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A Letter from the Publisher

Shekóli. This coming weekend at the Denver March Pow Wow, Indian Country Today Media Network will distribute our annual Pow Wow magazine, one of the most anticipated special print editions of the year. Readers of the digital form of This Week From Indian Country Today will find this special issue attached to this week's newsletter. Consider it a 64-page bonus magazine.

It's fitting that we kick off a new Pow Wow season in Spring. It's a time of renewal, a time of promise and a time of many colors. Today's Pow Wow gatherings offer the best of contemporary Indian culture, in as many varieties as there are blossoms on the horizon. It is here that we welcome each other with pride, that we hear our many languages spoken, that we revel in our athleticism and physical gifts. It is an opportunity to display new beadwork crafted during a long winter, and to meet with old friends and family. We are happy, and free from all concern and worry.

Pow Wows have grown and evolved in ways that mirror the growth and rebirth of our traditions and way of life. They are not static; they are not presented behind a wall of plexiglass. When we dance, we dance to the heartbeat of Mother Earth, the drum. We sing and we dance for each other, for our elders and ancestors, for the Creator, and for our children.



We always look forward to producing our annual Pow Wows edition of This Week From Indian Country Today. It is one of our most visually stunning, popular publications. In it, you'll find news and notes on the latest trends and upcoming events in Indian country. It also carries our signature guide, the ICTMN Pow Wow Listing. Turn to the back of the magazine for the most comprehensive compilation in print of titles, locations, dates and times for hundreds of events.

Many months from now, the season will end. What will remain are memories, and the spirit of community that such gatherings bring. That spirit lives in all of us. We must use it to remember the good times, the good people, and the right path. Remember that we caress the sacred

Mother Earth gently with our dancing, and caringly, because it embraces the faces beneath the ground and the dust of our ancestors for a thousand years.

Na kir wa,

Ray Halbritter

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Disenrollment Is a Federal Action

Gabriel Galanda, managing lawyer of Galanda Broadman, PLLC, resists the Obama administration's hands-off approach to the current trend of tribal disenrollment:

As the tribal disenrollment epidemic only worsens, our trustee—the United States and its Department of the Interior—continue to turn a deaf ear to desperate pleas for help from Indians who are facing disenrollment or have already been terminated.

Interior says it “does not get involved in individual tribal matters [of disenrollment] unless the agency’s participation

is included in the tribal constitution.” That position results from a decision made by a few Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel not even 10 years ago—an unwritten decision that was made without any agency rulemaking or tribal consultation whatsoever. These people at BIA simply decided from behind closed doors that the agency should no longer get involved in disenrollment controversies. Even worse, Indian Country has accepted the BIA officials’ self-serving position as our own position.

To be clear: Disenrollment is not an exercise of tribal sovereignty or self-determination. Disenrollment is instead an exercise of federal removal, assimilation and termination policies, which

tribes are now inflicting upon themselves. To be equally clear, as a matter of federal law, the United States has, or had, been integrally involved in tribal disenrollment controversies for more than a century. What’s more, it is still federal law and policy that the Interior Secretary must be involved in any tribal disenrollment action. But Interior and BIA officials simply ignore those federal dictates.

The Obama administration has failed to do anything to help fix today’s federally caused tribal disenrollment crisis. Not only is it the federal government’s fiduciary obligation to all Indian peoples to do so, but it is the morally correct thing to do. <http://bit.ly/1B2bemd> ☞

The Hair of My People

Kasie Apo Takayama (Native Hawaiian) became one of five winners of this year’s Young Native Writers Essay Contest with a literal and metaphorical tribute to Hawaiian hair:

Sometimes, a specific hair, rare like the blood of my ancestors, is white. Thicker and stronger than even the dark colored others, to me, it embodies the wisdom and experience of the person to whom it belongs.

I see this uncommon hair and it reminds me that my family and I are a

piece of uncommon beauty. Its thickness reminds me of the strength and power that runs through our bloodline.

Today, in times of economic hardship, disease, and war, our mind looks for a place to escape from the dangers and ugliness of the world around us. We seek a beauty and a refuge that is uncommon to our eyes. Today, many people of my culture find this refuge with their families. They find it watching our relatives dance hula and throw nets at the beach.

As we admire these traditional beauties, one thing that always catches our eyes is that beautiful Hawaiian hair. Its

body, and the way it caresses the wind, shines through as a symbol of the comfort, embrace, and safety that I feel when I think of my family and the culture that we come from.

Its bulkiness and persistent rhythm of flow and kink is like the beating and pulsing of our warrior built hearts. Its thick roots serve as a reminder of the honed roots that we have to our past, our present, and our future.

Today, as I walk amongst our *kupuna* (elders), the hair of my people is the icon that ties me to who I am. <http://bit.ly/1KVj2Bx> ☞

Understanding The Racists

Following the expulsion of two Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity members at the University of Oklahoma for chanting racist epithets, Harlan McKosato (Sac and Fox) offers his take:

Some of my fondest memories of attending the University of Oklahoma are whipping up on frat boys on the intramural football fields and basketball courts. They couldn’t stand me. I was a brash and arrogant Native American who was a mile ahead of them athletically and wouldn’t sit idly by and take their subtle

racism against the Indian kind.

I remember when they were calling one of my Native flag football teammates by the moniker “chief.” He was actually in their fraternity. After every touchdown I scored or threw as quarterback in our 20-point win against those Greeks I would ask them, “How do you like that, chief?” By the second half they stopped using the term “chief.” I assume our playing ability (and my cocksure attitude) shut them up.

We all make mistakes. We all wish we could take back and do over certain actions and decisions in our lives. Lord knows I have my share. I feel bad for the

two SAE members leading the chant who issued public apologies and were expelled for their exploits. I feel bad for them because obviously their parents didn’t teach them any better. What’s especially concerning is that, in my opinion, these boys (and the other students) did not think that what they were chanting was racist—or that it would be exposed. They didn’t think that it was hurtful.

I never felt threatened by racism at the university. I never felt scared of racism. I knew that those frat boys were just as uncertain about their futures as I was. <http://bit.ly/1GPpJSA> ☞

Lawsuits Challenge Federal Killing of Wolves and Other Wildlife

Within three weeks, two lawsuits have been filed against the Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services program over the federally sanctioned killing of wolves and other wildlife.

The Western Environmental Law Center filed suit in U.S. District Court in Seattle, Washington, on March 3 on behalf of five conservation groups, alleging that Wildlife Services has overstepped its authority in killing wolves to protect livestock. The complaint states that the agency's efforts are based on outdated analysis of how to deal with wildlife, Reuters reported.

"Wildlife Services' activities related to wolves in Washington have been extremely harmful," said Western Environmental Law Center attorney John Mellgren. "The science tells us that killing wolves does not actually reduce wolf-livestock conflicts, but Wildlife Services is continuing its bru-

tal assault on this iconic animal, and it needs to stop."

In mid-February, five conservation groups filed suit in U.S. District Court in Idaho over what they called the indiscriminate killing of wolves, coyotes and other fauna. The Idaho lawsuit also includes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as defendants because the groups allege that the agency is inadequately enforcing the Endangered Species Act by not challenging Wildlife Services, according to the Associated Press.

Both suits allege that Wildlife Services' actions are antithetical to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, which mandates that federal agencies conduct thorough environmental analyses of the effects of their activities.

The Endangered Species Act protects wolves in the western two-thirds of Washington State, but in eastern Washington, protection is up to the state. The same rule holds true in Idaho. <http://bit.ly/17ZA7bN>

BIA Puts Land Into Trust for Cowlitz Tribe

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has moved 152 acres of land into trust for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe to build a casino near La Center, Washington. For more than a decade the tribe had sought the land, but its opponents had barred its progress in court. In December, federal judge Barbara Jacobs Rothstein ruled that the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 gave the government the authority to take land into trust for a reservation.

Following an appeal, Stanley Speaks, regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, signed the final agreement for the establishment of the tribe's reservation on March 9, moving the decision

into action.

"It is very much a historic moment for the Cowlitz people, who have been waiting 160 years for the return of part of their homeland," said tribal chairman Bill Iyall. "We are no longer a landless tribe. ... The Cowlitz reservation offers new opportunities in our aboriginal land and the community which the tribe will deliver from generations to come."

The opportunities on this newly returned land include a plan to build a 134,000-square-foot casino and a 250-room hotel and space for shopping and dining. The first phase of the project will produce at least 3,000 construction jobs, and the venue will add at least 1,500 jobs, Iyall said. <http://bit.ly/1wX1qPO>



Claiming an Indian Exemption for the 2014 Tax Year is Easy

Use form 8965 when you file your income taxes.

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Find Part I and enter your ECN.

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**Indigenous Lawsuit
Against Occidental
Petroleum Is Settled BY**
BARBARA FRASER

A long legal battle between five Achuar communities on the Corrientes River in the northern Peruvian Amazon and Occidental Petroleum over pollution from oil drilling has been settled out of court. Although details are confidential, the communities will receive an undisclosed sum for community development, according to lawyers and leaders involved in the case.

"The Achuar communities are very satisfied," said Pablo Kukush Sandi of the community of Pampa Hermosa, who is managing the fund. He said that the communities will use the settlement fund for food- and income-producing activities such as fish farms, as well as for education and health care.

The lawsuit, originally filed in Los Angeles in 2007, accused Occidental Petroleum of harming the environment, health and livelihoods of people in the five Achuar communities located in the lease known at the time as Block 1AB. Although a federal district court judge in Los Angeles ruled in 2008 that the case should be heard in Peru, the Ninth Circuit Court reversed that decision in 2010. In April 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review the case.

Occidental and the Achuar officially closed the case in 2013. But the announcement was not made until March 5, at a press conference in Lima organized by EarthRights International. Sources said the announcement apparently was delayed until the development fund was established.

The case could set a precedent, said Marco Simons, regional program director for EarthRights International and principal attorney for the Occidental lawsuit, because the courts accepted that a company could be sued in the United States for damage caused by its operations in another country. <http://bit.ly/18weTCi>

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Eagle Feathers Returned To Lipan Apache Leader

Dispute over federal jurisdiction is resolved

Nine years after the federal government seized 42 eagle feathers from religious leader and feather dancer Robert Soto of the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas, they have been returned to their owner. The return follows an August decision by the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, which ruled unanimously that the 2006 seizure had violated Soto's rights under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. As a member of a tribe that is not formally recognized by the federal government, Soto was accused of unlawful possession of feathers taken from the endangered birds. <http://bit.ly/1GpS9iG>

Two High Schools Won't Play 'Redskins' Team

Protest over use of controversial name

Akron and Lake Shore high schools, both in western New York, have cancelled lacrosse games that were to take place this month in protest over the "Redskins" nickname and mascot of their scheduled opponent, Lancaster High School. Eleven percent of Akron students and 15 percent of Lake Shore students are Native American, according to Fox Sports. "It was an easy decision for us," Lake Shore Schools Superintendent James Przepasniak told *The Buffalo News*. "We feel this action is in support of the Native American community." In a statement, Lancaster administrators said that the school district treats

the Redskins name with "respect and honor." <http://bit.ly/1KKWinS>

Honor For Northern Cheyenne Professor

Scholar is named a Leopold Fellow

Gail Small, a professor of Native American Studies at Montana State University and a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, has been named a 2015 Leopold Leadership Fellow. Based at the Stanford's Woods Institute for the Environment, the program honors leaders in environmental research from 16 institutions in the U.S. and Canada. The fellows receive intensive leadership training to help them engage effectively with leaders in the public and private sectors who face complex decisions about sustainability and the environment. "It is time for me to help grow the discipline, time to give back and to build a new cadre of student leaders," Small said. <http://bit.ly/1EfxzTG>

For First Nations, A Seat On Wall Street

Shares purchased in financial holding firm

Two of Canada's First Nations—Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation of Saskatchewan and the Nibinamik First Nation of Ontario—have purchased shares in NativeOne Financial Holdings LLC, the only Native-owned broker-dealer with a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. Founded in 2009, NativeOne aims to help tribes achieve greater participation in the financial services industry. The firm

joined Wall Street in December 2010 and purchased a seat on the stock exchange the following August. Its interests in proposed extractions in Ontario's Ring of Fire—where deposits of chromium, copper, zinc, platinum, vanadium and gold have been discovered—could benefit at least 13 First Nations. <http://bit.ly/1AVG2Fg>

Native American Studies Professor Gets Support

Boycotts continue at University of Illinois

Princeton University professor Cornel West is the latest academician to boycott the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to protest its dismissal of Native American studies professor Dr. Steven Salaita. West was scheduled to deliver the prestigious Marjorie Hall Thulin Lecture in April. But he canceled the engagement following the university's firing of Salaita, a Palestinian American, after Salaita tweeted criticism of Israel's bombing of Gaza last summer. Since Salaita's dismissal, more than 5,000 academics from around the country have pledged to boycott Urbana-Champaign. As a result, more than three dozen scheduled campus talks and conferences have been cancelled. <http://bit.ly/1GGJXOD>

Chief Joseph In U.S. Capitol?

Likeness would grace National Statuary Hall

An Oregon commission has recommended that a statue

of Nez Perce leader Chief Joseph be installed in the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall. If approved by the state legislature, Chief Joseph's statue would be the eighth of an indigenous figure in the hall; the others include Will Rogers (Oklahoma), King Kamehameha I (Hawaii) and Sacagawea (North Dakota). "[It] will be a great honor to Chief Joseph and to all those who have been left a legacy that has helped mold who we are today," said Jim Boyd, chairman of the Confederate Tribes of the Colville Reservation, where descendants of Chief Joseph's Wallowa band are currently enrolled. <http://bit.ly/195jP2c>

Native Business Leaders Are Recognized

Honored at National Reservation Economic Summit

Five Native American business leaders were recognized by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development at this year's National Reservation Economic Summit at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas last week for their contributions to Indian country. They were Victoria Vasques, owner and president of Tribal Tech, LLC; Stephen Mills, founder, president and CEO of AQIWO, Inc.; George Tiger, principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma; Mabel Tsosie, president of Spottedhorse Infosystems; and Lance Gumbs, executive director of the Native American Financial Services Association. <http://bit.ly/1D9T7SA>

Bad News For Foxwoods And Mohegan Sun

Regional gaming expansion is blamed for shortfalls BY GALE COUREY TOENSING

Bottom Line: *The powerhouse Foxwoods Resort and Mohegan Sun casinos are experiencing a decline. Faced with regional competition, their fortunes are in jeopardy.*

Foxwoods Resort Casino and Mohegan Sun Casino, once the two largest and most successful casinos in the world, are being crippled by the Northeast's expanding gaming market.

