



1996



*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	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

*namebini-giizis (February)*  
*Sucker Moon*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29		

*bebookwaadaagame-giizis (March)*  
*Broken Snow Shoe Moon*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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*ishigamizige-giizis (April)*  
*Maple Sugar Moon*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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*waabiquwani-giizis (May)*  
*Flower Moon*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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*ode'imini-giizis (June)*  
*Time for picking Strawberry Moon*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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*miini-giizis (August)*  
*Blueberry Moon*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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*manoominike-giizis (September)*  
*Wild Rice Moon*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

*binaakwe-giizis (October)*  
*Falling Leaves Moon*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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*gashkadino-giizis (November)*  
*Ice is Forming Moon*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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*Manidoo-giizisoon (December)*  
*Little Spirit Moon*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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### Teachings of the Seasons

"Finally, the last sense in which the Earth was mother was as a teacher. It was through the changes and beauty of the Earth that the Anishinaubae discovered the existence of Kitchi-Manitou and reasoned that the Great Mystery was the creator of all things and beings.

"Mother Earth revealed, by means of her transformations, that there is a Kitchi-Manitou, and some believed that other manitous were created by the First Mystery and set in the world to preside over the destinies and well-being of every species of living, sensate beings.

"By observing the relationship of plants, animals, and themselves to the Earth, the Anishinaubae people deduced that every eagle, bear, or blade of grass had its own place and time on Mother Earth and in the order of creation and the cosmos.

"From the order of dependence on other beings, the Anishinaubae determined and accepted their place in relation to the natural order of Mother Earth."

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