



THE SEVEN TEACHINGS

Respect THE BISON

Respect is the special esteem or consideration in which one holds another person, place or thing.

The Bison carries the gift of respect because for as long as we have been here, we have sustained our lives through the Bison in terms of clothing, food, shelter, and expressing ourselves in art.

Native people depended on the Bison for survival and used every part of the animal – hides for tipis and clothing, bones for tools and toys, meat for food, tendons and muscles for sinew and bow strings, horns for cups and spoons, and brains for hide tanning.

The Bison is a tool of life guided by the Creator to live harmoniously with a sense of balance.

Native people have seen the Bison driven to near extinction. With the renewal of Native traditions, there is a preservation and symbolization of the Bison that is alive and strong today.