Connecticut's two Indian-owned Connecticut casinos have experienced combined drops in their revenues and workforces of almost 40 percent in the last eight years. Moreover, a new report states, conditions are not likely to improve any time soon.

Increasing regional competition and the recent recession have caused the decline, according to the 11th annual edition of the *Northeastern Casino Gaming Update*. The Northeastern Gaming Research Project issued the report earlier this month.

"The New England casino gaming market is developing and changing as a result of two recent developments," the report states. The first development, the report said, was "the lingering impact of the Great Recession (December 2007-June 2009), which continues to depress discretionary spending on casino gaming."

The second development, according to the report, has been "the emergence of an increasingly competitive Northeastern gaming market that encompasses both the New England and the Mid-Atlantic states."

The report continued, "As the national and regional economy continues its slow recovery, state casino gaming policy and individual gaming operators are shifting their attention to questions of regional competition, market saturation,

and inter-state cannibalization."

At Foxwoods, total revenues dropped by 43 percent, or \$685 million, in the last eight years—from an estimated \$1.6 billion in 2006 to \$892 million in 2014. Total revenues at Mohegan Sun Casino declined by 35 percent, or \$545 million, during that time—from an es-

A 'gambling arms race' is hurting Connecticut's two Native-owned casinos.

timated \$1.6 billion in 2006 to \$1 billion in 2014.

The main challenge to the casinos, the report emphasized, has been new and expanded gaming facilities in surrounding states. During the period in question, two massive slot parlors have opened in the New York City area. They are Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway and Resorts World Casino New York on Long Island.

Furthermore, Rhode Island's Twin River Casino became the third largest slot parlor in the United States and has added table games to complement its expanding array of video lottery terminals.

Also, small, commercial (non-Indian) casinos have opened in Maine. They have attracted much casino

spending by Maine residents, who had previously traveled to Connecticut to wager.

And Massachusetts and New Hampshire residents have begun spending their gaming money at more convenient destinations in Rhode Island and Maine, according to the report.

The plunge in revenue at Connecticut's two casinos has resulted in a huge reduction in their workforces. Foxwoods employed 12,800 people at its 2006 peak but currently employs only 7,558. Mohegan Sun formerly employed 10,500 persons at its 2006 peak but now has only 7,205 on its payroll.

The decline is likely to continue, the report said, pointing to several indicators. The report cited a new \$800 million MGM casino that will open in 2017 in Springfield, Massachusetts, less than half an hour from Hartford, Connecticut.

Other challenges appear likely to arise from a proposed hotel at Rhode Island's Twin River Casino. In addition, new casinos are being proposed in New York City and Albany. And the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has proposed a casino in southeastern Massachusetts.

"It is possible that up to one-third of the Connecticut casino's remaining customer base, including residents living in the Greater Hartford area could be lost to new competition—all things remaining the same," the report stated.

Currently, 40 percent of the visitors to Foxwoods, and 30 percent of visitors to Mohegan, are from Massachusetts or New York.

"The gambling arms race in the Northeast has essentially been a war waged against Connecticut and New Jersey—and, for Connecticut, that arms race will continue," the report determined. <http://bit.ly/1Bp6wUL> 📄

Dying Of Thirst?

Washington has neglected Indian irrigation projects

Bottom Line: *Many western reservations do not have enough water. But new federal legislation could make a difference.*

Water projects that serve some 25,000 Indian users have, for too long, lacked adequate funding from the federal government. But now these projects are receiving attention with a bipartisan bill that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs took up at a hearing on March 4.

The Irrigation Rehabilitation and Renovation for Indian Tribal Governments and Their Economies Act (the IRRIGATE Act), S.438, would hold the federal government accountable for addressing the growing maintenance backlog of aging Indian irrigation projects. Washington initiated the projects throughout the west in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

“These irrigation projects were intended to be a central component for tribal economies,” said Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyoming), chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee.

But by the 1940s, construction on these projects ended, leaving many of them unfinished. In 2006, the Government Accountability Office found a slew of issues plaguing many of them.

The issues included lack of maintenance, structural deficiencies and insufficient funding for operations. Since then, the Indian Affairs Committee has held a field hearing in 2011 and an oversight hearing last September.

“Those hearings confirmed a serious backlog in deferred maintenance exists and continues to grow,” Barrasso said. That backlog of deferred maintenance, the Bureau of Indian Affairs estimates, amounts to more than \$567 million. And some tribes say the figure is much higher.

The IRRIGATE Act would ensure that

the government upholds its promise to build and maintain irrigation projects by providing Indian country with \$35 million, to be disbursed from 2015 to 2036. The funds would go toward operations and maintenance, including all structures, facilities, equipment, or vehicles used in connection with the projects.

At the March 4 hearing, senators and witnesses alike testified to the importance of the IRRIGATE Act. “Many



Mitchel T. Cottenoir, tribal water engineer for the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes, and Harry Labonde Jr., director of the Wyoming Water Development Commission, testified about irrigation in Indian country.

ranchers and farmers, both Indian and non-Indian, still depend on the Bureau of Indian Affairs to deliver water for their needs,” Barrasso said.

“Irrigation systems are critical economic components on a number of reservations throughout Indian country,” said Sen. Jon Tester (D-Montana), vice chairman of the committee. “Unfortunately, and what seems par for the course with a lot of tribal issues, we’ve never done a good job of ensuring tribes have the resources to make these irrigation systems successful.”

The Wind River Reservation in Barrasso’s home state of Wyoming is just


one of the many projects, with others in Montana, Washington, Arizona, New Mexico and Idaho. These are states, Barrasso pointed out, that have sitting committee members.

“This bill is simply vital to our efforts,” Mitchel T. Cottenoir, tribal water engineer for the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of Wind River Reservation, told the committee. “We realize that only through our efforts, and yours, will this absolutely essential rehabilitation occur.”

“We would certainly encourage you to support this bill,” said Harry Labonde Jr., director of the Wyoming Water Development Commission. “I can tell you that when irrigators can’t get their water in the spring time or the summer months their crops do not flourish and as a result it is a significant impact on the reservation.”

Charles Headdress Sr., Fort Peck Tribal Councilman, testified that agriculture is a top industry on the reservation. He pointed out that Fort Peck’s irrigation system has deferred maintenance costs of \$12.7 million.

Tester cautioned that fixing irrigation systems is only one part of the problem. He called for a plan to look at water projects and settlements in Indian country in a comprehensive manner. “We cannot continue to authorize water settlements and water projects without a plan to fund them,” he said.

“Careful management of water in Indian communities is essential if we are to ensure a reliable supply for the future,” Barrasso said. “The IRRIGATE Act would bring the Indian irrigation projects into the 21st century. The federal government’s promise to Indian country to build and maintain these projects needs to be fulfilled. This bill is a start in the right direction.” <http://bit.ly/1NtjLJ2> 

The Power Of Seeds

A reconnection with Native soil BY LEE ALLEN

Bottom Line: *An innovative agricultural program is planting for the future on several levels.*

“Feel them. Smell them. Taste them.”

Melissa Kruse-Peebles, the conservation program manager at Native Seeds/SEARCH (NSS), was urging on a group of agricultural aficionados at a Native American Seed Growers Workshop in Tucson, Arizona.

Spread out on a classroom table were containers of unidentified seeds. The students’ goal—similar to that of NSS itself—was to identify the traditional seed crop items. They were also trying to learn more about the art and science of seeds and the growing and stewarding of some of the crops that have fed Indigenous Peoples for centuries.

NSS distributes 8,000 seed packets to Native Americans annually and has a new program in place to disseminate pounds of seeds to larger scale Native farmers.

“Workshops like this are part of what we’re all about, our mission of working with Native American communities concerned about food security,” said NSS Executive Director Larrie Warren. “Providing free seeds and planting tips to Native American farmers is part of what we’re all about—distributing seeds to people in need, that’s our goal.”

More than two dozen people attended the two-day workshop to learn how to grow, save and store seeds. Coming from out of town and out of state, representing the Tohono O’odham, Pascua Yaqui, San Carlos Apache, Gila River Indian Community, Navajo, and other tribes, they were backyard gardeners, educators and large-scale farmers.

One was Bob Sotomayor, Yaqui, of the San Xavier Co-op Farm. He trains staff members who work with different types of vegetable crops.

“Our 800 acres are primarily alfalfa, but we also farm traditional crops like

beans, corn, and squash, and have gone into non-traditional crops like cucumbers, broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower,” he said. “The success of our efforts has expanded to the point now where tribal groups in the various communities have adopted them and are anxious to learn more about how to grow crops for healthy eating, in particular, for the elders and children.”



Learning and renewing with Mother Earth

He credited Native Seeds/SEARCH with helping Native American farmers realize the value of crops that have been around for centuries. “New life has been breathed into the agrarian community,” Sotomayor said. “Native crops have survived all this time and for a logical reason, they’re far superior in their genetic makeup. People have depended on them for a long time and they mustn’t ever be allowed to go out of production.”

Another workshop attendee was

Richard Silvas, of the Pascua Yaqui tribe, who plans to plant organic foodstuffs at the tribally owned, 39,000-acre Tortuga Ranch. The initial garden grows melons, cantaloupe, and bell peppers for community members.


“Just to see people’s faces when you give them a watermelon is reward enough for me,” he said.

Calvin and Tanya Woods represented community gardeners in the Tesuque Pueblo outside Santa Fe, New Mexico. “Our agricultural department broke up two acres into individual family plots where we grow what our ancestors taught us, traditional foods for survival,” said Calvin. He is learning how to plant, store, harvest, and share his white corn, sweet corn, pumpkins, and watermelons.

Now in its 30th year, the nonprofit NSS seed bank offers over 2,000 ascensions of seeds, about half of which originated from indigenous communities in Mexico and the Arizona/New Mexico Four Corners region.

“We exist to keep those seeds around and get them into the field,” said Kruse-Peebles. She encourages a return of some of the crop in seed form to continue the distribution process to even more Native farmers.

Free seeds from NSS are available to Native peoples living in the Greater Southwest region (the Colorado River on the west; the eastern border of New Mexico and Chihuahua; the Four Corners area of the U.S. on the north; and the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico on the south). For Natives living in the region, 10 free seed packets are available in a calendar year.

“There’s certainly been a big revival of interest and effort in the reconnection of NSS and indigenous farmers,” said Kruse-Peebles. “We’re now working with New Mexico’s Acoma Pueblo, providing seeds to young farmers as part of a focus to bring youth back into traditional farming.” <http://bit.ly/1AksB1R> 

Sally Jewell And 'The Pressure Of Time'

'Difficult to get things done,' says the Interior Secretary

BY VINCENT SCHILLING

Bottom Line: Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, who upholds trust responsibilities to federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives, recently held forth to ICTMN:

How has your position as Secretary of the Interior been? Do you ever think, "What have I gotten myself into?"

Oh yeah, all the time. It doesn't feel new anymore. We joke that these are dog years. I am almost through year two and almost through the first half of my term here. I feel the pressure of time. I recognize how difficult it is to get things done. Indian water rights settlements take decades. How do you come in to move things forward? How can you win the hearts and minds of career staff who will be here long after you are gone?

We are revamping Indian education. So how do I make a case that is compelling for the career staff who otherwise could just outlast me, Monty Russell and Kevin K. Washburn? Because it has to make sense for them, we have to listen to them and the people they serve. There is no ramp-up time in this job. You are thrust in from day one. People interview you and everything that you say that's goofy will be used against you the entire time you are in this office. So the pressure is on.

The ability to get stuff done in this job is very real and I would say what's happening in Indian country is a good example of that. There are things that are difficult to get done because of process but it doesn't mean you don't try with all of your might to

make that happen. We know the end date is January 2017. We know how long things take and we have a map of progress. We are holding ourselves accountable for making



Jewell: "We know how long things take and we have a map of progress."

progress and I'm optimistic we can get a lot of stuff done.

What is your position on tribal entities and marijuana?

I don't have a comment because I am not in the thick of this. It is very complicated and I think if I was a tribal government official, I would let some of this sort itself out before I dive into the middle of it because it is so complicated—especially when you are talking about something that has the potential to be a substance that some people can abuse. I think the dust needs to settle a little before we try figuring this out.

President Brian Cladoosby of the NCAI said this is the best administration ever for Indian Country. What are your thoughts of being part of this administration?

The White House Tribal Nations Conference, that was held last year by the president, I do not see going away. I think a future president would be crazy to not welcome our nation's first people and leaders to Washington, D.C. to truly be partners in these government-to-government relationships. I see that continuing.

The White House Council on Native American Affairs was established by an executive order. That means it continues unless a future executive order undoes that executive order. I cannot see that happening.

As people continue to engage with tribes—and we have a lot of momentum to do this down to the staff

level—that is a real working relationship with tribal leaders and recognition for everything that they have to offer. This will move us away from what has been around for as long as the U.S. government has been around, which is a paternalistic relationship. I think this is unhealthy.

Changes that have occurred with this administration will persist. I think the tribes and tribal leadership have been more empowered to stand up for their rights as government-to-government partners. I don't see them backing down, either. <http://bit.ly/IGGYOZd>

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The federal government has returned eagle feathers to Lipan Apache leader Robert Soto after seizing them in 2006.



The Cowlitz Tribe celebrated the federal government's moving of 152 acres of land into trust for a casino near La Center, Washington.



Ron Baker (Potawatomie) of the Wichita State Shockers is in line for the John R. Wooden Award, given to college basketball's outstanding player.



An Oregon commission has recommended that a statue of Chief Joseph be placed in the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary hall.

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AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT MARCH 19-21

The major focus of the summit is to develop AISES members in the realm of professional and career development, the better to prepare them to attain jobs and careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields. Goals will include increasing the skill and aptitude level of AISES members in professional and career development; developing professional members as role models; and providing Native college and graduate students with support and confidence building.

