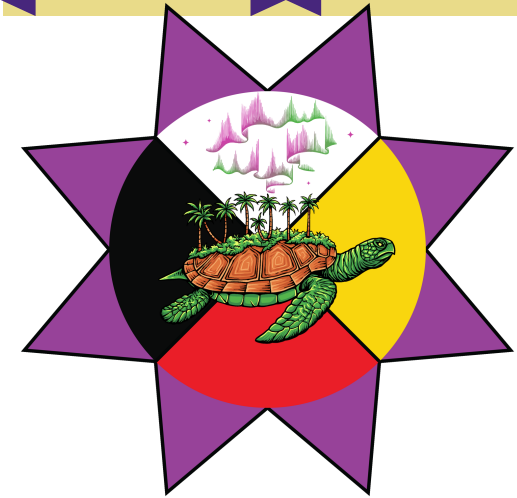




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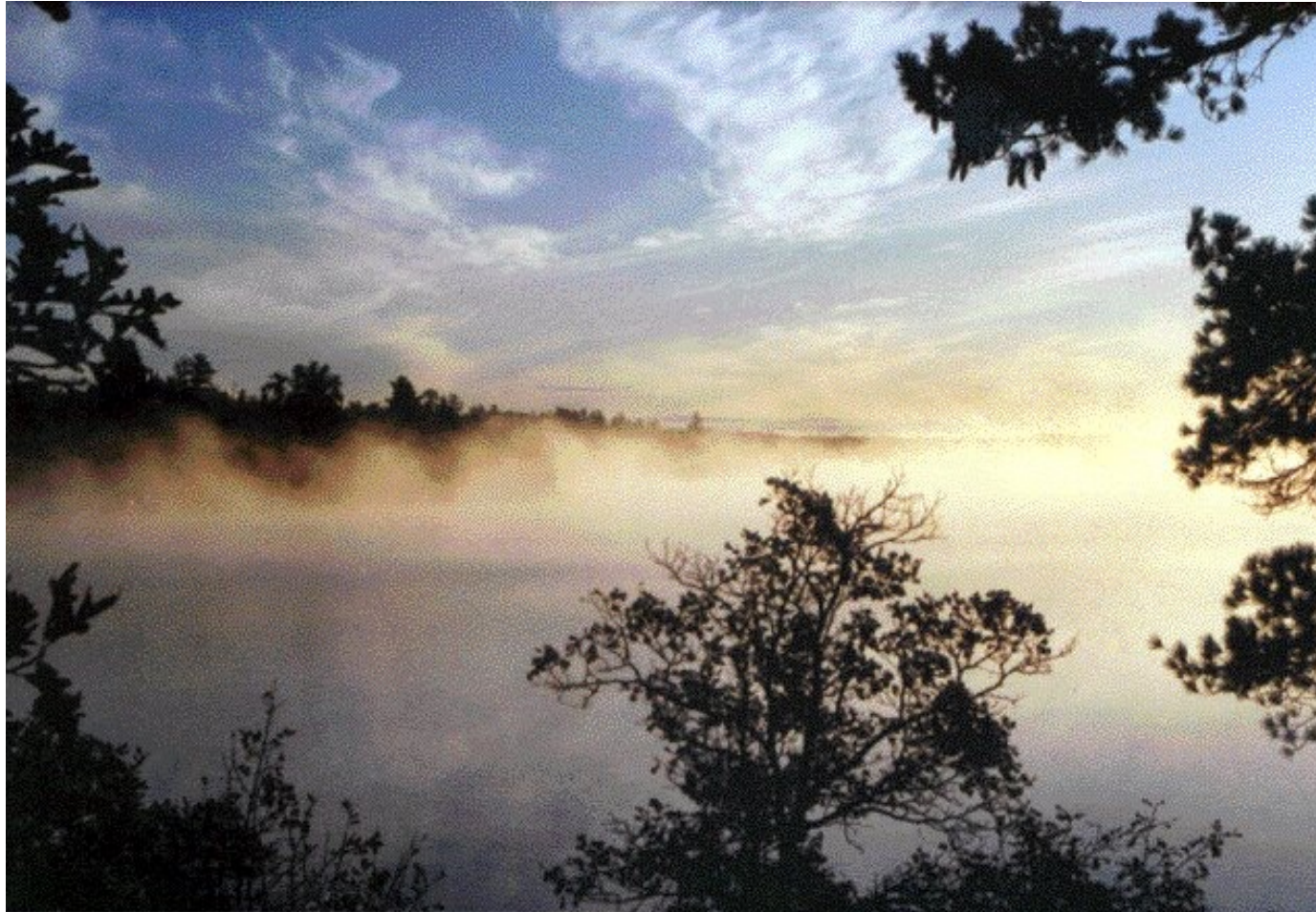
First a few Thank You's

