

The Vision Of Niji Mahkwa's Medicine Conceptual Framework and Timeline

NORTHERN DOORWAY

WINTER

December—February

HELPER

Love / Wisdom / Humility

Circle / Feast Units

Pipe / Story telling Teachings

FALL

September—November

ADULT

Respect / Courage / Love

Smudge / Pipe / Circle Units

Medicine / Sweat / Tipi
Teachings

SPRING

March - May

INFANT

Humility

Sweat Lodge / Vision Quest
Units

Vision Quest/ Water Teachings

SUMMER

June - August

CHILD / YOUTH

Honesty / Truth

Celebration Unit

Feather Teachings

SOUTHERN DOORWAY

WESTERN DOORWAY

EASTERN DOORWAY

Niji Mahkwa School

Four Doorways

Cultural and Linguistic Framework

Learning Periods	TEACHINGS	CEREMONIES	ACTIVITY	MEDICINE & SONG	ANIMAL SPIRIT	COLOUR & Doorway
AUTUMN MOON September	Smudge Unit Sweat Lodge Feather Teaching Moon Teaching Tipi Teaching / Respect	Sweat Lodge Sharing Circle Smudge	Sage Picking Trip to Tipi Biindigen Feast	Sage Helper Song	Buffalo	Red Western Doorway
MIGRATING MOON October	Pipe Unit Love	Smudge Pipe Ceremony Food Offering	Fall Feast Sweat Lodge	Sage Helper Song	Buffalo	Red Western Doorway
FROST MOON November	Circle Unit Love Pipe Ceremony	Pipe Ceremony Circle Bear Feast	Veteran's Day Sharing Circle	Sage Helper Song	Buffalo	Red Western Doorway
FROST EXPLODING MOON December	Circle Unit Courage Moon Teaching	Pipe Sharing Circle	Storytelling Feasting	Cedar Bear Song	Bear	White Northern Doorway
ELDER MOON January	Feast Unit Wisdom Clan Teaching Story Telling	Winter Feast Pipe	Storytelling Feasting	Cedar Bear Song	Bear	White Northern Doorway
EAGLE MOON February	Feast Unit Wisdom Feather Teaching	Sweat Lodge Pipe	Storytelling	Cedar Bear Song	Bear	White Northern Doorway
GOOSE MOON March	Sweat Lodge Unit Humility	Bear Feast Feasting Ceremonies	Feasting Preparation	Sweet grass Eastern Doorway	Robin	Yellow Eastern Doorway
FROG MOON April	Sweat Lodge Unit Humility Water Teaching Flood Story	Gestation of Mother Earth No Ceremonies are held during this time	Cleansing of Mother Earth Offerings are made for her rejuvenation	Sweetgrass Eastern Doorway	Robin	Yellow Eastern Doorway
EGG LAYING MOON May	Vision Quest Unit Humility Sundance Teaching	Sweat Lodge Fasting Vision Questing	Bundles Sweat Lodge Circle of Life Dancing	Sweetgrass Eastern Doorway	Robin	Yellow Eastern Doorway
HATCHING MOON June	Celebration Honesty / Truth Moon Teaching	Sundance Vision Questing	Circle of Life Dancing	Tobacco Bird Song	Thunder Bird	Blue Southern Doorway