

## Support the Native American movement at Standing Rock



By Tim Yakaitis

I returned last week from my second trip out to the Standing Rock reservation where over 200 tribes from around the world are encamped. Many of you may just be seeing this story creep into main stream media but I can assure you that what is happening at the camps is truly historic. Years from now our nation will look back at this movement as the Native American equivalent to the Selma to Montgomery Civil Rights march in 1965.

What little media there is surrounding this story is trying to tell us its all about the DAPL pipeline south of Bismarck. While it is definitely about that, it is so much more. While I was there, virtually every person I spoke with shared

stories of their ancestors being slaughtered and children being taken away from their families to be educated in “Christian” schools. Many of them carry bottles of water or earth from the land where these atrocities took place. They are gathered now to honor their ancestors and protect Mother Earth for their grandchildren’s grandchildren. And to draw a line in the sand and say NO MORE!!!

It is time to step forward and support them. The question is, how?

Firstly, offer up your prayers for a peaceful and successful resolution to this issue. I’ve never seen prayers come more from the heart and soul of a person than those I saw at Oceti Sacowan. Let’s join them and pray for them.

Secondly, the needs of the camp are many. Winter is Coming. Warm sleeping bags and shelter are an immediate need. I have attached a link to a video I shot of the woman who is organizing the donation tent. PLEASE donate any money you are able to so we can purchase more of these goods on our next visit out next week. When we were there two weeks ago we donated tents, sleeping bags, chainsaws, generators, milk, ice, etc. While there are several Gofundme sites going on, a group within our community has set up a site for donations. Our plan is to deliver one or possibly two winter grade canvas tents with a wood stove in each one. Every penny that is donated will be spent directly on these efforts. Mark Morey, Elias Kolson, and myself are three of the individuals you might know who are working towards this goal.

While it is always said that no donation is too small, I am going to go out on a limb and ask you to donate every penny you can spare. This is as righteous a cause as I have ever seen and the need is great. We have all had conversations in our lives about the injustices that have been done to our Native American brothers and sisters. NOW is the time to put our money where our mouths are and support them in a good way. I have also attached a link to our fundraising site where donations can be made easily online. Everything you donate will be greatly

appreciated by many many people. Also, there will be a basket at the lodge site where you can donate cash.

Mitakuye Oyasin. We are ALL related.

Aho.

-- Tim Yakaitis

Links:

Donation Needs Video

[https://vimeo.com/183501662?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm\\_campaign=29220](https://vimeo.com/183501662?utm_source=email&utm_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm_campaign=29220)

Fundraising site

<https://www.youcaring.com/mother-earth-and-her-protectors-640376>