Location: Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico

NATIVE WOMEN AND MEN'S WELLNESS CONFERENCE MARCH 22-25

This annual conference brings together more than 75 American Indian, Alaska Native and First Nation communities,

represented by more than 300 participants. Conference tracks include behavioral health, health promotion/disease prevention, and wellness. Continuing education credits are available at more than 35 workshops that feature best practices, public health research and cultural knowledge. The keynote address, "The Role of Public Health in Strengthening Tribal Communities," will be delivered by Dr. Donald K. Warne (Oglala Lakota), director and chair of the Master of Public Health Program and American Indian Public Health at North Dakota State University.

Location: The Town & Country, San Diego, California

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 22-25

The Indian Health Service Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TS-GAC), which comprises tribal leaders from each Indian Health Service (IHS) Area, provides advice to the IHS Director and offers assistance on issues and concerns pertaining to tribal self-governance and the implementation of self-governance

within the health service. This is one of four quarterly committee meetings. **Location:** Embassy Suites DC Convention Center, Washington, D.C.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION MARCH 25

The subject of this roundtable discussion, which will be open to the public, is "The *Carcieri v. Salazar* Supreme Court Decision and Exploring a Way Forward."

Location: 216 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

THE COMMONS ABORIGINAL WORKSHOPS MARCH 25-27

This series of in-depth professional development forums, each lasting two full days, delves intensively into a given topic, utilizing a mixture of lectures, role-playing and experiential learning to develop the skills of participants. Workshop topics will include aboriginal matrimonial real property, aboriginal interest-based negotiations, and aboriginal consultations and engagement.

Location: The Albert at Bay Suite Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Jailed In Mexico," about how thousands of indigenous persons end up behind bars because of language barriers (March 8):

This is one reason why I don't venture into Mexico. If the drug cartels don't get you, the police will. There is even a name for police corruption there. It is "La Mordida" which means "The Bite."

You can be "arrested" for nearly anything, but if sufficient cash makes its way into the hand of the arresting officer, all can be forgiven. The cartels are less forgiving.

Cartel brutality in Juarez, Mexico (which is about 40 miles south of my home) is legendary and it only takes a suspicious "finger man" to peg you as a rival cartel member. Those instances

usually end in death. This is the main reason that Juarez was the murder capital of the world for several years running.

The best way to keep Natives out of jail in Mexico is to warn them not to go there.

—Michael Madrid
Las Cruces, New Mexico



TOP NEWS ALERTS

From IndianCountryTodayMediaNetwork.com

FUNDS FOR TWO TRIBES ARE UNFROZEN

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have received almost \$6.5 million in trust funds that had been frozen over the last three years. The Custer County District Court of Oklahoma ordered the freeze in April 2012, following a dispute between tribal factions. But after the dispute was resolved, the tribes were allowed access again as of March 4. "It's a blessing to the tribe to have these funds returned to us," said Cheyenne and Arapaho Lt. Gov. Cornell Sankey.

NEW LONGHOUSE IN SEATTLE

The second longhouse to be built in Seattle since earlier longhouses were destroyed in the late 1800s was opened on March 12, at the University of

Washington. Community members first envisioned the longhouse nearly 40 years ago, to acknowledge the presence of the region's First Peoples and provide a learning and gathering place for Native American students and faculty. "What it will say to Native students is that the university honors the indigenous perspective," said Michael Vendiola (Swinomish/Lummi), program supervisor for the state Office of Native Education.

NAVAJOS JOIN IN FRACKING LAWSUIT

A coalition of environmental groups, including the Navajo organization Diné Citizens Against Ruining Our Environment (Diné CARE), filed suit against the Bureau of Land Management and the Interior Department on March 11 in an

attempt to keep fracking from harming the Chaco Canyon. The groups object to the approval over the past two years of more than 130 proposals for fracking operations. "The Bureau of Land Management is not taking serious consideration of the sacredness of the greater Chaco region," said a Diné CARE spokesperson.

MAPPING OF AMAZON REGION CONTINUES

The mapping of sacred indigenous sites along the Black River in Brazil's Amazon region by the Anaconda Expedition—a group of indigenous leaders, environmental activists, government officials and filmmakers—has moved into its second phase. In January 2013 the entourage traveled nearly 500 miles along the Black River to track the

origin route of sacred sites of the Indigenous Peoples of the eastern Tucano language group. This year, the group has registered almost 40 sacred sites in 12 days.

TRIUMPHANT INDIAN EXHIBIT AT THE MET

"The Plains Indians: Artists of Earth and Sky," a major exhibit at New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art, has opened to positive reviews. Holland Cotter of *The New York Times* called the show "one of the most completely beautiful sights in New York right now." In *The New Yorker*, Peter Schjeldahl described it as "a peak artistic achievement." The installation comprises some 130 war clubs, shields, garments, pipes, dolls and other artifacts drawn from many collections.

How Did I Miss That?

Frozen Cherokee marshals, roasted Admiral Kirk and assorted White House prospects BY STEVE RUSSELL

Jim Inhofe (R-Oklahoma), chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, threw a snowball in the Senate last week to prove once and for all that he does not understand the difference between climate and weather or the connection between hotter hots and colder colds.

In this month of cold and very cold, the Cherokee Marshal Service participated in the 2015 Polar Plunge, which involved taking a dive into the Illinois River to raise money for Special Olympics Oklahoma. The Cherokee marshals raised \$4,674. My cousin Ray Sixkiller observed that only one member of the Tribal Council took the plunge, Curtis Snell.

“That’s a different kind of cold,” Ray remarked, “unless the rest of the Council bought their way out of it by sponsoring Curtis.”

Thanks to *Chicago Sun-Times* reporting, Rep. Aaron Schock (R-Illinois) has paid back \$1,237 billed to the public for taking a chartered jet to a football game between the Chicago Bears and the Minnesota Vikings. According to the *Sun-Times*, the cost for the private jet was \$1,700 an hour plus landing fees, and reporters were unable to determine who paid for the Bears tickets. Rep. Schock is the same Congressman who paid the taxpayers back \$40,000 spent on redecorating his office in the style of Downtown Abby.

Cousin Ray was outraged that the taxpayers were billed for a Vikings game. “I could understand if it was the Packers.”

R.I.P. Mr. Spock, I mean Leonard Nimoy, who walked on from natural causes at 83, having lived long and prospered. Admiral Kirk, I mean Bill Shatner, got a social media roasting because he did not bail on a

Red Cross fundraiser in Florida to attend Nimoy’s funeral.

Cousin Ray opined that Mr. Spock would say, “The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few—or the one.”

While Shatner’s critics agreed the Red Cross represents “the needs of the many” during national disasters, they claimed that Shatner could have kept the charity commitment if he had chartered a private jet to attend the funeral.

“Who do they think Shatner is,” Cousin Ray asked, “Aaron Schock?”

Buzzfeed broke the story that ISIS has declared war on Twitter generally and on co-founder Jack Dorsey in particular because Twitter has enforced its terms of service and taken down ISIS-linked accounts that threatened people.

“ISIS without threats,” Cousin Ray mused, “would be like a Cherokee election without a hog fry.”

The New York Times reported that Hillary Clinton ran her Secretary of State business out of a private email account, contrary to federal policy. The Clinton idea of fixing the problem was to have an aide look through her emails and decide which ones were State Department business.

Cousin Ray said I didn’t get it. “Transparency rules don’t apply to Clintons.”

Then Ray claimed that Indian entertainers are planning benefit concerts to fund a “Leonard Peltier-Marc Rich-Roger Clinton Pardon Fund.”

He quoted a Lakota guitar picker: “We

understand that Leonard has no family named Clinton, but we don’t want him to miss out on getting pardoned again on account of being outbid by somebody like Marc Rich.”

The *Toronto Star* reported that Canadian law enforcement has discovered the builders of a mysterious tunnel near the site of the upcoming Pan American games. The tunnel contained an electric generator, tools, food and drink containers, and a rosary hung on the wall. Turned out, two working class twenty-somethings were building the tunnel as “a place to hang out.”

Cousin Ray said he thought they were looking for Hillary Clinton’s emails.

Early polling for 2016 recalls the roller coaster of Republican Primary polling last time. Or Democrats in 2008. Barrels of ink are at stake.

General election polling has former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton beating all the Republicans, with former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush losing by only three points and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker losing by nine. Rasmussen, a Republican outfit, has Walker losing to Clinton by only five points, with Bush losing by nine.

In state primaries, Gravis Marketing has both Bush and Walker leading South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham in South Carolina. Bush beats Walker by only one point in Florida. But Walker mops the floor-ida with Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, by a percentage of 22 to 11.

Early polling for 2008 and 2012 teaches that polling for 2016 right now is only entertainment.

“Unless,” Cousin Ray chuckled, “you are a candidate or working for one.”

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We always look forward to producing our annual Pow Wows edition of *This Week From Indian Country Today*. It is one of our most visually stunning, popular publications. In it, you'll find news and notes on the latest trends and upcoming events in Indian country. It also carries our signature guide, the ICTMN Pow Wow Listing. Turn to the back of the magazine for the most comprehensive compilation in print of titles, locations, dates and times for hundreds of events.

Many months from now, the season will end. What will remain are memories, and the spirit of community that such gatherings bring. That spirit lives in all of us. We must use it to remember the good times, the good people, and the right path.

Na ki' wa,

Ray Halbritter



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Live-Streams and Stomp Dances

Predictions for a Great 2015 Pow Wows Season TISH LEIZENS

What is going to happen in the Pow Wow world in 2015?

It looks like it's all good news: a better economy and lower gas prices could mean greater attendance at pow wows. ICTMN asked pow wow regulars, and those who travel to pow wows, to share their perspectives on what 2015 will bring for the pow wow world.

Michael Knapp: Men's Northern Traditional dancer, designer and owner of KQ Designs Custom Beadwork

"Now that gas prices are lower, I think dancers are going to travel more and more to pow wows. With a better economy, we will see some new clothes and nice sets of beadwork this year. People are starting to incorporate contemporary colors with more traditional designs. Young people want the traditional patterns of their tribes, while continuing with contemporary beads and finishes."

Larry Yazzie: Champion Fancy dancer, founder and artistic director of Native Pride Arts

"It's becoming more of a trend to live-stream pow wows in more locations. I think this is great because live-streaming gives the people who aren't able to travel the ability to enjoy pow wows so they can follow their favorite dancers and dancers can keep an eye on their respective categories."

Joseph Standing Bear Schranz: Pow Wows Founder/President of Midwest SOARRING Foundation

"I see the young people becoming interested again. The renewed interest is encouraging me. I think they are watching the First Nations Channel, and really looking at it; they realize that a lot of us are still alive and doing this. It sparks their interest."

"My sense is that a good pow wow should have lots of social elements

hand drums. Before, females at hand drums was taboo.

"It is happening because it is supposed to happen. People are starting to see that traditions have a beginning. New things have to happen to become new traditions. When it comes to regalia, dancers are sticking to their own particular tribe and competing in their own tribal gear."

Winn Harjo: Chikasha Hithla Chickasaw Stomp dancer

"The Southeastern stomp dance is getting to be popular through different states. When people see Native American dances they think of it as feathers, but we wear leather leggings and ribbon shirts. When they see us demonstrating the dance they like it, and they want to see more of it. We have full calendar in 2015 that will include performing in Oklahoma, Alabama, Georgia, Texas and possibly Florida."

Amy Morris: Cira Photography and Design

"In the past couple of years, I have seen a noticeable change in the youth dancers. They are really putting great effort into making sure their regalia and dance are representing traditional ways. I have seen a level of maturity in these young dancers that shows in their skill and confidence when they enter the arena. It's hard to take your eyes off of them. They enter and you think—awww, well this will be cute, expecting them to be somewhat awkward and clumsy— but they immediately correct your misconceptions with spot on footwork, excellent timing and a commanding presence." ○

"There will be more female leadership in the drum circle"

in the arena and outside the arena. It is a social function, and it is a good way for people to meet each other. One of the things we did differently last year was the Grizzly Bear Dance. It was phenomenal. I am really happy people gather around the dancer. We need role models like her.

"These days we are smothered by technology. We should use more of the spirit. I see that beginning to happen. I am encouraged."

Paula Nelson: Living history educator, performer and multimedia artist

"[In 2015], There will be more female leadership in the drum circle. I definitely see more female presence at

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Headlines and Headdresses

The Biggest Pow Wow Stories From Last Season

The pow wow circuit expanded in 2014, going beyond traditional borders both geographic and cultural. In July, hundreds of Natives gathered in Washington, D.C. at the First Gathering of the National Congress of Black American Indians; and in September, Vanderbilt University hosted its first-ever pow wow.

A few pow wows delivered some surprises, while others celebrated big anniversaries or kicked off some new traditions. Here are some of the big headlines from the year:

Nansemond Tribe Celebrates Land Grant

A 77-acre tract of land was granted to the Nansemond Tribe in February by Suffolk, Virginia, and in August, the tribe held its 26th Annual Nansemond Indian Tribal Powwow, marking the first time they had celebrated the event on their own land. The tribe plans to construct a full-fledged Indian village called Mattanock Town, complete with a tribal center and Nansemond cultural museum. ICTMN reported that the gift of land to the tribe was not free. A stipulation requires that the tribe raise an estimated \$5-6 million dollars to complete the village, tribal center and museum within five years. If they meet those deadlines, the land could go back to the city.

Mile-High Powwow Still Flying High

In 2014r, the Denver March Powwow, which has grown from its modest beginnings to become a major draw throughout Indian country, celebrated its 40th anniversary.

Farewell, Pennsylvania

For 11 years, John Sanchez coordinated The New Faces of an Ancient

People Traditional American Indian Powwow, but he decided 2014 would be the final year for the pow wow. “I just don’t have the time to devote to it and keep my day job,” Sanchez told



Pow Wow ends with a heartfelt moment.

ICTMN. Sanchez, Apache, is a professor in the College of Communications at Penn State University, where he is the only American Indian faculty member. And although his pow wow is fading out, he is confident he can continue to be a positive force for Native causes. “Penn State was very receptive to the kinds of things I wanted to bring to this university. I just bought burial plots here,” he told StateCollege.com. “I see myself here for the rest of my life.”

