



GLIFWC's 2019 Calendar



gichi-manidoo-giizis (January) Great Spirit Moon						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
● New Moon	13	14	15	16	17	18
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	○ Full Moon	27	28	29	30	31

namebini-giizis (February) Sucker Moon						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	○ Full Moon	26	27	28	

onaabani-giizis (March) Hard Crust on the Snow Moon						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	● New Moon	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	○ Full Moon	27	28	29
30	31					

iskigamizige-giizis (April) Maple Sugar Moon						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

waabigwanii-giizis (May) Flower Moon						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



ode'imini-giizis (June) Time for Picking Strawberry Moon						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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aabita-niibino-giizis (July) Half Way Through the Summer Moon						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Mazinibaganjigan is the art of making pictures or patterns on birch bark using careful bites of the teeth. The best bark for doing this is harvested in the spring and peeled apart into thin layers. One of the layers is folded—usually two or three, but sometimes up to 16 times—so that it can fit in the mouth. The artist then bites delicately to create a design that has been visualized in the mind.

Birch bark biting is a pre-contact Ojibwe art form. In an oral history story shared by birch bark biter Awanigiizhik (Roderick) Bruce of the Turtle Mountain Ojibwe, he says he was told that birch bark biting was taught by the babies. "Small teething toys were made of paper birch and were filled with maple sugar. If the baby was sick, other medicines were added. When the babies

would bite the toys, small indentations from their developing teeth were imparted onto the birch bark surface. The parents saw this and the art of birch bark biting was born."

Bitings may have been used to create hunting and fishing maps, or to pass on cultural and ceremonial knowledge between generations. Other sources describe the art as being used similar to wampum belts to commemorate exchanges between different groups.

Bruce was taught the practice and oral history of birch bark biting by Denise Lajimodiere, Turtle Mountain Ojibwe. The Ojibwe words on the bottom left translate to "I am eagle." This image is also depicted on GLIFWC's 2018 poster. For additional copies of the calendar or poster contact lynn@glifwc.org.

manoominike-giizis (August) Ricing Moon						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

waatebagaa-giizis (September) Leaves Changing Color Moon						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

binaakwii-giizis (October) Falling Leaves Moon						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

gashkadino-giizis (November) Ice is Forming Moon						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

manidoo-giizisoons (December) Little Spirit Moon						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				