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FOUR WINDS

CASINO RESORT  
NEW BUFFALO, MI



## **Gaming Fact Sheet**

### **Table Games and Slots**

Four Winds Casino Resort features Blackjack, Hi-Tie Blackjack, Craps, No Way Craps, Bonus Craps, Mississippi Stud, Three Card Poker, Pai Gow Poker, Crazy Four Poker, Let It Ride, Mini and Midi Baccarat, World Poker Tour® All-In Hold 'Em, Roulette and Electronic Roulette.

Four Winds Casino Resort, along with over 300 other tribal casinos across the nation, belongs to a sixteen-state Native American progressive gaming network. Anytime a coin is played in a linked machine, anywhere in the network, the cumulative jackpot continues to grow until it is won, producing some of the largest jackpots in the region.

Four Winds recently introduced a new smoke-free slot room, which provides an exciting alternative for guests who prefer a smoke-free gaming experience. The room is conveniently located adjacent to the hotel lobby and features more than 50 games in a variety of denominations.

Players at Four Winds can also experience the excitement of three entirely new categories of slot game play from Chicago-based WMS Gaming. Slots such as Monopoly Big Event®, Wizard of Oz™ and Real Estate Tycoon® provide unique player experiences and represent the next-generation in casino entertainment. In addition, WMS is supplying dozens of other favorites at Four Winds including Goldfish® 2, Hot Hot Super Jackpot® and Hot Hot Penny®.

### **World Poker Tour® Poker Room**

The World Poker Tour Poker Room offers Texas Hold 'Em and Omaha in-limit and no-limit style play at stakes that accommodate all level of players. The poker room holds 14 PokerPro® tables. Players can also participate in promotions and win seats on the World Poker Tour.

### **W Club**

The W Club is the ultimate player loyalty card, offering more flexibility and more control of earned points and complimentary. Enrollment is free and player cards are available at any club booth in the casino. The W Club Jackpot, exclusive to W Club members, features random jackpots up to \$100,000. Players must be using a W Club Card to be eligible. Additionally, Four Winds Casino Resort features two new W Club Jackpots; Dollar Downpour and Reigning Quarters. The Dollar Downpour Jackpots are connected to a bank of 40, \$1 slot machines in a special section on the casino floor. The Dollar Downpour starts at \$500 and must hit by \$1,200. The Reigning Quarters Jackpots are connected to 40, \$0.25 slot machines. The Reigning Quarters payout starts at \$250 and must hit by \$500.

One point is earned for every \$2 of coin-in on a slot machine and \$7 of coin-in on a video poker machine. Every 100 points can be redeemed for \$1. Points are redeemable for Instant Credit/Free Slot Play or as credit in the restaurants, hotel, merchandise in the Four Winds Outfitters store, or for vouchers at Kids Quest.

There are two tiers to the W Club – Red and Copper. W Club members elevate from the base Red tier level to elite Copper membership status with 75,000 points earned in a calendar year. Copper tier members receive exclusive access into the Players Lounge, featuring a complimentary buffet and well-stocked cash bar. Copper tier members also receive priority first floor parking on weekends and holidays, front of line privileges at The Buffet, Players Club and Cashiers Cage, a 20 percent discount at Four Winds Outfitters and Kids Quest, and access to a personal Casino Host.

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## Hotel Fact Sheet

The hotel features 165 rooms including 98 suites. Each room includes granite counter tops, leather wrapped headboards, 14 1/2 inch deep pillow-top mattresses, flat screen high-definition televisions, coffee makers and complimentary Starbucks® coffee. All suites have a walk-in shower, a whirlpool jetted bath tubs and a wet bar with a refrigerator and microwave. Standard rooms feature all of the amenities you would expect including complimentary wireless high-speed Internet access. Handicap-accessible suites are available upon request. Each room comes equipped with a safe and the hotel also features a workout facility and an outdoor hot tub.

Check in is at 3:00 p.m. and check out is at 11:00 a.m. Late check-outs may be arranged through the front desk with advance request.

Reservations can be made online at [www.fourwindscasino.com](http://www.fourwindscasino.com) or by calling 1-866-4WINDS1.