A Shocking Proposal

Headman dancer Johnny Nieto surprised the crowd (and his girlfriend) at the 11th annual Tule River Band of Yokuts pow wow with a major—and

well-timed—announcement. “I want to do something crazy,” he said. “Right in front of my home crowd, my home people. It’s about time – Yendi Juarez, will you marry me?” The galvanized crowd erupted with joyous drumming and Native wails of approval. A visibly stunned Juarez, tears in her eyes and hands covering her mouth, nodded yes (see photo).

Vanderbilt Steps Up

A newly formed student organization called Native Americans in Tennessee Interacting at Vanderbilt (NATIVE), hosted its inaugural event, called “Nations Within States: Citizenship, Pottery & The Catawba Indian Nation,” on September 17. NATIVE’s goal is to increase the public profile of American Indians in Tennessee by bringing them together.

Gathering of Nations Honored

The American Bus Association (ABA) named Gathering of Nations one of the Top 100 Events in America for the fifth consecutive year. It is the world’s largest gathering of Native American and indigenous people and was chosen from hundreds of events nominated by ABA members.

First Gathering of National Congress of Black American Indians

In July, hundreds of black Indians gathered in Washington, D.C. for the First Gathering of the National Congress of Black American Indians (NCBAI). Speakers and attendees included spiritual and community leaders. Black Indians have been the subject of books, documentaries and an exhibit at the Smithsonian, but this gathering was the first massive effort to bring the people together. ○



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Wanna Dance You Higher

Mexica Dancers Share Ancient Traditions in Northern Pow-Wows

BY RICK KEARNS

Mexicas, descendants of the Aztecs, are among the thousands of indigenous Mexicans in the New York area; some of them, like the members of Yayauhki Tezcatlipoca, are sharing their ancient traditions at pow wows throughout the northeast and hoping to correct erroneous views of their culture and beliefs.

According to a study sponsored by the Mexican Consulate, of the one million Mexicans living in the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, 17 percent, or 170,000, of those people are indigenous.

On Labor Day, Yayauhki Tezcatlipoca performed dances and shared a few prayers in Nahuatl for the crowds at the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Pow Wow. Tezcatl Arias, known as ‘first word’ in the group, explained the meanings of the dances and some history of Mexica cosmology. “The phrase Tezcatlipoca means smoking mirror and it is not, as the Europeans have said, a god,” Arias asserted. “It is a science that deals with nature

and the supernatural. For instance, it is through the vibrations in the music that one can reach other levels of consciousness; through meditation as well.

“The idea of Tezcatlipoca being a god, that was written by the invad-

lating to the natural world and the people’s relationship with the four corners or directions. The dances were explained to the audience in Harrisburg and included the: Coatlicue, dance for Mother Earth; Tlaloc for the Lord of the rain; Tlel for fire; Xipetotec for the regeneration of the natural world; and Centli, the dance of the cycle of life of the corn, a sacred entity for Mexica people and many others.

The main participants of Yayauhki Tezcatlipoca include Arias, who is ‘first word’ or guide along with Itztli Figueroa the fire keeper, Victor Sanchez who sounded the conch and Teresa Guzman who played drums. Other invited dancers were

identified as Yuma, Geraldine, Beto Vera, and Consuelo Tlateolli.

Arias noted that this was the group’s fourth visit to the Harrisburg Pow Wow and that they enjoyed spending time with the other Native people at the event. He added that Yayauhki Tezcatlipoca has a Facebook page if anyone wants to find out where they will be performing. ○



Members of Yayauhki Tezcatlipoca are sharing their ancient traditions

ers, not us,” Arias continued. “People forget or don’t know that we were astronomers, architects and other things that are obscured or misrepresented by so many sources, especially on the Internet. One of the things we’re doing, in our dances and talks, is to re-educate people.”

At the Harrisburg Pow Wow, the group performed several dances re-

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Just east of Lake Cachuma in Santa Barbara County, Calif., down a dusty road littered with tall, splayed oak trees, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians hosted the 19th Annual Chumash Inter-Tribal Pow Wow, on the weekend of October 4-5, 2014.

The pow wow drew 325 dancers last year, but this version of the annual event only attracted 100 female and 75 male dancers. Tribal member and pow wow coordinator Dominica Valencia attributed the lower numbers to things out of the control of the tribe. "For one, it's hotter than usual," she said, referring to temperatures that hovered around triple digits for most of the day. "We had quite a few cases of dehydration, heat stroke. We had some dogs go down too. Unfortunately, they are dropping like flies."

In another bit of bad luck that was beyond anyone's control, this year the pow wow fell on a busy pow wow weekend, and although the tribe offered decent prize money, they still found it difficult to compete with the larger casino pow wows and their air-conditioned tents.

A shirtless Oglala Lakota traditional dancer Aaron Ten Bears didn't have a problem with the heat. He was happy to be at the pow wow despite the 100-degree-plus heat. "It's good to see representation of indigenous culture no matter what the conditions," Ten Bears said. He also chose the Chumash pow wow carefully, noting that it would probably not be as popular, or crowded, as other pow wows that weekend. "A lot of the tribes that have big casinos, and are profitable, hold these... big contest money [pow wows] and the energy is different. The fellowships and the kind of people that come to this pow wow is very positive. I'm not

discounting big pow wows, but I like the smaller ones."

Located in the Live Oak Camp and not far from the affluent community of Santa Barbara, the pow wow offered diverse and high-end vendors, many jammed in between towering oaks.



George Lone Elk, Northern Cheyenne

Some sold animal parts, including fox tails, turtle shells, coyote skins, skunk pelts and various whole paws affixed claws. Others concentrated on traditional Mexican and Guatemalan garb like knitted tops, blankets and shawls. One stand even specialized in small to medium Aztec and Mayan portraits and embellished historical scenes.

John Grable of Whirlwind Beadworks has been coming to the Chumash

pow wow for 10 years. A fit older man with white locks and a sweat-stained hat, Grable primarily sells beaded embellishments like buckskin knife sheaths, medicine bags, hair-ties and luxury handbags. "There is a lot of great stuff here in this pow wow," Grable said. "It's good people, good vendors, and I don't see them as competition. We are all friends and we all do well here."

Perhaps the most popular attraction at the pow wow, beside the dancers, was the tribal-sponsored healing circle. Under a massive oak tree surrounded by bales of hay, Adelina Alva Padilla and a few other spiritual elders used burning tobacco and sage to cleanse and bless approximately 100 visitors. As the interested parties formed a line around the circle, they were given tobacco to pray with and once they finished with the elders, could either keep the small gift or offer it to the Creator in gratitude.

Padilla's son, Raymond, was in charge of keeping children and adults from wandering outside the sacred healing circle, he also made sure nobody took pictures during his tribe's holy ritual. "This is a cleansing for themselves," Raymond said. "Either something is ailing them or something is missing spiritually. It's a prayer. Say you go to church; a priest blesses you when you go to communion — this is our church."

Janice Reid of nearby Arroyo Grande was compelled to attend the pow wow after a Lakota co-worker of hers told her about the positive experience she had had at the healing circle. Reid said it was neat to have traditional healers offer this service to the masses. While she was waiting in line and praying with the tobacco, she was overcome with emotion and it brought tears to her eyes. "I don't know what it did for me," she said. "But I am waiting for the Creator to tell me." ○

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Recirculating Money in Indian Country and Meeting More Tribal Insurance Needs

BY KRISTIN BUTLER



Casey Riddle, CFO; Derek Valdo, CEO; Dennis McCann, COO

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AMERIND Risk Chief Executive Officer Derek Valdo, a member of the Acoma Pueblo, told Indian Country Today Media Network. This means 92 percent of the insurance market is controlled by non-Tribal owned insurance companies.

"Our small, Indian-owned company has been operating for 29 years. Tribes don't realize just how much more control and flexibility they have by buying from themselves [within Indian country] than sending their money off to corporate America," stated Valdo.

AMERIND Risk is a sovereign entity and thus not limited by state rules, laws and regulation—or the "one size fits all" approach. State workers' compensation fails to provide tribal protection, and instead pays claim benefits based only upon what is required by a state law.

"We're a Section 17 Corporation. Basically what Section 17 does is it makes AMERIND a sovereign entity like the tribes that incorporated us, and it gives us the same tax status, so we're tax exempt," Valdo told ICTMN. "Thus we don't pass those taxes on to our tribal clients," making AMERIND Risk's cost of operation typically 10-15 percent less than traditional insurance companies.

According to Dennis McCann, Chief Operating Officer, the benefits of sovereign protection through AMERIND Risk are most apparent in its workers' compensation program.

"We deliver a tribal workers' compensation product to tribes that gives them the ability to leverage their sovereignty and solid benefits, but outside of the state system," McCann said. "A lot of times tribes don't realize they subjected themselves to state workers' comp. But we're outside of [state] law. We give them the ability to level out the cost of insurance over time."

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According to Valdo, this is more relevant than ever since the Supreme Court ruling in *State of Michigan v. Bay Mills Indian Community*. While the high court ruled in favor of federal jurisdiction and tribal sovereignty, Chief Justice Kagan clarified that “Michigan could bring suit against tribal officials or employees [rather than the Tribe itself] seeking an injunction.”

The clarification set a dangerous precedent for states to control tribes through their employees and vendors, Valdo stressed.

“The Supreme Court in the Bay Mills Case laid the framework for states and regulators on how to get around tribal sovereignty to control the behavior of tribes,” said Valdo, additionally pointing to unions and labor relations boards that try to influence Indian country and push their rules on tribes.

“Tribes are sovereign; you can’t sue them. But you can sue everyone else that works for them, and their suppliers and vendors,” Valdo said.

Unlike state workers’ compensation, AMERIND’s coverage protects employees under tribal law. AMERIND’s workers’ compensation program was introduced in 2004. In the last two years, under Valdo’s helm, the program has seen almost 200 percent growth. “It’s really taking off,” Valdo said. “Tribes are finding it in their best interest to take control.”

And Valdo is particularly interested in keeping work in Indian country. “I know that when \$1 stays in tribal communities, it grows six to eight times,” Valdo said.

That’s one reason he touts the company’s direct repair program, which helps bring business to tribal and Native-owned companies. “Typically, insurance companies just write checks,”

Valdo said. “We developed a direct repair program.”

“Because Indian country is so rural in nature and not a lot of companies want to drive an hour to replace damaged property, we developed the direct repair program. If you use one of our vetted contractors, we will waive your deductible and do the work directly for you, the client. In 2014 we have spent about \$2 million using Native-owned companies to repair Native properties,” states Valdo.

AMERIND also contributes money

“In the insurance market space, tribes spend half a billion dollars across Indian country, Amerind provides \$40 million of that market.”

directly back into Indian country. “I’m fortunate my board of directors reinvests \$450,000 annually in non-profit organizations like the National Congress of American Indians, the Native American Finance Officers Association, the Native American Human Resources Association, the National Indian Child Welfare Association, the Native American Rights Fund,” and more. “We give back to Indian associations that help Indian country. All our competitors together, do not give back as much, to entities that support tribes. We’re more than just an insurance company.”

Despite all its unique advantages as a tribal-owned insurance company, AMERIND has plenty of room to grow. “Tribes have multiple enterprises from government contracting to casinos to seed stores to tech and communications. There’s a whole multitude of en-

terprises within Indian country. We’re continually evolving and developing innovative, specialized coverages with the capabilities to insure these diverse entities,” McCann said. And the recent addition of Chief Financial Officer Casey Riddle, a member of the Osage Nation, to AMERIND’s executive team brings new talents and perspective to the company. Riddle previously served as the director of finance at the Muscogee Creek Nation’s River Spirit Casino in Tulsa, Okla. Prior to that, he helped open the Quapaw Tribe’s Downstream Casino & Resort in Joplin, Mo. where he managed their financial packages as their director of finance.

At AMERIND, Riddle is focused on tailoring insurance packages to meet the very specific needs of tribal governments and businesses.

“I step back from the insurance-only perspective and listen to the finance industry professionals,” Riddle told ICTMN. “I interact with them more on a pure level—I help find out what they need, and work to mold the program with them to achieve their goals, lower their costs, and improve their bottom line. Having been in the

industry for so many years, I understand hinge points. I understand why there’s a problem, because I’ve worked through those processes.”

As AMERIND keeps growing to meet its client needs, Valdo wants to drill home the importance of putting money back into Indian country.

“I went to Stanford. I wanted to be an engineer and work in Florida at NASA,” Valdo said. “Fortunately, fifteen years ago, I started working at a strong Indian-owned insurance company—AMERIND Risk.” Two and a half years ago, the board of directors selected Valdo, based on his leadership merits, to be the first Native CEO in the history of AMERIND risk. “Our annual revenue is \$40 million, and it’s growing by 12.5 percent year over year. I’m very fortunate to be a benefactor of Indian people believing in themselves. Let’s put Indians in charge of Indian business.” ○



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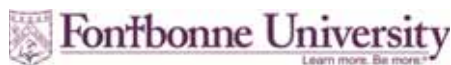
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From Bingo to Big-Time

NIGA chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr. recalls the organization's early heroes and its current challenges

BY GALE COUREY TOENSING



The Early Years - exterior of The Irene Moore Activity Center

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As the National Indian Gaming Association celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, it's amusing to hear that the man who has been at the helm of the biggest, most powerful Indian gaming advocacy organization in North America for half of its life wasn't fond of bingo when he was young.

"I despised it," Ernie Stevens Jr. told ICTMN.

Stevens, a citizen of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin was elected NIGA chairman in 2000. He's facing his eighth re-election to a two-year term at the 30th Indian Gaming Trade Show & Convention in San Diego March 30-April 2. (At press date, no one is running against him.) And he is the third Oneida citizen in an unbroken line to serve in a leadership position in NIGA since the organization was formed in 1985.

