

A black and white woodcut-style illustration of a Native American man in a canoe on a river. He is wearing a feathered headdress and a fringed garment. The background shows a forest of evergreen trees and mountains in the distance.

a merry Xmas to you

Akhesasne Mohawk Counselor Code

As an Akwesasne Mohawk, I will do my best to:

BE FAR SIGHTED IN MY OUTDOOR WAYS

I will look upon the outdoors as a heritage, a gift of the Great Spirit to his Red Children for them to use and enjoy. I will keep my trash and waste out of Mother Earth's waters, meadows, forests and trails.

BE CAREFUL OF FIRE

I will build my fire where it will do no harm - Where it will not spread and I will make certain that it is out before I leave it.

BE CONSIDERATE OF THE OUTDOORS

I will treat Mother Earth with respect. I will not destroy my animal and bird Brothers needlessly or for the joy of killing nor will I mark or destroy the forests and plants that grow upon Mother Earth. I will remember that use of the gifts of Mother Earth is a privilege I can lose by abuse.

BE CONSERVATION MINDED

I will practice good conservation of the Earth, the animals, the birds, the fish, the plant life of this land and I will urge others to do the same. I will use sportsmanlike methods in my outdoor activities, will be far-sighted during the number of days that the Good Spirit has given me to walk upon this Earth.

Elwyn Jackson
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