- ❖ **Miigwech and acknowledgement of the space**
- ❖ **Miigwech to ancestors generally**
- ❖ **Miigwech to Creator and Spirits**
- ❖ **Miigwech to Organizers and Sponsors and Participants**
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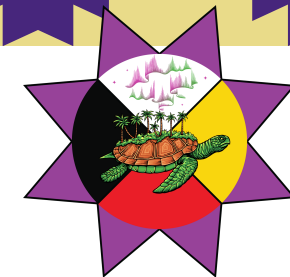
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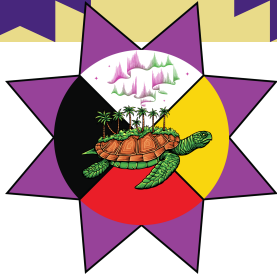


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Native vs Western

Native American	Western
Relative Time Time is always with us. Time is seen as fluid. Events occur when it is proper for them to do so. Sticking to schedules is not as important as doing things at the right time. Having patience is admired.	Linear Time Events occur along a string called “time” which is always passing. Idea of past, present and future. Time is measured according to the clock and sticking to schedules is important. Taking quick action is admired.
Respect for Elders Elders remain integrated with direction and decisions for the community. They are seen as a most important asset, depository of wisdom.	Youth Culture Emphasis on vitality, energy and power of youth. Desire to look young. Elders “retire” from community activities.
Extended Family Many more individuals considered to be family, extended family goes beyond blood relatives. Tend to be geographically closer. Extended family plays more active role in everyday life. Grandparents and other relatives play a larger role in child rearing.	Immediate Family Strong ties to immediate family, often less with extended family. Mobility means few extended families are geographically close. Child rearing largely the role of the parents.
Humans as a Part of Nature Humans are seen as a part of the natural environment. Things in nature are not owned. One should live in balance and cooperation with nature and only take what you need.	.Humans Apart from Nature Humans are seen as separate from the natural environment (physical features and other living beings). Humans manipulate nature.
Cooperation: The Group People are encouraged to see themselves primarily as part of a group, to place group objectives over their own	.Competition: The Individual People are encouraged to see themselves primarily as individuals, to develop separately and compete with others, to “achieve.”
Emphasis on Giving Focus on giving away money and material items as a sign of achievement and generosity. Materialism is not as important as being a good person.	Emphasis on Saving Focus on acquiring and saving money and material items as a sign of prudence, wisdom and achievement.
One Reality Spirituality is part of a person and their relationship to all that surrounds them. It is not a religion.	Physical & Spiritual Reality Distinction between the “real world” and the “supernatural,” between religion and science.
Oral Tradition Cultural information is traditionally recounted orally.	Written Tradition Cultural information is codified and recorded.

Today's Sharing.....



- Music and dance – symbolism
- Crafts – beading, quilting
- Traditional ways –ricing
- How to preserve culture –
 - Goals
 - First steps

Questions

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Music and Dance.....



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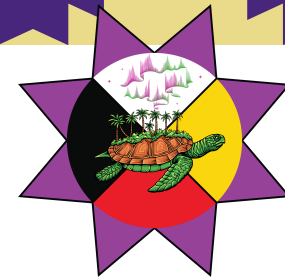
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Crafts.....



