

# Shining Water Council Contingent

## World Scout Jamboree 2019 Trading Crest



Fellow Scouts and Scouters; this is the Shining Waters Council crest for trading with scouts from around the world at next summers Jamboree, and only available to the 77 attending from our Council.

The concept for the centre of the crest takes the Shining Waters crest's island and reworks it to follow the local Native story of North America being on the back of a large turtle. There are four corners pieces added to turn this into a puzzle crest, making it a larger and more popular trader. Each corner is marked with the foot prints of the birds & animals which helped the Turtle build the island on its back. The red corner is a thank you to the IST from our Council who are attending this Jamboree.

The crest will be available to buy as a 5 piece set (4 corners + 1 centre) and the centre crest is available to buy on it's own.

There is a Patch Peddler's special offer for those who purchase 5 sets of 5 puzzle crests. Each order will come with a rare single piece crest of all 5 pieces joined as 1 single large crest. See below for pricing.

**Crest Size** - all 5 pieces total = 6.8"x7.6"      Centre crest = 4"x4.5"

### Pricing:

- ◆ 2 sets of 5 = \$ 25 (i.e. \$2.50/piece)
- ◆ 5 sets of 5 = \$62.5 (i.e. \$2.50/piece + 1 limited edition whole crest)
- ◆ 1 Council Centre Crest = \$3.25 each (discount available for large orders)

## **ALL ORDERS INCLUDING PAYMENT DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

**DELIVERY available @ APRIL 27TH SWC MEETING**

- ◆ Cheques made out to "Scouts Canada First Barrie Foresters"
- ◆ Mailing address: 36 Springdale Drive, Barrie ON L4M 5G4
- ◆ Include Name & email address with your orders to confirm your order and delivery

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# TURTLE ISLAND

The legend of creation begins long ago. The Anishinabe, or Original People, strayed from their harmonious ways and began to fight with one another. Seeing that harmony and respect for all living things no longer prevailed on Earth, Kitchi-Manitou decided to purify the Earth. He did this with water.

The water came in a great flood, *mush-ko'-be-wun'*, upon the Earth destroying the Anishinabe people and most of the animals. Only Nanaboozhoo was able to survive, along with a few animals and birds who could swim or fly.

Nanaboozhoo floated on a log searching for land, but none was found as the Earth was covered by the great flood. Nanaboozhoo allowed the remaining animals and birds to take turns resting on the log. Finally, Nanaboozhoo spoke. "I am going to swim to the bottom of this water and grab a handful of Earth. With this bit of Earth, we can create a new land for us to live on with the help of the Four Winds and Kitchi-Manitou."

Nanaboozhoo dove into the water and was gone for a long time. Finally he surfaced, and told the animals that the water is too deep for him to swim to the bottom. All were silent.

Mahng, the Loon spoke up. "I can dive under the water for a long way, which is how I catch my food. I will make it to the bottom and return with Earth in my beak." Loon disappeared and was gone for a long time. Surely, thought the others, Loon must have drowned. Then they saw him surface, weak and nearly unconscious. "I couldn't make it, there must be no bottom," he gasped.

More animals tried, including *Zhon-gwayzh'*, mink, and even *Mi-zhee-kay'*, turtle. All failed and it seemed as though there was no way to get Earth from the bottom. Then a muffled voice softly said "I can do it." At first no one could see who it was. Then, little *Wa-zhushk'*, muskrat stepped forward. "I'll try," he repeated. Some of the animals laughed at muskrat. Nanaboozhoo spoke up. "Only Kitchi-Manitou can place judgment on others. If muskrat wants to try, he should be allowed to."

So, muskrat dove into the water. He was gone longer than the others. After a while Nanaboozhoo and the other animals were certain that muskrat gave his life to reach the bottom. Far below the water's surface, muskrat had reached the bottom. Very weak from lack of air, he grabbed some Earth in his paw and with all the energy he could muster began to swim for the surface.

One of the animals spotted muskrat as he floated to the surface. Nanaboozhoo pulled him onto the log.

"Brothers and sisters," Nanaboozhoo said, "muskrat went too long without air, he is dead." A song of mourning and praise was heard across the water as muskrat's spirit passed on to the spirit world. Suddenly Nanaboozhoo exclaimed, "Look, there is something in his paw!"

Nanaboozhoo carefully opened the tiny paw. All the animals gathered to see. Muskrat's paw opened and revealed a small ball of Earth. The animals shouted with joy. Muskrat sacrificed his life so Earth could begin anew.

Nanaboozhoo took the Earth from Muskrat's paw. Turtle swam forward and said, "Use my back to bear the weight of this Earth. With the help of Kitchi-Manitou, we can make a new Earth."

Nanaboozhoo put the piece of Earth on the turtle's back. Suddenly, the wind blew from each of the Four Directions. The Earth on the turtle's back began to grow. It grew until it formed an island in the water. The island grew larger, but still the turtle bore the weight on his back. Nanaboozhoo and the animals all sang and danced in a widening circle on the growing island. After a while, the Four Winds ceased to blow and the waters became still. A huge island sat in the middle of the water, and today that island is known as North America.

The Anishinabek hold special reverence for the turtle who sacrificed his life and made life possible for the Earth's second people. To this day, the muskrat has been given a good life. The muskrats do their part today in remembering the great flood; they build their homes in the shape of the little ball of Earth and the island that was formed from it.

*Credit: Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers*

