To Show the Public That We Were Good Indians: Origins and Meanings of the Meskwaki Powwow

The Annual Meskwaki Powwow originated from the traditional religious and social beliefs of the Meskwaki Tribe. Today, it is not so much a religious event, but more of a social gathering. Specifically, today's event is derived from the "Green Corn Dance" and other social events of the Tribe in their early years. The "Green Corn Dance" was an annual event that took place during the harvesting of crops. The "Field Days" held from 1902 to 1912, lasted about a week, with dancing, games, and horse racing. Mark your calendar today so you won't miss the next Meskwaki Powwow at the Meskwaki Indian Settlement in Tama, Iowa. Tags: Meskwaki Powwow, Meskwaki Pow Wow, Iowa Powwow, Iowa Pow Wow. View Other Iowa Powwows. 2019 Meskwaki Powwow. Rate This Event.

The Meskwaki (sometimes spelled Mesquakie) are a Native American people often known by Western society as the Fox tribe. They have been closely linked to the Sauk people of the same language family. In the Meskwaki language, the Meskwaki call themselves Meshkwahkihaki, which means "the Red-Earths", related to their creation story. Historically their homelands were in the Great Lakes region. The tribe coalesced in the St. Lawrence River Valley in present-day Ontario, Canada. Under French colonial DES MOINES — The Meskwaki Indian tribe, which has had an Iowa settlement near Tama since 1857, is objecting to a Texas company's plans to construct a 343-mile crude oil pipeline across 18 Iowa counties. The tribe — officially known as the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa — has expressed its opposition in a letter to the Iowa Utilities Board. "As long as our environment was good we could live, regardless of who our neighbors were. Our main concern is Iowa's aquifers might be significantly damaged. While the pipeline route would not pass directly through the Meskwaki settlement land near Tama, federal law requires that Indian tribes must be consulted for projects that may affect areas to which tribes attach religious and cultural significance, regardless of their location.