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Traditional Ways - Ricing....



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Traditional Ways - Ricing.....



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NIJII is based off the Anishinabe word *nijii*, meaning friend. We wish to be a friend and use our backgrounds and knowledge, our education and training, as well as our positions in the field and/or in academia to assist Indigenous people of the United States in identifying and improving the responses to their self-identified needs.



Language on the Web



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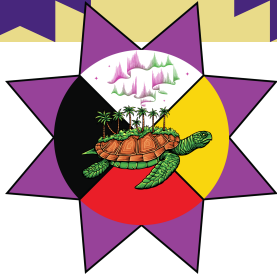


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Culture on the Web and in School



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Culture in Museums - Goals



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Culture Preservation – First Steps



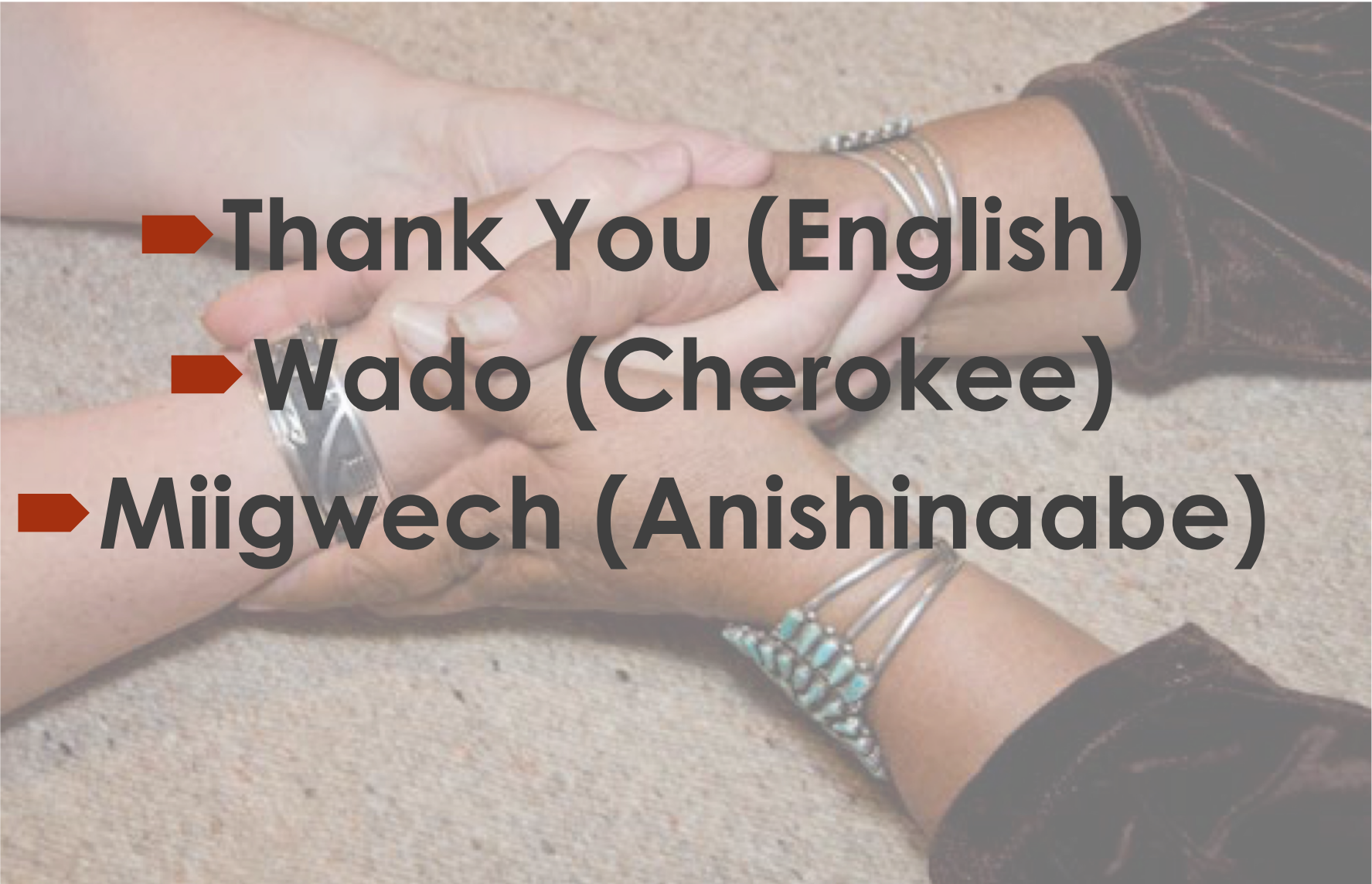
Record stories

Record language

Pictures of crafts or clothing

Passing Down and Celebrating – traditional ways

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- **Thank You (English)**
 - **Wado (Cherokee)**
 - **Miigwech (Anishinaabe)**

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Thank You!
Miigwech!!

Cultural Preservation: Weaving Heritage into the Future

General Introduction

- The Rơngao people are a subgroup of the Ba Na ethnic group.
- They mainly live in Đắk Hà, Đắk Tô, and Kon Tum city.
- They speak the Rơngao language, belonging to the Mon-Khmer language family.