Stevens was an aspiring basketball player in his teens in the mid-70's when the Oneida tribe began its bingo operation. "We only had one good gym on the reservation and that's where the tribe's new bingo operation took place. I really despised the bingo tables and all the traffic and stuff," Stevens said. "So I used to go in there and move all the tables and

"Many of the folks involved in the early NIGA years were vehemently opposed to IGRA; they were kind of heroes in that they fought it tooth and nail."

chairs around and do my workout and then I'd leave, leaving the tables and chairs where I'd moved them. I was indignant because the bingo operation was taking away my chance to play basketball."

It wasn't long before one of the volunteer women who ran the bingo games approached Stevens for a little chat. (These women are memorialized in a book published last year called *The Bingo Queens of Oneida: How Two Moms Started Tribal Gaming in Wisconsin*. The book tells the story through the eyes of Sandra Ninham and Alma Webster, the Oneida women who had the idea for a bingo operation run by the tribe to benefit the tribe. The bingo operation started



The Early Years - Inside The Irene Moore Activity Center

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-Tommy



Tommy (right) has lived with HIV since 1985.

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Shana (right) has lived with HIV since 1993.

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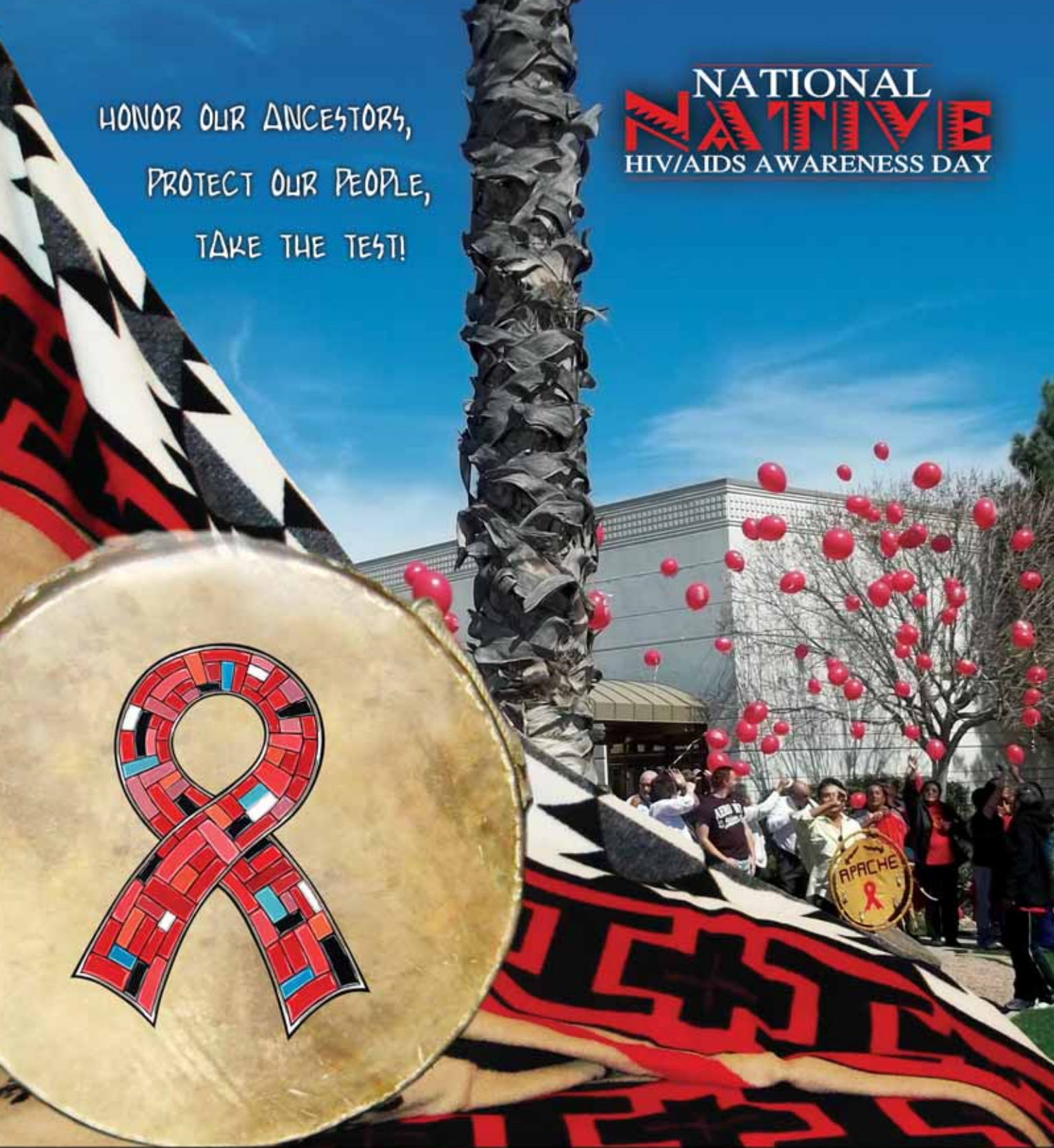
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Sandra Ninham and Alma Webster, shown beneath the portrait of Irene Moore in 1983, and below, in 2013

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"She sat me down and said, 'Ernie,'—and she was pointing her hand up at the ceiling—"if we don't have bingo we can't turn on these lights. In summer we wouldn't have enough baseball bats to go around.' She did the math for me so I had a new-found appreciation of the bingo operation," Stevens recalled. "And, also, they didn't have to call my Uncle Purcy, who had to have a talk with me every now and then. He was the first to teach me about Indian gaming and he mentored me."

Stevens' uncle was the late Purcell Powless, a visionary tribal leader who served as Oneida chairman for 33 years and was among the group of tribal leaders who formed NIGA in 1985 – two years before the U.S. Supreme Court's *California v. Cabazon* ruling, which found that the state had no authority to enforce its gambling laws within the reservations.

Purcell was NIGA's first vice chairman; the other leaders in the group included Bill Houle (Fond du Lac Band), NIGA's first chairman; Josephine Jackson (Saginaw Chippewa Tribe); James Billie (Seminole Tribe of Florida); Stan Jones (Tulalip Tribes); Rocco Knight (Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation); Fred Thomas Sr., (Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas); and Merlin Red Cloud (Ho-Chunk Nation).

In the decade before the *Cabazon* ruling, approximately 80 Indian tribes were engaged in some form of gaming, mostly bingo and card games, generating an estimated \$100 million to \$500 million a year in revenue. The leaders who formed NIGA anticipated that there would be trouble ahead, Stevens said. "I think the leaders found a bond in that they really wanted to protect the integrity of gaming and they wanted to protect their rights because they knew that we've always had to fight for our rights and so forming NIGA was a pro-active action to show not only do

we have a right to conduct gaming and pursue economic development, but that we could run our operations in a professional manner."

The leaders were prophetic – in 1988 Congress passed the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), which constrained the tribes' inherent authority on their lands that Cabazon had confirmed. "Many of the folks that were involved in the early NIGA years were vehemently opposed to IGRA, so they were kind of heroes in that they fought it tooth and nail and it would have diminished our sovereignty even more if they hadn't had input into that

National Governor's Association, the National Attorney Generals, League of Cities, religious groups, commercial gaming,"

When Hill took the helm, NIGA had no money, its structure had fallen apart and there was no staff. "He did a lot of single-handed work for a while – he established a membership campaign and went out to Indian country to raise the funds to hire and pay the staff. The board at the time brought in Tim Wapato as executive director and Gay Kingman as the media person, and under Hill's administration, they created a sustainable organizational structure that continues to this day."

Going into its fourth decade, NIGA will continue to protect tribal sovereignty and the gaming industry that has provided tribal governments with the revenues to build their nations and provide services for their people, Stevens said. "I think we need to continue to educate the American public about what Indian gaming has done to transform Indian country and also about tribal sovereignty and why we have the right to have gaming. It sounds like a simple thing but there are a lot of underlying issues, like taxation, self govern-

ing powers, the right to regulate."

More work is needed, Stevens said. Fewer than half of the 565 federally recognized tribes have gaming. A vast majority of tribes live in isolated areas, plagued by unemployment rates as high as 70 or 80 percent, rampant alcohol and drug abuse, health issues and all the social ills that poverty spreads, Stevens noted. "The funding guaranteed by treaties has never been adequate – that's why the leaders looked for so long to find an economic tool that would help Indian country. Gaming did [that] because it was a cash-based business that brought revenues quickly, but it didn't help all. There's still a lot of suffering out there and until we can bring parity to all of Indian country, the outlook won't be rosy." ○

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legislation," Stevens said. "The heroes of today have been able to get the most out of that restricting law for our tribal governments."

In Stevens' 15 years as NIGA chairman, Indian gaming revenues have grown from \$11 billion in 2000 to \$28.6 billion in 2014.

Stevens spent much of the 1990's as a member of the Oneida Council. Debbie Thundercloud, his chief of staff at NIGA, was Oneida Council vice chairwoman and Rick Hill was both Oneida and NIGA chair during that time. "Rick Hill was chair [of Oneida] and we loaned him to the NIGA in the midst of all the gaming wars," Thundercloud said. "There were a lot of organizations that were coming after Indian gaming, like the



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Behind the Scenes at
Denver March Powwow

BY TISH LEIZENS



Powwow Princess Jordynn Lee Paz

The mad rush to get through the doors of one of the most successful pow wows, the Denver March Powwow, has begun, and if you are a vendor and haven't already applied for a slot, you're out of luck this year. It's sold out!

Up in Minnesota, educators at Vermilion Country Charter School are busy fundraising. Two months prior to the pow wow, Ryan Bajan, educator and special education coordinator, started a field trip funding campaign on fundfly.com so that students there can attend the pow wow.

The Denver March Powwow, March 20 to 22, to be held at the Denver Coliseum,

in Colorado, is in its 41st year, and its drawing power to vendors, dancers, drum groups and the young generation never fails. In all, organizers expect an audience of 55,000, with over 95 tribes represented.

"The hardest part of the job is the way the pow wow should be run," said Grace Gillette (Arikara), executive director of the pow wow. "We don't have many changes in the programs from year to year."

The success formula for the pow wow, Gillette said, can be credited to three major events: an arts and crafts show, with a limit on 175 vendor booths; a musical festival, with more than 40 drum groups and a dance competition, with 1,600 dancer-participants.

The multi-honored pow wow is a long way from its humble beginnings when it was a weekly event at the Denver Indian Center and was called Youth Enrichment Powwow in 1974 and 1975.

Fast-forward to today, and the youth are still very much involved in the pow wow. Bajan said this is the second year they have attended the event. "We are trying to include more students this year and each one participate in dancing. We have eight students attending, all Bois Forte Band of Chippewa members."

The trip is the capstone project for their students' school year, he said, adding that at their project-based learning school, students lead their own projects that achieve the credits they need to graduate and pursue post-secondary options. "We are committed to traditional education of the Anishinaabe nation, with an active youth-led Powwow Club. Our club participates in Ojibwemowin language study, traditional ceremony, wild ricing, hide tanning, and pow wowing," said Bajan.

The goal is to attend eight pow wows throughout the year, while their school hosts a pow wow each year. "Our youth is learning hand drum and dance during club time as well as preparing for language competition in local quiz bowls."

As Denver March Powwow's popularity soars, the organizers want to maintain its traditional roots and make it run as efficiently as possible. To accommodate people who can't travel, organizers show the event online.

At the Coliseum, meanwhile, stream-

lining the event has not been an easy task, particularly when there is an "open invitation" for drum groups. A comfortable number for drum groups is 35, but last year, 43 came. "We hate to have to limit the groups. We can't turn them away," said Gillette. "If there are too many, they just have to be patient."

That means that on Saturday of the three-day event, the Grand Entry ceremony could run for close to two hours, said Gillette.

Expect the arena to be packed by dancers who average about 1,200, as registered, but creep up to 1,600 during the ceremony. "A lot of dancers don't register," said Gillette.

Last year, dancers came from 37 states and five Canadian provinces. Gillette said that historically, drum groups come to render traditional songs and introduce new music.

This year, dancers can compete in several categories, six for juniors, seven for teens and 32 for adults. The dances vary and include jingle, fancy, traditional, grass, northern straight, southern straight, buckskin, cloth and chicken.

Family sponsors add to the excitement, as they add more money to the pot. In all, the prize money could be anywhere from \$55,000 to \$60,000, said Gillette.

Keeping the participants in line and crowd entertained are staff members: Leo "Chico" Her Many Horses (Oglala Sioux), arena director; Lawrence Baker (Mandan and Hidatsa) and Chris Eagle Hawk (Oglala Lakota) as emcees; Whitney Topsky (Chippewa-Cree), Head Northern Judge; and JoNeda Weryawah Sage (Comanche) as Head Southern Judge.

Other attractions are the tribal storytelling, contemporary hip-hop presentations that empower the youth and educate listeners with a message of hope through culture and music, and the coronation of the year's Denver March Powwow Princess.

Meanwhile, Bajan hopes to avoid making a mad dash to the finish in order to get his students to one of the biggest pow wows of 2015. They need \$3,000 for the trip, and were halfway there in mid-February. "Our club is very excited," he said. ○

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That Pocahontas ‘Costume Is Never the Right Choice

Pow Wow Fashion Faux Pas

BY ALYSA LANDRY

At a pow wow, wardrobe choices often depend on your role at the event, but whether you’re dancing, singing or just watching, there are fashion faux pas to avoid.

Some universal standards apply at all pow wows, regardless of location, weather or purpose. Here are some tips to keep you from committing embarrassing – or offensive – fashion blunders:

Ripped, ragged or sagging pants

Pow wows represent a mixture of the social and the spiritual, said Reno Charette, a women’s traditional dancer and director of American Indian outreach at Montana State University Billings. If you’re not dancing, casual attire is appropriate, but it should fit properly and be in good repair. “Our young men go around with their pants hanging low,” said Charette, who is Crow and Turtle Mountain Chippewa. “That’s especially bad when they’re in the drum group and they lean forward.”

Shorts or miniskirts

Showing too much leg is inappropriate for anyone in the arena, including spectators, Charette said. She recommends a style that is “casual without being revealing.” Even in 100-degree weather, Daisy Duke-style shorts or miniskirts should be avoided.

For some male dancers, bare legs are part of the regalia, but singers and spectators should cover up, Charette said. “Some of our male dancers may not have

their legs fully covered, but there is a standard of modesty that they abide by.”