**Standard Room:** (400 sq. ft.) Warmly decorated in earth tones and elegant fabrics, Standard Rooms offer king or two queen Serta® Presidential Suite beds. Unwind while taking in the exquisite nature view or relax and watch a movie on the 32-inch Sony® Bravia TV.

**Junior Suite:** (500 sq. ft.) The magnificent forest view that cascades through the windows is one of many elements that make Four Winds so distinctive. Lounge on the remarkably comfortable sofa or on the signature king size Serta Presidential Suite bed while watching one of the two 32-inch Sony Bravia TV's. Wet bar, refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker are all accessible within the comfort of the room. At the end of the day, relax in the soaking tub, add bath salts and let the Whirlpool jets soothe away the worries of the day. Then wrap up in a Four Winds signature spa robe.

**Deluxe Suite:** (800 sq. ft.) Luxury is redefined at Four Winds with another level of elegance and sophistication in the Deluxe Suites. Spacious and stylishly decorated, the Deluxe Suite offers large picture windows with panoramic views. Living room and dining room areas provide a perfect setting for cocktails prepared at the wet bar or a room service dinner. Relax and enjoy a movie on any of the three 32-inch Sony Bravia TV's in this suite. The Deluxe Suite's sleigh beds and exquisite bathrooms are designed with the ultimate comfort in mind.

**Celebrity Suite:** (1,000 sq. ft.) Experience the luxury of Four Winds Casino Resort in one of its six Celebrity Suites. Created in three distinct themes, the Chicago Suites, the Harbor Suites and the Dunes Suites – Four Winds has catered to every taste. The multimedia experience in the Celebrity Suites is a technophile's delight; 60-inch high-definition TV's complete with five speaker surround sound, which provides the best in audio visual entertainment. The master bathroom will infuse the senses – the feel of the plush toweling, the sights and sounds of the waterfall and the aromas of the orange extracts in the spa amenities blend to create perfect tranquility. From the grand entrance to the opulent furnishings to the contemporary finishes, the Celebrity Suites confirm "you have arrived."



## Restaurant Fact Sheet

### **Copper Rock Steakhouse**

Copper Rock Steakhouse is an elegant, white-tablecloth steakhouse with leather over-stuffed seating, masculine décor and epicurean fare. The menu features certified USDA prime beef, aged in-house as well as handcrafted desserts created by our award-winning pastry chef. The restaurant appeals to guests looking for a pampered, relaxed experience. The Copper Rock Steakhouse also has a private dining room for up to 16 guests and a private Chef's Table near the kitchen for a truly unique experience. Situated at the entrance of the Copper Rock Steakhouse is one of the largest pieces of copper ever displayed in its natural form. Copper retains a special importance to the Potawatomi, and other peoples, as a spiritual gift with important ceremonial value and meaning. We hope guests at the Copper Rock Steakhouse appreciate this part of the Potawatomi's culture and history, while enjoying the food and ambiance of the restaurant.

The Copper Rock Steakhouse is also offering, for a limited time, a new three course Copper Classics dinner for \$35 from Sundays through Fridays. This includes a choice of starter, entrée with a side dish and dessert. The complete Copper Classics menu as well as a new Winter 2010 Copper Rock Steakhouse menu is available at:  
<https://www.fourwindscasino.com/dining/copperrock.asp>.

According to a review by the *Post-Tribune* in Gary, Ind., the Copper Rock Steakhouse offers a "fabulous dining experience" and "tableside service (that) is rarely offered in Northwest Indiana." It is a "classy looking, stylish restaurant" and the "variety and depth (of the wine list) were impressive."

Hours are 5 p.m. – 10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday; 5 p.m. – 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

### **The Buffet**

This is a high energy buffet with a variety of cooking stations and dishes from around the world with seating for up to 500 people. The menu is never exactly the same everyday and the delivery is always excellent. The Buffet at Four Winds Casino Resort is offering a new menu. The International Buffet, featuring cuisine from around the world, including a new Mediterranean station, will be offered on Sundays through Wednesday s for \$16. The Prime Rib & Shrimp buffet is offered on Thursday and Fridays for \$24. On Saturdays, the Signature Seafood and Prime Rib Buffet will be available for \$28, which features prime rib along with a bountiful seafood selection including Alaskan snow crab legs.