- Though their population is small, their culture is deeply rooted and distinctive.

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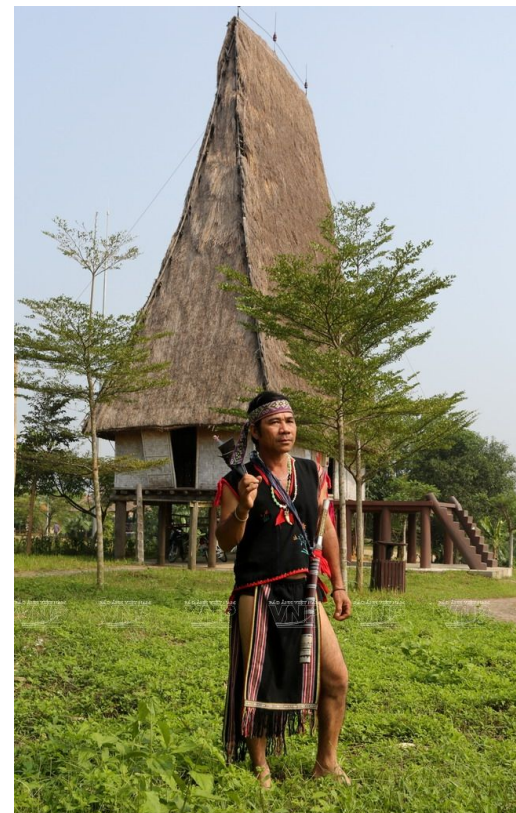
The Rong House – Cultural Symbol

- The Rong house is the central communal house in every village.
- It features a tall, steep roof with traditional patterns.
- It is the heart of the community, where festivals and meetings are held.



Traditional Costumes

- Men usually wear loincloths; women wear handwoven dresses.
- Clothes are decorated with meaningful patterns.
- Costumes reflect the creativity and identity of the Rongao.



Gong Music and Xoang Dance

- Gong music is sacred and performed in rituals.
- The Xoang dance is performed in a circle with graceful, rhythmic movements.
- Recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage.



Rượu Cần – Traditional Tube Wine

- A traditional fermented rice wine made from glutinous rice and forest herbs.
- Brewed in large ceramic jars and drunk using long bamboo straws.
- Often served during festivals, weddings, and ceremonies.
- Symbolizes togetherness, respect for guests, and joyful celebration.

Modern Life and Cultural Preservation

- Modernization affects traditional lifestyles.
- Yet, people continue to preserve their language, crafts, and festivals.
- Government and NGOs, Church support cultural conservation efforts.

Conclusion

Rongao culture is an important piece of Vietnam's diversity.

Young generations play a key role in preserving it.

Let us learn from and support ethnic cultures.