

Giiwosewin season is here

Each year around the same time that school starts, hunting season starts too. Fall giiwosewin (hunting) season is about four months long. Some people like to go out and hunt right away. Other times people wait until after leaves fall from the trees to see through the forest better.

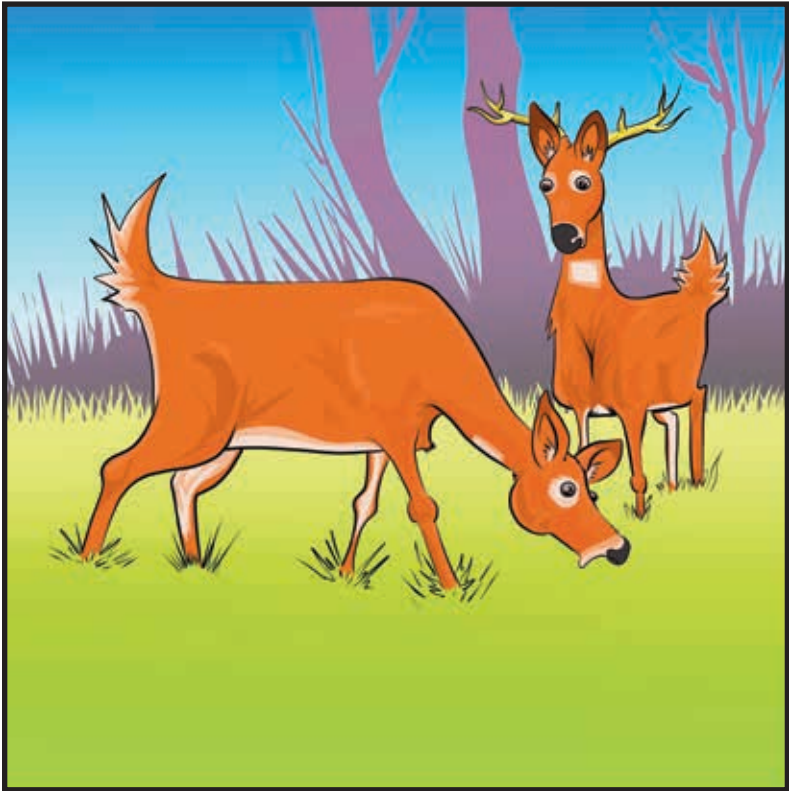
To get ready to hunt, it is important to practice with a gun or bow, and to spend time in the woods to learn where to find animals. A parent, a grandparent, or maybe an uncle can help you. The wolf, or ma'iingan, also helps people be successful hunters.

A long time ago when the earth was new, ma'iingan showed Anishinaabe how to hunt and live a good life. Since that time, wolves and native people have been relatives, like brothers.

Ma'iingan teaches people to be patient hunters and to move through the forest quietly. We also learn to be very observant, to look for the tracks of deer and other animals, and hunt along trails where animals like to walk. Giiwosewin season is a special time of the year.

For more, follow along while listening to a short hunting story shared by Niibaagaabaaw (David Aubid) and read by Language/Outreach Specialist Misty Peterson here: https://glifwc-inwe.com/2Wolf_Flip/story.html*

—CO Rasmussen



“Ma'iingan teaches us to be good hunters and to be patient.”



Color the picture of ma'iingan teaching man to be good and patient hunters.

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