Brunch: 11 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Sunday

Lunch: 11 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday

Dinner: 4 p.m. – 9 p.m., Sunday through Thursday; 4 p.m. – 10 p.m., Friday; and 4 p.m. – 11 p.m., Saturdays

**Willowbrook Café**

Willowbrook Café serves up comfort food in a relaxed, casual environment where anyone can feel at home. Enjoy breakfast all day, along with specialties like New York strip, soups, salads and more.

Hours are 11 p.m. on Thursdays to 10 p.m., on Fridays; 8 a.m. – 11 p.m. on Saturdays; and 8 a.m. – 10 p.m., on Sundays

**Timbers Fast Food & Deli**

The name says it all. Guests can choose from an array of menu items. It's pizza, burgers, hotdogs and fries along side pastrami and rye and oven-baked deli sandwiches. The raised gazebo shaped seating area has exposed wooden beams and an expansive view of the casino floor. Timbers also offers breakfast from 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. daily.

Open 24 hours a day.

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## **Poker Tournaments Fact Sheet**

### **Monthly Invitational Freeroll**

Fifty players who have the most flops seen every month will be invited to play in a Monthly Invitational Freeroll Tournament with a \$2,500 prize pool. Please check the Four Winds Casino Resort web site for the dates of upcoming tournaments.

### **Tournaments**

**Sit & Go Tournaments:** Buy-ins range from \$25 – \$500 and the players finishing in the top three spots are guaranteed payouts. Blinds increase every 15 minutes. These tournaments are offered 24 hours a day.

**Texas Hold ‘Em Tournaments:** Texas Hold ‘Em Tournaments are offered weekly, with buy-ins ranging from between \$10 - \$100. Please check the Four Winds Casino Resort Web site for the dates of upcoming tournaments.

### **Bad Beat Jackpots**

Four Winds Casino Resort has two Bad Beat Jackpots. One Bad Beat Jackpot is set for Omaha and the other for Texas Hold ‘Em. More than \$676,000 has been paid out in Bad Beat Jackpots to date.

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## **The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Mission of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
is to respectfully promote and protect  
the culture, dignity, education, health, welfare, and self-sufficiency  
of our Elders, our youth, our families, and our future generations  
while preserving Mother Earth.*

*We will strive to give our people a better quality of life.  
The Band will also strive to be economically independent  
from federal and local governments,  
allowing the band to fully exercise its sovereignty.*

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## **The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians PAST**

Each Indian Nation has its own creation stories. Some stories tell that the Potawatomi have always been here. Other stories tell of migration from the Eastern seaboard with the Ojibway and Odawa Nations. The three tribes loosely organized as the “Three Fires Confederacy,” with each serving an important role. The Ojibwe were said to be the Fishers. The Odawa were known as the Traders. The Potawatomi were known as the “Keepers of the Fire.” Around 1450 A.D., the Potawatomi migrated from north of Lakes Huron and Superior to the shores of the “*Mitchigami*” or Great Lake. This location—in what is now Wisconsin, southern Michigan, northern Indiana, and northern Illinois—is where European explorers first came upon the Potawatomi in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. They called themselves *Neshnabek*, meaning the “Original” or “True” people.

As the United States frontier border moved west, boundary arguments and land cessions became a way of life for Native Americans. In 1830, the Indian Removal Act was passed by the U.S. Congress and directed that all American Indians were to be relocated to lands west of the Mississippi River, leaving the Great Lakes region open to further non-Indian development.

The 1833 Treaty of Chicago established the conditions for the removal of the Potawatomi from the Great Lakes area. When Michigan became a state in 1837, more pressure was put on the Potawatomi to move west. That year, a band of Potawatomi from the Niles area was moved west. The hazardous trip killed one out of every ten people of the approximately 500 Potawatomi involved. As news of the terrible trip spread, some bands—or groups of families—would flee to northern Michigan and Canada. Some also tried to hide in the forests and swamps of southwestern Michigan. The U.S. government sent soldiers to round up the Potawatomi they could find and move them at gunpoint to reservations in the west. This forced removal is now called the Potawatomi Trail of Death, similar to the more familiar Cherokee Trail of Tears.

