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## **NATIVE AMERICAN HUNTING AND TRAPPING FEATURED AT GANONDAGAN**

### *Demos and hands-on experiences with ancient and traditional techniques*

Victor, NY—A fascinating look at traditional Native American hunting and trapping will be offered by **Ganondagan State Historic Site** on **Saturday, June 18 from 1-4 pm**, teaching 21<sup>st</sup> century humans about these ancient techniques and tools. The afternoon will be a mix of education and expert demonstrations including the atlatl, bird blunts (a heavy, blunt arrow tip designed to stun a bird and knock it out of the air), arrow-making, flintknapping, and more. Participants will have the opportunity for hands-on experiences with archery, hoop and javelin, and the atlatl throw.

The atlatl is described by the World Atlatl Association as an ancient weapon with “a handle on one end and a hook or socket that engages a light spear or ‘dart’ on the other. The flipping motion of the atlatl propels the spear much faster than could be thrown by hand. Atlatls preceded the bow and arrow in most parts of the world and are one of humankind’s first mechanical inventions.” Like the atlatl, the ancient art of flintknapping (making stone tools, i.e. arrowheads) has been around since the early ages of man. Examples of this stone-working technology can be found as close as New York State as well as around the world.

Fees for this event are \$5/general admission, and \$10/family (two adults and two children). Admission is free for Friends of Ganondagan members.

For more information, visit [www.ganondagan.org/programs/Hunting.html](http://www.ganondagan.org/programs/Hunting.html) or call 585-742-1690.

### **CALENDAR:**

***What:*** *Native American Hunting and Trapping*

***When:*** *Saturday, June 18, 1-4 pm*

***Where:*** *Ganondagan State Historic Site, 1488 State Route 444, Victor, NY*

***Tickets:*** *\$5/adults, \$10/family (two adults and two children), Friends of Ganondagan members are free.*

**Ganondagan State Historic Site** ([www.ganondagan.org](http://www.ganondagan.org)) in Victor, NY stands at the location of what was one of the largest, most vital 17<sup>th</sup>-century Seneca towns until its destruction in 1687. Today, it is a destination for visitors to explore the replica of a bark longhouse and hunting lodge and enjoy self-guided tours through trails on the Site’s 600+ acres. It also acts as a resource for students and educators

about the Iroquois Confederacy, or Haudenosaunee, and its message of peace. Every summer, *Friends of Ganondagan* hosts the Native American Dance & Music Festival, attended by more than 4,000 people from all over the world. *Friends* also sponsors the annual Canandaigua Treaty Day and presents lectures, workshops, and programs reflecting the vibrancy of a living culture and promoting a sustainable future.

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