# Gathering Thunder Foundation

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In the spirit of Gathering Thunder Foundation's vision to support tribal reservations in need of community help and support, the Leech Lake band of Ojibwe in Minnesota requests that Gathering Thunder provide their basketball league's "Sota Boyz" team with uniforms and sweatshirts. Gathering Thunder's goal is to raise $1600.00 to help support this Native American basketball team.

Basketball is a sport of artistry and athleticism. The game can be played in gymnasiums, arenas, backyards, or on streets and in parks that are barren and nameless. Basketball is an accessible sport to children, teens, and adults across America. It is played in passion by endless shirtless players. What is relevant is that it doesn't take a uniform or significant equipment to make a team, it is the heart of the players that make the team.

Basketball is an opportunity for a player to breathe and excel in the moment physically and mentally. There is a common thread through team members, as plays create a fluid movement down the court. Sprinkle in defense and offense player's strategies which create penalties and turn overs, and the game becomes a spectator and player's delight. Then there is the shot, the ball in motion suspended in air and yet on trajectory aiming for the hoop, and the often breathless moments before points are scored. It is a brilliant sport that has few barriers for participation.

Uniforms and sweatshirts for the Sota Boyz basketball team will not change the existing heart of the team and how they play together. The uniforms will help to change spectators and opposing team member's perception of who they are. The Sota Boyz have played in tournaments with their own shirts on their backs, demonstrating players of pride who are in it for the game. This fundraiser is a great opportunity for Gathering Thunder Foundation to support a Native American boy's basketball team with a gift of a uniform and team sweatshirt, our way of saying thank you to each member of this basketball team.

Gathering Thunder Foundation is a 501(c)(3)non-profit organization. 100 % of your contribution will go to Gathering Thunder Foundation. If you are writing a check please write in "Sota Boyz" in the memo to ensure proceeds go directly to this fundraiser campaign. Donations can also be processed electronically through Gathering Thunder's website at www.gatheringthunderfoundation.org. Please specify Sota Boyz when you submit your payment electronically. Thank you for helping to support the vision of Gathering Thunder Foundation.

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