However, a small band of Potawatomi, under the shrewd leadership of Leopold Pokagon, were granted the right to remain in their homeland—in part because they had demonstrated a strong attachment to Catholicism. It is the descendants of this small group who constitute the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

When the American settlers first came to southwestern Michigan around 1800, they found Leopold Pokagon and his followers in a village in a large prairie near what is now called Sumnerville. However, by 1833, Leopold Pokagon had moved his village along the Saint Joseph River between Niles, Michigan and South Bend, Indiana. Leopold Pokagon had received some money from the 1833 Treaty of Chicago. He used a portion of the treaty monies to purchase land near South Bend. He gave some of this land to the Catholic Church to start what is now the University of Notre Dame. He sold the rest of the land and then purchased land at Silver Creek, near Dowagiac, Michigan. When Brigadier General Hugh Brady threatened to force the Pokagon Potawatomi out of Michigan, Pokagon—who by then was an old man in failing health—traveled to Detroit to get a written judgment from the Michigan Supreme Court to remain on their land.

Over one hundred years later, the federal government passed the Wheeler-Howard Act, also known as the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, which would provide tribes with resources to reestablish tribal governments. Although the Pokagon Potawatomi band applied for recognition, the Bureau of Indian Affairs decided to recognize only one Indian tribe in the lower peninsula of Michigan (the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe) due to limited funding and personnel to fully implement the IRA. This was during the Depression Era.

Finally, on September 21, 1994 the Act to reaffirm the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians was signed into law by President Clinton. This day is now celebrated as “Pokagon Reaffirmation Day” by the membership of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This did not mean that the Pokagon Band suddenly “became” an Indian tribe; rather, the federal government reaffirmed what the Pokagon Band had always known—they were always a tribe.

## **The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians PRESENT**

### **TRIBAL GOVERNMENT**

The Pokagon Band tribal government and programs are headquartered near Dowagiac, on tribal property, located at 58620 Sink Road. The Tribal Council Lodge, Administration, Social Services, Education, and Tribal Court are housed at the Sink Road property, with the Tribal Health Department, Tribal Police Department, and the Housing Department located nearby. A satellite office in Mishawaka, Indiana focuses service delivery to the Indiana membership.

The Pokagon Band has an eleven-member Tribal Council, elected by the membership. Within the Tribal Council, the executive officers include a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Tribal Chairperson serves full-time in the position and the remaining Council members are reimbursed on a per-meeting basis.

### **TRIBAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians provides a tribal service delivery system that effectively implements the Tribal Mission by providing first-class education, cultural, health, housing, and social services opportunities to Pokagon Band Members and their families, while adhering to the highest standards of conduct and values.

### **TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION**

To ensure services conform to Tribal culture, laws, policies, and the environment; to protect assets and properties; and to provide administrative support to departments in accordance with the Tribal Operations Plan. Includes Elections Office, Enrollment Office, Human Resources Department, Information Technology Department, and Resource Development Office.

### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**

To provide comprehensive health services to Tribal Members and the Native American community. Services include prevention and treatment of chronic diseases and complications of diseases; holistic, targeted treatment for behavioral health and well-being; and prevention of environmental risk and injury.

### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

To provide opportunities to promote lifelong learning among all Band Members, with an emphasis on Pokagon Potawatomi culture and language. Includes Head Start program, K-12/Youth services, Culture and Language services, Adult Basic Education services, Employment and Training services, and Higher Education services.

### **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT**

To provide housing opportunities to Pokagon Band Members through acquired resources, technical assistance and education; and to function as the developer for Tribal housing, community, and government buildings. Services include home ownership assistance, emergency rent and mortgage assistance, well and septic assistance, winterization assistance, and maintenance services.

### **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

To empower Tribal Members and families toward obtaining self-sufficiency and improving their quality of life. Services include Food Commodities program, Low Income Home Energy Assistance program, Child Care assistance, Elders Nutrition program, Elders Stipend program, and Pokagon Band Burial Fund.

