



Dear Friend of Aztalan:

Over the last several years, the Friends of Aztalan State Park has been working on a major project with Wisconsin State Parks to build a much needed visitor center at the ancient town of Aztalan at the park. We have raised a considerable amount of money to finance construction of the center, which will be located on the west side of the park along Hwy Q, and this has been greatly facilitated by generous contributions of our patron Elizabeth Parker of Milwaukee who has been matching all donations dollar for dollar. Beside private donations we have received grants from the Department of Natural Resources Stewardship fund.

To date the Friends have funded a detailed architectural design for the building completed by Dimension IV architects in 2015 and are now soliciting proposals from professionals for the design of interior exhibits. We have raised a substantial amount of money for the construction of the \$800,000 building that will be done by Maas Brothers of Watertown but we still need to raise several hundred thousand dollars more before construction can begin. Our goal is to raise this amount this year.

You can help us achieve this goal by becoming a member of the newly created **Aztalan Sun People Club** by making a donation of \$1000 or more to the visitor center fund. The sun played a central role in the culture of the Mississippian people who lived at Aztalan. In Mississippian communities, houses of important people and other key buildings were placed on top of platform mounds, like those found at Aztalan, that raised the structures and people up to the sun.

Benefits of membership in the Sun People Club are private tours for you, your friends and family; behind the scenes visits at museums and universities to view collections of artifacts (several visits are being arranged for this summer); private dinners with Aztalan archaeologists; and other special events. Members will also receive an attractive certificate. The names of Sun People Club

members will be prominently listed at the Aztalan visitor center in acknowledgment of generous contributions.

To become a member, use the attached donation form or donate on-line at our secure Friends of Aztalan State Park website www.aztalanfriends.org Those who have already donated \$1000 or more to the visitor center fund are automatically members but additional donations would be most welcome.

Naturally, we will be most happy to receive donations in any amount in support of the proposed Aztalan visitor center.

Thank you in advance for your support of Aztalan, a National Historic Landmark at Aztalan State Park.

The Friends of Aztalan State Park Board of Directors



Yes! I would like to join the Friends of Aztalan State Park
SUN PEOPLE CLUB
to help build the Visitor Center at Aztalan State Park with a contribution in
the following amount:

\$5,000___ \$,4,000___ \$3,000___ \$2000___ \$1000___ Other_____

I would otherwise like to make the following contribution to the Visitor Center Fund:

\$500___ \$250___ \$100___ \$50___ Other_____

Name _____

Address _____

email _____ Telephone _____

All donations will be matched by Aztalan patron Elizabeth Parker of Milwaukee and are tax deductible.

Make check out to Friends of Aztalan State Park and send to
Friends of Aztalan State Park
Visitor Center Fund
P.O. Box 855
Lake Mills, WI 53551