Swimsuits, halter tops or bikini tops

Regardless of where they are in the arena, women should avoid tight clothing or anything that shows cleavage, Charette said. That includes halter tops, bikini tops and spaghetti straps. It also includes any style worn without appropriate underwear. “We know it’s hot, but please cover up,” she said. “Going braless at a pow wow is inappropriate. Bosoms need to be contained.”

Bare feet

Wearing shoes isn’t just a fashion statement, but also a safety precaution, Charette said. She recommends spectators wear closed-toed shoes to keep feet clean and safe. The same standard applies to dancers and singers, said Erny Zah, a singer and emcee who has traveled the pow wow circuit all over the country. “For singers, regardless of how hot it is, wear long pants and nice shoes,” he said. “The general rule is that you don’t want to show skin, so a long-sleeved shirt is also appropriate.”

Clothing with profane or inappropriate slogans

An element of sacredness exists in the pow wow arena, said Zah, who is Navajo, Jicarilla Apache and Choctaw. Dress and appearance should show respect for that. “This is more than just a show,” he said. “For some of these tribes, this is their ritual that has been with them for generations. We’ve got to remember where it came from and respect that.”

Extremes

Just as styles that are too casual or revealing should be avoided, so should clothing that is too dressy or formal. “There’s a line between too casual and too dressy,” said Sammy Tonkei White, a Kiowa emcee, who has been working with pow wows since 1959. “Just as young people who are not dressed appropriately should leave, it would look funny if an Indian got up and danced in a tuxedo.”

Costumes

Perhaps the most offensive thing you can

wear to a pow wow is a costume. This includes the Boy Scouts who show up with war paint and synthetic feathers, or the wannabe Indians who dress in homemade buckskins or breechcloths. “A lot of this is non-Natives coming with warbonnets on and thinking that they’re honoring Native America,” Zah said. “For some reason, non-Natives think that mimicry is a way to honor, but these are our real clothes, not costumes.”

Anything that can be considered revealing

When in doubt, go with your “Sunday best,” Zah said. If you’re dressed appropriately, you will be more likely to feel the spiritual power. “The overall goal of the pow wow is to help people,” he said. “So the singing, dancing, drums and feathers, all of that comes together. Everyone who takes part in that, whether singing or dancing or watching, will feel that and it will give them strength.”

Cheap or fake regalia

Dancers in full dress can carry around as much as 40 extra pounds from their moccasins, leggings, belts, bustles, capes and other accessories, Charette said. But in the pow wow arena, quality matters. “It can get very heavy, but you wear it,” she said. “This is our formal wear, and as a dancer, the materials you select and the quality of your regalia should always bring pride to your tribe. It’s important to set for yourself a very high standard of quality, and do your best to meet that.”

Anything that sends the wrong message

Pow wows often are open to the public and outsiders are welcome, Zah said. But the burden to educate the masses falls on participants – the organizers, emcees, dancers and singers – who are tasked with providing an authentic Native experience in an inauthentic world. Zah encourages all participants to think about their clothing before they attend a pow wow. “Native America is being presented in the wrong way because people are learning from teachers like Disney, Peter Pan and Pocahontas,” he said. “It’s important to do this right because we’re educating a new generation.” ○



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San Manuel Pow Wow Has Huge Prize Money,
Awesome Singers & Drums **DIEGO JAMES ROBLES**

Thousands of people from across North America descended upon the California State University San Bernardino campus to attend one of California's most moneyed pow wows last October. Hosted by the affluent and famously charitable casino tribe, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians' Annual Pow Wow hosted hundreds of dancers and more notably, several illustrious drums from throughout Indian Country.

Tribal member and pow wow booster George Murillo knows his tribe's pow wow is like no other. "This has grown into something spectacular," he told ICTMN. "We have

visitors from all the nations, and I feel very proud of it; to have been raised on our reservation and to be able to share this with other tribes."

There are a few things that distinguish the San Manuel Pow Wow. For one, everything is free and extremely Native-oriented, even more so than usual for a pow wow. The tribe only allows Native artists as vendors. And perhaps more unusual for a dancer-driven event like a pow wow, the singers and

drummers received first billing and top dollar.

Pow wow organizer and tribal member Tommy Ramos explained the pow wow did not start as

a singer/drummer centric event. "It really wasn't at first," he said. "As things started to grow, we listened to a lot of our elders that came from that drum-

But even with the lower than expected number of dancers, there was a feeling of pride amongst the pow wow organizers and staff: It was the strong singer/drummers turnout and the \$250,000 in prize money handed out during the three-day celebration. The money came from an allotment the tribe sets aside every year just

for the pow wow. "We like to give back to the Indian people directly," Ramos said. "One of the big things that the tribe does is pay the taxes on all the [winings]. Like our drum contest, it's \$20,000 for first place and they are going home with \$20,000 in their pocket."



Dancers, spectators, and judges gather around the Black Lodge Singers

ming side of the pow wow and that's how we kinda arrived at this place."

Ramos said attendance for dancers was down in 2014, but didn't despair because some of the causes were beyond the pow wow's control. He estimates that there were between 200-300 dancers as of Saturday afternoon. "Some of the weather in some parts of the country has affected our numbers," Ramos said referring to storm systems in some northern states.

Renowned drum from the Minneapolis/Saint Paul area, Midnite Express is highly sought-after for its diverse style. "We sing songs from all over the Midwest and The Plains," Jay Dusty Bull told ICTMN. "We play Lakota, Chippewa, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Blackfeet, Hopi, Navajo, Pueblo and we can do it because we are a drum group with many different tribe members."

The drum traveled 30 hours, some



Teen fancy shawl dancers compete

of them through inclement weather, for the glory of warm weather in October and a shot at \$20,000 in first-place prize money. “If you have top prize money for dancing, and singers get the same amount of money, we feel the same amount of respect,” Dusty Bull said. “Dancers dance for four or five songs for good money,” he said. “For us, we have to sing for three days up to thirty songs for just a fraction of that money. But now, this pow wow here, is a singer’s pow wow.”

Encompassing a completely different approach, the Black Lodge Singers are a Blackfoot family drum from White Swan, Washington. “We are probably best known because we are a family drum with a core of brothers who sing,” group member Kenny Scabby Robe said. “We are a contemporary drum, but we do sing original songs because that is how we got started.”

The Black Lodge Singers made the trek down California’s Interstate-5 because they knew the competition would be well worth the effort and

because the San Manuel Indians know how to treat drums. “Most of these pow wows are geared towards the dancers,” Robe said. “It’s pretty good here because they know without the singers there is really no pow wow.”

Most dancers were happy to dance regardless of the quality of the drum, but Nathan Chasing Horse, Lakota, immediately felt the difference at this pow wow. “When these guys sing for dancers, they are thinking about them and their beat will change especially when some of the dancers might be old,” Chasing Horse said. “Out there we are giving it all from our heart and they feel it,” he said. “When the drummers are singing from their heart, it makes you that much more able to dance.”

Pow wow organizer Tommy Ramos and his tribe were just happy to spread the love. “We were down for years and years and now that we’ve run into this big blessing that we have,” Ramos said referring to tribal gaming, “We just want to share it with all of the people.” ○



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Don't Go Pow Wow Without It

A dream shopping list for getting the most out of your next pow wow

VINCENT SCHILLING

The pow wow season is always a busy, exciting time of the year, full of celebration, dancing, drumming and singing. But despite all of the great sights and sounds, we think things could be turned up notch. Here are a few items you wish that could make your pow wow season even more fun.

A Portable Cooler- Offer

This might seem weird, but Amazon sells a USB/Battery Powered Mini Portable Hand Held Air Conditioner. There is no telling how well this works, but since buckskin is not the coolest material to be wearing on a 95 degree summer day, this gadget couldn't hurt.

Travelchair with Cooler

A place to keep your cold drinks and sandwiches, and a place to sit all in the same place? Yes, we see all of you folks out there with your folding camping chairs, but do they have a cooler connected? We think not! Be the envy of the 2015 pow wow season when you roll in with one of these.

Selfie Stick

Picture this (literally). You are all regalia'd out, your makeup and hair is on point, and it is just before the dancing begins. Now is the perfect time for a selfie! But at a pow wow, a lot of your friends probably want to

jump in to capture the memories with you. So, what is the solution? A selfie stick! It's an arm extender for your selfies. No more strained arms or cut



Garia Edition Soleil de Minuit golf cart

off photos. Check out Looq – they have a great example.

Floorless Tent

It is just what you think it is. And that's a very good thing. If the day is hot and long, and you want to set up a bit of shelter with a bit less set-up time, a floorless tent can be a great option to help keep the hot sun from coming down too hard on your little head. There are some nice examples on BackCountry.com.

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Put a Ring On It!

Tule River Foothills Powwow Ends With Surprise Proposal

DIEGO JAMES ROBLES

More than 150 dancers and a few thousand spectators attended the Tule River tribe's last powwow of the season in 2014. "The powwow is here to bring all the people together, of all ages and from all over," powwow committee chairman Herald Santos said. "We have people from Canada, Washington, Oregon, and as far away as the Dakotas." On September 19-21 in Tulare County, California, the Tule River Band of Yokuts presented their 2014 Tule River Pow-Wow.

Donna Devine, a tribal member, and the powwow's treasurer, explained that the powwow was known throughout the region for its hospitality and inclusiveness, regardless of tribal affiliation or race.

Under the canopy of a small tent, and surrounded by intricate yet simply designed Yokut baskets, tribal member Linda Santiago-Peterson waited for people's questions. The tall woman, adorned from head to toe with Native jewelry, often had to say "No" when asked if her baskets were for sale. "People always want to buy them, and I decline because I feel our Yokut baskets need to come home to us," Santiago-Peterson said.

A cultural arts teacher and educational advocate, Santiago-Peterson's mission in the powwow was to teach as many people as possible, or as many who would listen, exactly what goes into a Yokut basket. Made primarily out of deer grass, and a combination of other smaller roots, the process is labor intensive and time consuming. "The grass needs to be picked and cleaned," San-

tiago-Peterson said. "To make a small, cup-size basket, it takes 20 hours of just gathering [the grass]; not to mention cleaning and everything else."

One of the highlights of the 2014 seasons (see page 8 for photo and quotes) was when headman dancer Johnny Nieto put on more than the usual show and proposed marriage to his girlfriend in the powwow circle during his northern traditional special. She accepted.

"I was speechless, surprised," Yendi Juarez, Guatemalan/Mexican, later said of the proposal.

In many ways, it was a fitting place to do it because the two met at a powwow in college. Juarez credits Nieto with changing her life for the better. "I was a party girl, drinking all the time, and he introduced me to his culture, and it caught my attention, especially spiritually [speaking]," Juarez said. "Oh man, I was cramping, my body was ailing when I was proposing," said Nieto. "But my people taught me to never show weakness, and to always push forward." ○

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Teepee Capital of the World

The Crow Fair Powwow is the largest Native encampment in the U.S.

BY JACK MCNEEL



Learning the tradition

Indian country is loaded with pow wows. Many are outstanding, but a few seem to rise to the top, to have something that draws attention and encourages you to drive those extra miles to be part of something special. Many people would agree that Crow Fair is one of those special pow wows. Perhaps even an event to put on

your “bucket list.”

The Crow Tribe of Indians promotes its fair as the “teepee capital of the world.” It’s the largest Native encampment in the country, and the pow wow usually takes place over the third weekend in August—this summer it’s August 14-18. But long before the pow wow begins, the camp site starts to fill up with at

least 1,000 teepees that are stretched into the Montana sky (some years, the estimates are closer to 1,500 teepees; it’s acres and acres of teepees). It’s a wonderful sight.

Quirky Old Horn, an elder in the Crow Tribe, has long been associated with the Crow Fair. Quirky’s late father, Allan Old Horn, was the voice of the

pow wow for many, many years. He says that part of the fair’s magic is that, “nowhere else would you see as many teepees as at Crow Fair; nowhere in the world.”

But there are also several attractions. Each year the fair holds a parade, which winds its way through the campsites. What’s most impressive is the large number

of women on horseback using the old-style saddles of bone and rawhide, a style that's been around almost as long as the tribe has had horses. Many of the saddles are cherished family heirlooms. Old Horn pointed out that in addition to these old saddles are the paraphernalia of the warriors, the spirit cases, shields and other things which would display their bravery and accomplishments in battle. "It's a reenactment of a way of life back before the coming of the Europeans," Old Horn said. "The band, when they moved, would kind of caravan. There was an ap-

life. The relay is basically a reenactment of when the warriors had to jump horses to survive and escape from enemies." Many now consider it the most exciting event to watch; the horsemanship while riding bareback and dismounting and remounting horses eager to get going. Cowboys say it's the only event they'll climb up on the fences to watch."

Then, there's the dancing, which is a lot like pow wows throughout the west. But there is a difference. There's more emphasis on traditional dance styles as Small Salmon commented. Old Horn said, "The attire. You can pick out [the Crow

"Relay racing basically started in Crow country, way back when the animal came to this part of the country."

peal made to the forces of nature, and the Almighty, that the journey, the caravan, [would] be safe. That's what we're reenacting in the parade."

In addition to the massive number of teepees and outstanding parade which help place Crow Fair in that elite category, is rodeo and racing, especially relay racing. "Relay racing basically started in Crow country," Old Horn said. "We had horseracing way back when the animal came to this part of the country. Competition was a way of

tribe's style] from hundreds of dancers because the dress ways are the same as the turn of the last century. The only additions are material things to decorate their regalia."

Darrell Tso, Navajo, pointed out another aspect of the Crow Fair that's, perhaps, not so obvious, but separates this pow wow from many others. "They don't hesitate to speak their language. They don't hesitate to make clear what they still value. When I go there, I feel that language very strong. People go there because they feel that spirit of the language and spirit of the culture." ○

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Ada Claire's Digital Pow Wow podcast, Episode 1, "Identity," with Greg Grey Cloud

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Direct from Estonia, Apache Teen's
Digital Pow Wow Podcast

BY CHRISTINA ROSE

From the enrolled to the unenrolled, from the reservations to the cities, from South Dakota to as far away as Europe, a call for unity is coming from a Reddit group called "Indian Country: Many Nations One Community." With a goal of bringing people together from every possible Native experience, the group has just released its first podcast, which will become a regularly scheduled event entitled "Digital Pow Wow."