### **TRIBAL POLICE**

The Pokagon Band Tribal Police Department strives to provide for a safe, welcome, and orderly environment; to defend the Sovereignty of the Band; to defend the rights of all people in its

jurisdiction; and to assist in improving the quality of life for all Tribal Members. Officers are cross-deputized in the state of Michigan and work cooperatively with other police departments.

**TRIBAL COURT**

The Tribal Court is a court of general jurisdiction having jurisdiction over all causes of action except as may be limited by the Band’s Constitution, by applicable federal law, or by existing tribal resolutions or laws. The Tribal Court hears and processes all matters over which they have jurisdiction including those matters that would be considered internal to the Band such as enrollment, election, and constitutional issues. The Tribal Court has the power to issue any civil or criminal process, writs, or other orders necessary and proper to the exercise of its jurisdiction. The Tribal Court also recognizes and enforces the judgments, decrees, orders, warrants, subpoenas, records, and other judicial acts of foreign courts.

**TRIBAL CITIZENS TODAY**

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribe with over 3,000 enrolled members as of 2007. The Pokagon Band has a ten-county service delivery area in southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana, which includes: **(Please see attached map, Pg. 9)**

<u>MI</u>		<u>IN</u>		
Allegan	Cass	Elkhart	Marshall	Starke
Van Buren	Berrien	St. Joseph	La Porte	Kosciusko

Approximately 45% of Band members reside within the service area, with an additional 15% in the adjoining counties. The largest population concentrations remain today in the vicinity of the traditional villages in the St. Joseph River Valley, near the town of Dowagiac and Hartford, Michigan and South Bend, Indiana.

Privately owned land by the Pokagon Band include approximately 5,000 acres:

- Dowagiac, MI – Approx. 2,200 acres**
- Hartford, MI – Approx. 1,350 acres**
- North Liberty, IN – Approx. 1,450 acres**

Land held in Federal Trust for the benefit of the Pokagon Band include:

- New Buffalo, MI – Approx. 675 acres**

Members of the Pokagon Band are also citizens of the United States, as well as citizens of the state in which they reside. Despite misconceptions to the contrary, Native Americans pay taxes and enjoy the benefits of being American citizens. Today, the Pokagon Band is young and

growing. Of its 3000 + citizens, over two-thirds are 40 years of age and younger, with half of that group still under 18.

## **CULTURE AND LANGUAGE TODAY**

Cultural traditions are still present among our citizens. The citizens of the Pokagon Band still have naming ceremonies, Pow Wows, Sweat lodges, pipe ceremonies and social gatherings. Today, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is committed to language revitalization. Potawatomi language classes are offered weekly for community members of all ages—including at the Head Start program. The Pokagon Band has a partnership with the Gun Lake Band and Huron Band of Potawatomi in southwestern Michigan and received a three-year grant for language preservation and revitalization. The project is called, “200 Words to a Community.”

## **The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians FUTURE**

The future for the Pokagon Band is full of hope and promise. The casino enterprise is a means to an end. The casino will not change who we are. The revenues will allow the Band to provide for the immediate needs of its members along with preserving our way of life and passing it on to future generations. Providing health care, housing, education and services to our people while developing our reservation land and preserving our culture are first priorities. The culture of the Band is to think of the impact today’s decisions will have on the next generations.



## **Pokagon Band Fast Facts**

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- The Pokagon Band has a 10-county service delivery area in southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana.
- The Potawatomi are known as the “Keepers of the Fire.”
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- The largest population of members remain today in the vicinity of the traditional villages in the St. Joseph River Valley, near the town of Dowagiac and Hartford, Michigan and South Bend, Indiana.
- Members of the Pokagon Band are also citizens of the United States, as well as citizens of the state in which they reside.
- It is important to note that until the passage of the Indian Religious Freedoms Act in 1978, it was actually illegal for Native Americans to practice their traditional spiritual beliefs.

- Bodéwadmí Zheshmowen is the native Potawatomi language
- Cultural traditions are still present among the Pokagons. The citizens of the Pokagon Band still have naming ceremonies, Pow Wows, Sweat lodges, pipe ceremonies and social gatherings.
- The Pokagon Band has reservation land in New Buffalo, MI and privately owned property in Dowagiac and Hartford, MI and North Liberty, IN.

# The Pokagon Band 10 County-Service Area

