Saturday. Mike Greenlar | mgreenlar@syracuse.com

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Liverpool, NY -- The **Haudenosaunee Wooden Stick Lacrosse Expo (https://www.facebook.com/woodenstickexpo)** seeks to honor the history of lacrosse, promote the sport and educate the public.

Lacrosse is a fast-paced, hard-hitting sport that is growing in popularity across the country, but for Native Americans in Central New York the game is about **peace and tradition.**

(http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2013/09/wooden_stick_lacrosse_expo_at_onondaga_lake_park_celebrates_traditional_game.html)

Lacrosse, which is known as a the Creator's game, is a tradition of the Haudenosaunee, which includes the Mohawk, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Seneca and Tuscarora nations.

An opening ceremony was held at 8:30 a.m. today. The event, which is free and open to the public, is also open on Sunday.

The expo features exhibition games, youth lacrosse clinics hosted by professional lacrosse players from the Onondaga Nation and a stick-making demonstration by lacrosse stick carver Alf Jacques, a member of the Onondaga Nation Turtle Clan.

The expo, which also features Native American food and crafts, ends with a closing ceremony at 5 p.m. Sunday.

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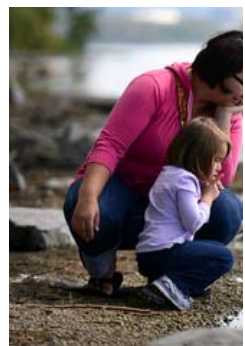
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