The series will be coming to you direct from the Republic of Estonia. The host of the program is Ada Claire, 19, Jicarilla Apache/Iranian, hailing from Kansas, but currently studying at the Tallinn University Law School in the tiny Indigenous

country of 1.3 million people, located in the Baltic Region of Northern Europe. Claire is a young girl with big dreams and a history of making them happen.

Claire has already lived in more places than many think to visit. "Let's just start off saying that my childhood and idea of 'home' is really untraditional. I have spent significant time with family across the U.S., and the world, in New Mexico, Colorado, Georgia; and I lived in Japan, Macedonia, and the Philippines for a while." She graduated high school at 15, and has been traveling since, studying in Estonia the last two years, and will graduate with her law degree at 21. "My parents have always been supportive of my saving

[money] to travel and working around the world," she said.

Claire's foray into podcasting began as a moderator for the sub-Reddit community. Reddit is an online site for different interests and communities, where the world has become a much smaller place.

Founder of the group Kiros Auld saw the need for an inter-tribal community on Reddit. "The next largest Reddit community is not really moderated. There was a lot of inter-tribal racism, racial purity, and the like, and I thought we could do better than that. I was looking for a unifying idea, to capture the pan-Indian feel and appeal. I was hoping to give people an outlet, an inter-tribal sense of being. I think

“I was hoping to give people an outlet, an inter-tribal sense of being.”

we are on the right track.”

The membership runs the expanse of Native experiences with Indigenous people from throughout the Western Hemisphere. “We encourage people from South Central Americas, the Caribbean, and First Nations to join, and we have Native Hawaiians who contribute to our community,” Auld said.

Jackie Malstrom, host of Portland Oregon’s Rose City Native Radio, KBOO radio, is a production team member for the podcast. She said, “It is a very active community, we get replies the second we post, from all over the world. It varies by time zones, and it is amazing to see all these Natives come together to work towards a common goal, to get our voices out there.”

The first Digital Pow Wow podcast features an interview by Ada Claire with Greg Grey Cloud, who won fame when he was arrested for singing an Honor Song after Congress successfully blocked the XL Pipeline. The “Digital Pow Wow” podcast appears on Vimeo, and features the topic of Identity and all that comes with the issue, from living situations to blood quantum. Grey Cloud said, “It was an important topic, it was Ada’s first show, her first podcast, and I thought she did a great job. She is a very well-educated young lady.”


Grey Cloud will join Claire in another podcast to speak


about his organization Wica Agli, the first Native organization for men against sexual and domestic violence in Indian Country. Claire is hoping Jennifer Himmel, a survivor of domestic abuse and operator of the Facebook community, “Healthy Active Natives” will join them.


Currently, “Indian Country: Many Nations One Community” has about 260 subscribers with many more who visit the site and its offshoots. “We are super-tight,” Claire said. “We branched out with a ‘Real Indian Talk Challenge’ and are encouraging our members to make a video or a vocal recording of one sentence, once a week, in their language. You know, one sentence a week, for 52 weeks a year, that’s really nothing out of your week to write down a sentence, speak your sentence out loud and post it so we can see it.

“I am working so hard to learn my language, to teach my language, to promote my language, but here I am in Europe, and I have no connections here to my tribe. I am separate from everything, and I know a lot of Natives feel that way — and that’s especially true for city dwellers,” Claire said.

The site also has a large language data base for learning and teaching. “Language, language, language!” Claire said. That’s my big platform because for me, it’s the best way to promote your culture. It’s keeping it traditional in the modern world; walking in two worlds, that’s what it’s gotta be in the modern world. Social media has become an outlet for us to become stronger as a people; it’s what’s going to keep us alive.” ○







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nap@cmich.edu

CMich.edu/office_provost/OID/NAP/pow_wow/Pages/default.aspx

Arrowhead Pow Wow

3/21/2015

McAlester Expo, 4500

Highway 270 West

McAlester, OK

918-423-1016

denac@choctawnation.com

20th Forest County Potawatomi Recreation Winter's End Pow Wow

3/21/2015-3/22/2015

Crandon High School,
9750 Highway 8 West
Crandon, WI

715-478-7420

brian.tupper@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov

7th Annual Red River Intertribal Club Benefit Pow Wow

3/21/2015

National Guard Armory,
3701 Armory Road

Wichita Falls, TX

950-782-7747

redriverintertribalclub@yahoo.com

RedRiverIntertribal.org

Northland College Spring Pow Wow

3/21/2015

Kendrigan Gym, 1411
Ellis Avenue

Ashland, WI

715-682-1344

kwerchouski@northland.edu

Facebook.com/#!/nc.springpowwow

40th Annual Northwest Indian Youth Conference

3/23/2015-3/26/2015

SHO-BAN High School Gym

Pocatello, ID

208-478-3712

nwiyc@sbtribe.com

SBTribes.com/NWIYC/

43rd Annual University of South Dakota Wacipi

3/26/2015-3/27/2015

University of South Dakota

Vermillion, SD

605-677-7219

11th Annual American Indian Disability Summit

3/26/2015

Desert Willow Center, 4340
East Cotton Center Blvd

Phoenix, AZ

800-280-2245

Salt River Veterans Recognition Pow Wow

3/27/2015-3/29/2015

Salt River Pima/Maricopa
Indian Community

10005 East Osborn Road

Scottsdale, AZ

pacer.reina@srbmic-nsn.gov

Brigham Young University Cedartree Memorial Competition Pow Wow

3/27/2015-3/28/2015

Wilkinson Student Center

Provo, UT

801-422-4086

cedartree_powwow@byu.edu

multicultural.BYU.edu/content/byu-cedartree-memorial-competition-pow-wow

Miss, Junior Miss & Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City Honor Dance

3/27/2015

Destiny Christian Center

Del City, OK

MissIndianOKC.org

101st Annual University of Oklahoma's American Indian Student Association Spring Pow Wow

3/28/2015

Lloyd Noble Center, 2900

South Jenkins Avenue

Norman, OK

405-325-146

roberts@ou.edu

Facebook.com/pages/ou-american-indian-alumni-society/108920062499922

1st Annual Pow Wow at University of Virginia

3/28/2015

McIntire Amphitheater,
275 McCormick Road

Charlottesville, VA

uvapowwow@gmail.com

nasuatuva.WordPress.com

University of Redlands Pow Wow

3/28/2015-3/29/2015

1200 East Colton Avenue

Redlands, CA

909-748-8878

nora_pulskamp@redlands.edu

Facebook.com/

[events/634477539992008](https://Facebook.com/events/634477539992008)

67th Annual Augsburg College's Traditional Pow Wow

3/28/2015

Si Melby Gym, 715

23rd Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN

612-330-1144

aiss@augsborg.edu

Augsburg.edu/aissp/traditional-powwow/

12th Annual Student Government Association Spring Pow Wow

3/28/2015

Comanche Nation,

1608 SW 9th Street

Lawton, OK

CNC.cc.ok.us

28th Annual Mole Lake's Youth TRAILS Pow Wow

3/28/2015

Crandon High School

Crandon, WI

715-478-5115

missi.vanzile@scc-nsn.gov

East Carolina Native American Organization's Pow Wow

3/28/2015
 ECU-Minges Coliseum
 Greenville, NC
 252-864-7162
hunta@ecu.edu

Carolina Indian Circle's Annual Pow Wow

3/28/2015
 UNC-Woolen Gymnasium
 Chapel Hill, NC
 828-736-8238 or 910-258-9740
cicpowwow@gmail.com

31st Annual Circle of Nations Indigenous Association Pow Wow

3/28/2015
 University of Minnesota Morris
 600 East 4th Street
 Morris, MN

[facebook.com/
 events/358969854285926](https://www.facebook.com/events/358969854285926)

Oklahoma City University Spring Pow Wow

3/28/2015
 Freede Wellness Center
 Northwest 27th Florida Ave.
 Oklahoma City, OK
 918-284-6521
acdellinger@my.okcu.edu

Woodlands and High Plains Pow Wow

3/28/2015
 Concordia College
 Memorial Auditorium
 8th and 12th Avenue South
 Moorhead, MN
 212-299-4519
slu@cord.edu
[Facebook.com/pages/woodlands-and-high-plains-powwow-whpp/126720620767390](https://www.facebook.com/pages/woodlands-and-high-plains-powwow-whpp/126720620767390)

27th Natchez Pow Wow

3/28/2015-3/29/2015
 Grand Village of Natchez Indians
 400 Jefferson Davis Boulevard
 Natchez, MS
 601-442-0200
cborum@hotmail.com
NatchezPowWow.com

Cherokee Of Georgia Spring Pow Wow

4/2/2015-4/4/2015
 Tribal Grounds, 110 Cherokee Way
 Saint George, GA
 912-552-0305
cherokeefga@att.net
CherokeeofGeorgia.org

Annual Ida'ina Gathering

4/3/2015-4/4/2015
 Alaska Dome, 6501 ChangePoint Dr.

Anchorage, AK
 907-646-3115
emccord@tyonek.com
TebughnaFoundation.com

40th Annual Montana State University American Indian Council Pow Wow

4/3/2015-4/4/2015
 Breeden Fieldhouse, 11th Ave. and Grant
 Bozeman, MT
Montana.edu/nativeamerican/club/powwow.html

3rd Annual Pomona College Pow Wow

4/4/2015
 295 East First Street
 Claremont, CA
 909-706-5948
scott.scoggins@pomona.edu

16th Annual Tutxinmepu Pow Wow

4/4/2015-4/5/2015

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[UIdaho.edu/
nativeamericancenter/
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University of Science and Arts Oklahoma Intertribal Heritage Club Spring Pow Wow

4/4/2015-4/5/2015
1727 West Alabama Avenue
Chickasha, OK

Humboldt University Big Time Pow Wow

4/4/2015
Humboldt University
Arcata, CA
707-834-2727
canez@humboldt.edu

22nd Annual Seven Arrows Contest Pow Wow

4/4/2015-4/5/2015
Boise State U Jordan Ballroom
1600 University Drive
Boise, ID
208-426-5950
mss.BoiseState.edu/pow-wow

43rd Annual Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow

4/4/2015-4/5/2015
Skyline High, 2552
North Maple Road
Ypsilanti, MI
powwow.UMich.edu

American Indian Youth Leadership Spring Pow Wow

4/4/2015
McCurain County
Sports Complex
108 West 5th Street
Broken Bow, OK
580-584-3365

25th Annual Washington University in St. Louis Pow Wow

4/4/2015
Fontbonne University, Dunham
Student Activity Center
6800 Wydown Boulevard
St. Louis, MO
314-935-4510
bcais@wustl.edu
buder.WUStL.edu

Chattanooga Native American Heritage Festival and Pow Wow on the River

4/4/2015-4/5/2015
First Tennessee Pavilion
1826 Reggie White Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN
423-240-7270
naservices.org@gmail.com
NAServices.org

Bemijigamaag Pow Wow

4/4/2015
Sanford Center, 1111
Event Center Dr. NE
Bemidji, MN
218-556-0517
cpansch@thesanfordcenter.net

46th Annual Montana State University, Billings Pow Wow

4/10/2015-4/11/2015
Alterowitz Gym, 1500
University Drive
Billings, MT
406-657-2144
[msubillingspowwow@
msubillings.edu](mailto:msubillingspowwow@msubillings.edu)
[MSUBillings.edu/
americanindian/powwow/htm](http://MSUBillings.edu/americanindian/powwow/htm)

Cehaw Native American Cultural Festival

4/10/2015-4/12/2015
Cehaw Park / Albany, GA
229-430-5275
[Cehaw.org/events-native-
american-festival.html](http://Cehaw.org/events-native-american-festival.html)

San Juan College Contest Pow Wow

4/10/2015-4/12/2015
McGee Park Coliseum
Farmington, NM
505-566-3321
nac@sanjuancollege.edu

152nd Annual Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Pow Wow

4/10/2015-4/12/2015
District Seven Ball Park
8035 South 83rd Avenue
Laveen, AZ
520-430-4780

43rd Annual UC Davis Indigenous Arts Market and Native American Pow Wow

4/10/2015-4/11/2015
UC Davis Outdoor Quad
1 Shields Avenue
Davis, CA
530-752-7032
cmarich@ucdavis.edu
ccc.UCDavis.edu/powwow.html

44th Annual First Nations at the University of Washington Spring Pow Wow

4/10/2015-4/12/2015
HEC Edmundon Pavilion
3870 Montlake
Boulevard Northeast
Seattle, WA
206-271-5385
uwpowwow@gmail.com
students.Washington.edu/fnuw/

Wisconsin Indian Education Association Conference Pow Wow

4/10/2015
Indian Community School
10405 West Saint Martins Road
Franklin, WI
joylogan@uwm.edu
WIEA.org

Talihina Indian Festival and Pow Wow

4/11/2015
Talihina School Gym
Talihina, OK
918-567-2539 or 918-567-2106

37th Annual First Nations University of Canada Spring Celebration

4/11/2015-4/12/2015
Brandt Center Evraz Pl.
1700 Elphinstone Street
Saskatchewan, Canada
FNUniv.ca/powwow

21st Anniversary University of Iowa Pow Wow

4/11/2015
U of I Recreation Bldng.
930 Evashevski Drive
Iowa City, IA
nasa@uiowa.edu
powwow.UIowa.edu

Southern Oregon University's Spring Pow Wow

4/11/2015-4/12/2015
Southern Oregon University
Ashland, OR

22nd Annual Saint Cloud State University Pow Wow

4/11/2015
Halenback Hall
1000 Fourth Avenue South
Saint Cloud, MN
320-308-5447
jkolodzne@stcloudstate.edu
[StCloudState.edu/
aic/calendar.asp](http://StCloudState.edu/aic/calendar.asp)

11th Annual Creighton University All Nations Pow Wow

4/11/2015
Kiewit Fitness Center
2500 California Plaza
Omaha, NE
402-280-2459

kerritr@gmail.com
Creighton.edu

17th Annual Chumash Day Pow Wow and Intertribal Gathering

4/11/2015-4/12/2015
Malibu Bluffs Park
24250 Pacific Coast Highway
Malibu, CA
310-456-2489 ext. 350
kriesgo@malibucity.org
MalibuCity.org/chumashday

