

RHYTHM OF THE SEASONS



Spring

is the season of long trips. Humans roam the land to spot animals they can hunt. They fish walleye and trout with nets. They trap muskrat and beaver. They hunt fox and partridge.

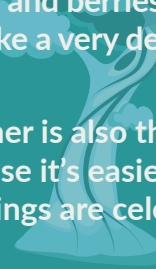
Besides eating game and preserving it for later, they prepare skins for making clothing, moccasins and everyday objects.



Summer

is the small game hunting season (duck, partridge, hare). It's also time to fish, gather bark to make baskets, and gather medicinal plants and berries, such as blueberries, to make a very dense and nourishing paste.

Summer is also the time to get together, because it's easier to travel. For this reason, weddings are celebrated in the summer.



Fall

is the season of making provisions. Before winter sets in, fish are smoked to preserve them. This is also the time to hunt moose. The meat is dried or smoked. The skin is carefully removed to be used to braid sinew for snowshoes.



In the winter,

Aboriginal people go ice fishing : a hole is drilled in the ice, into which a pole with a line-holding a net is placed.

In the winter, moose skin is prepared to make sinew. The skin is washed and scraped to remove all the fur, tanned (a process that ensures it will not rot), and then cut into strips.