15th Annual Red Eagle Lodge Intertribal Pow Wow

4/11/2015-4/12/2015
Fort Cooper State Park
3100 South Old
Floral City Road
Inverness, FL
352-419-5382

redeaglelodge@tampabay.rr.com
RedEagleLodge.org/?page_id=248

Painted Faces In The Valley Spring Pow Wow

4/11/2015
118 Lamington Road
Branchburg, NJ
347-620-4775
raven@ravenswingproductions.com

University of North Dakota Indian Association Wacipi

4/17/2015-4/19/2015
Hyslop Sports Center
Grand Forks, ND
701-777-4291
UND.edu/orgs/indian-association

47th Annual Kyi-Yo Pow Wow

4/17/2015-4/18/2015
Adams Center, U of Montana
32 Campus Drive
Missoula, MT
406-243-2669
cas.UMT.edu/kyiyo/kyiYoPowWow/default.php

Petal Southern Miss Pow Wow

4/17/2015- 4/19/2015
Willie Hinton Park, 119
West 8th Avenue
Petal, MS
601-466-0948
tammy.greer@usm.edu

50th Annual Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Pow Wow

4/17/2015-4/19/2015
Tribal School Pow

Wow Grounds
130 Haliwa-Saponi Trail
Hollister, NC
252-586-4017
info@haliwa-saponi.com
Haliwa-Saponi.com

32nd Annual Lakota Omniciye Wacipi

4/17/2015-4/19/2015
Donald E. Young Field House
1625 Saint Joe Street
Spearfish, SD
605-642-6578
mary.mitchell@yellowjackets.bhsu.edu
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United Cherokee Pow Wow and Festival

4/17/2015-4/19/2015

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Texas Gulf Coast Tia- Piah Pow Wow

4/17/2015-4/19/2015
Albert V. Sallas County Park
New Caney, TX
GulfCoastTiaPiah.com

29th Annual Arizona State University Pow Wow

4/17/2015-4/19/2015
ASU Band Practice Field
6th Street and Rural Road
Tempe, AZ
asupowow@gmail.com
powwow.ASU.edu

Duke University Pow Wow

4/18/2015
Chapel Drive / Durham, NC

Native American Earth Festival

4/18/2015
Reed Canal Park
2871 South Nova Road
South Daytona, FL

Louisiana State University Native American Student Organization Spring Pow Wow

4/18/2015
John M. Parker Coliseum
Ag Center Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA
225-578-5507
naso@lsu.edu

Rio Rancho Pow Wow

4/18/2015
Rio Rancho High School
301 Loma Colorado Boulevard
Rio Rancho, NM
Facebook.com/rioranchopowwow

Fife Indian United Methodist Church Azalea Pow Wow

4/18/2015
Muskogee Civic Center
425 Boston Street
Muskogee, OK
918-684-6363 or 918-478-9227
Facebook.com/pages/Fife-Indian-United-Methodist-Church/108081072558218

13th Annual Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Healthy Living Run/ Walk and Pow Wow

4/18/2015
Ponca Tribal Gym
1800 Syracuse Avenue
Norfolk, NE
402-438-9222
hfarley@poncatribene.org
PoncaTribe-NE.org

32nd Annual Michi- gan State University: Pow Wow of Life

4/18/2015
Jenison Field House
East Lansing, MI
517-353-7745
ryerseas@gmail.com
[Facebook.com/
events/584494355027695/](http://Facebook.com/events/584494355027695/)

23rd Annual North- side Aztlan Commu- nity Center Spring Pow Wow

4/18/2015-4/19/2015
Northside Aztlan
Community Center
112 Willow Street
Fort Collins, CO
970-498-0290
ncipa@fortnet.org
[FortNet.org/PowWow/
NCIPA_powwow.html](http://FortNet.org/PowWow/NCIPA_powwow.html)

Northeastern State University Pow Wow 3rd Annual Sympo- sium on the Ameri- can Indian Pow Wow

4/18/2015

NSU Event Center
Tahlequah, OK
918-444-4354
[offices.NSUOK.edu/
centerfortribalstudies/
NSUPowwow.aspx](http://offices.NSUOK.edu/centerfortribalstudies/NSUPowwow.aspx)
tribalstudies@nsuok.edu

30th Annual Sher- man Indian High School Pow Wow

4/18/2015
Ira Hayes Football Stadium
9010 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, CA
951-276-6326, ext. 120
galene.miller@bie.edu
sibs.BIE.edu/

University of Massa- chusetts - Amherst Pow Wow

4/18/2015
Curry Hicks Cage
100 Curry Hicks Way
Amherst, MA
413-577-0970

Gathering of Nations

4/23/2015-4/25/2015
University of Mexico
Arena, The Pit
Albuquerque, NM
505-836-2810
GatheringOfNations.com

Musical Echoes Na- tive American Flute and Art Festival

4/24/2015-4/26/2015
Fort Walton Landing
139 Miracle Strip Parkway SE
Fort Walton Beach, FL
850-837-9828
information@musicalechoes.org
MusicalEchoes.org

Mobridge-Pollock School Spring Pow Wow

4/24/2015-4/25/2015
1107 First Avenue East
Mobridge, SD
605-845-9211

weningen311@gmail.com

Montana State Uni- versity Sweetgrass Society Pow Wow

4/24/2015-4/25/2015
MSU Northern Gym
Harve, MT
406-945-3637
sweetgrass_rep@yahoo.com
[MSUN.edu/stuorgs/
sgs/powwow.aspx](http://MSUN.edu/stuorgs/sgs/powwow.aspx)

Meherrin-Chowa- noke Pow Wow

4/24/2015-4/26/2015
Ahoskie Recreational Complex
Ahoskie, NC
252-301-6081
[meherrinchowanokepowwow@
gmail.com](mailto:meherrinchowanokepowwow@gmail.com)
Meherrin-Chowanoke.com

22nd Annual Ohlone Gathering and Pow Wow

4/24/2015-4/26/2015
Tony Cerda Park
400 West Grand Avenue
Pomona, CA
909-524-8041
rumsen@aol.com
CostanoanRumsen.org

22nd Annual Choc- taw-Apache Pow Wow

4/24/2015-4/26/2015
Tribal Grounds
217 Gene Knight Road
Noble, LA
318-602-8291
achoctaw@yahoo.com
ChoctawApache.org

Spring Honor Dance and Pow Wow Cel- ebration

4/24/2015-4/25/2015
Minot State University Dome
400 11th Avenue North West
Minot, ND
701-858-3365
annette.mennem@

minotstateu.edu
Facebook.com/pages/MSU-Native-American-Cultural-Awareness-Club/176183315820239

University of Nebraska at Omaha Wambli Sapa Memorial Pow Wow

4/25/2015
 University of Nebraska
 6001 Dodge Street
 Omaha, NE

Madison College Pow Wow

4/25/2015
 1701 Wright Street
 Madison, WI
noulrier@madisoncollege.edu

18th Annual University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Pow Wow

4/25/2015
 Kress Events Center

2420 Nicolet Drive
 Green Bay, WI
Facebook.com/uwgbisc

10th Annual Turtle Island Pow Wow

4/25/2015-4/26/2015
 USA Baseball Stadium
 4351 Babe Howard Boulevard
 Millington, TN
 901 876-4015

Redbud Trail Rendezvous

4/25/2015-4/26/2015
 Fulton County Historical Society Grounds
 Rochester, IN
fchs@rtcol.com
FultonCountyHistory.org

American Indian Council Traditional Pow Wow

4/25/2015-4/26/2015
 Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds

1300 East 100 South
 Lebanon, IN
 765-453-9025

maddox.s@comcast.net;
aicindiana@yahoo.com
AmericanIndianCouncil.com

23rd Annual Health Start Wetu Wacipi

4/25/2015
 Wiconicaga Otipi/Community Center
 Flandreau, SD
 605-997-2311

www.santeesioux.com

14th Annual Brown University Spring Thaw Pow Wow

4/25/2015
 Pizzitola Sports Center
 235 Hope Street
 Providence, RI
 716-930-6068
nathaniel_harris@brown.edu

Facebook.com/pages/

Native-Americans-at-Brown-NAB/335799555042

American Indian Pow Wow – A Celebration of Life for All People

4/25/2015
 Mount Trashmore Park
 310 Edwin Drive
 Virginia Beach, VA
 757-385-2990

fun@vbgov.com
VBGov.com/specialevents

Big Spring Pow Wow

4/25/2015-4/26/2015
 Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
 1001 Birdwell Lane
 Big Spring, TX
 432-816-6772

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 TRADITIONAL / FANCY/JINGLE/GRASS
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Junior Girl's & Junior Boy's (7-12)
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 GOURD DANCE: Fri. 5pm • Sat. 10am & 5pm
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5/1/2015-5/3/2015
Southeast Farmers Market
1027 US Highway 74 East
Lumberton, NC
LumbeeTribe.com

9th Annual American Indian Health Research and Education Alliance Pow Wow

5/1/2015-5/2/2015
Johnson County Community
College Fieldhouse
12345 College Boulevard
Overland Park, KS
AIHREA.org/htdocs/powwow.html

Edmonds Community College Native American Student Association Pow Wow

5/1/2015-5/3/2015
Sea View Gym
20000 68th Avenue West
Lynnwood, WA
425-640-1562
tonya.drake@edcc.edu
EDCC.edu/powwow

Native American Student Association Pow Wow at Kent State University

5/2/2015
Kent State University Commons
225 Terrace Drive
Kent, OH
330-672-8543
[Facebook.com/nasa.kdu](https://www.facebook.com/nasa.kdu)

42d Annual AIRO Spring Pow Wow

5/2/2015
UWSP Berg Gymnasium
2050 Fourth Avenue
Stevens Point, WI
715-346-3576
agokee@uwsp.edu

American Indian Cancer Foundation Pow Wow for Hope

5/2/2015
AICAF Base Camp
201 Bloomington Road

Minneapolis, MN
612-564-5060
powwow@aicaf.org
PowWowforHope.org

Two Nations Pow Wow

5/2/2015-5/3/2015
Auburn Sportsmen Club
50 Elm Street
Auburn, MA
508-791-3770

8th Annual Swatara Creek Pow Wow

5/2/2015-5/3/2015
138 Park Drive
Middletown, PA
717-592-0502
swataracreekpowwow@yahoo.com

Restoring Harmony Pow Wow

5/2/2015
Westside YMCA
5400 South Olympia Avenue / Tulsa, OK
918-382-2217 or 918-382-2205
gsrcb@ihcrc.org
IHCRC.org

26th Annual University of Manitoba Traditional Graduation Pow Wow

5/2/2015
Investors Group Athletic Center
75 Sidney Smith Street
Winnipeg, Canada
204-474-8850
asc@umanitoba.ca

30th Annual University of California - Los Angeles Pow Wow

5/2/2015-5/3/2015
UCLA North Athletic Field
220 West Plaza
Los Angeles, CA
310-206-8043
powwow@ucla.edu
UCLAPowwow.com

31st Annual California Indian Market and World Peace Dance

5/2/2015-5/3/2015
The Alameda-Third Street
San Juan Bautista, CA
831-623-4771
peacevision96@yahoo.com
PeaceVision.net

44th Annual Rogers State University Graduation Honor Pow Wow

5/2/2015
1701 West Will Rogers Blvd.
Claremore, OK
918-343-7566
hfoley@rsu.edu

University of Denver New Beginnings Pow Wow

5/3/2015
U of Denver-Driscoll Green
2055 East Evans Avenue
Denver, CO
720-935-6168
wiki.eagle@gmail.com
DU.edu/cme/programs-services/powwow.html

25th Annual Harvard University Pow Wow

5/3/2015
Radcliffe Yard, 10 Garden Street
Cambridge, MA
617-495-4923
hunap@harvard.edu
hunap.harvard.edu

40th Anniversary San Francisco State 'Celebration of Nations' Intercollegiate Pow Wow

5/3/2015
1600 Holloway Avenue
San Francisco, CA
415-338-1929
sfsuskings@gmail.com
[Facebook.com/sfsuskings](https://www.facebook.com/sfsuskings)

39th Annual Edisto Natchez-Kusso Pow Wow

5/8/2015-5/9/2015
Four Holes Indian Organization
Community Center
1125 Ridge Road
Ridgeville, SC
843-871-2126

American Indian Cultural Association Spring Pow Wow

5/8/2015-5/9/2015
 3381 Hunting Country Road
 Tryon, NC
 803-667-2613
3dbbb@bellsouth.net

47th Annual University of Oregon Mother's Day Pow Wow

5/8/2015-5/10/2015
 MacArthur Court
 1601 University Street
 Eugene, OR
 541-346-3723
asuonasu@uoregon.edu

44th Annual Stanford Pow Wow

5/8/2015-5/10/2015
 Stanford University
 Stanford, CA
 650-723-4078
chairs@stanfordpowwow.org
powwow.Stanford.edu

Mariposa Pow Wow

5/9/2015-5/10/2015
 Mariposa County Fairgrounds
 Mariposa, CA
 209-742-2244
mariposapowwow@yahoo.com
[Facebook.com/mariposapowwow](https://www.facebook.com/mariposapowwow)

34th Annual Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow

5/9/2015-5/10/2015
 Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre
 11000 Stadium Road
 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
 780-471-2360
rhonda.metallic@ecsd.net
[Facebook.com/bencalfrobeannualtraditionalpowwow](https://www.facebook.com/bencalfrobeannualtraditionalpowwow)

21st Annual Native American Arts Festival and Mother's Day Pow Wow

5/9/2015-5/10/2015
 Riverside Park
 Grants Pass, OR

541-531-6104

10th Annual Noxen's Mother's Day Pow Wow

5/9/2015-5/10/2015
 Noxen Fire Company Grounds
 3493 Stull Road
 Noxen, PA
 570-947-2097
wisteria18704@yahoo.com

10th Annual White Buffalo Pow Wow

5/9/2015-5/10/2015
 Tupelo Buffalo Park and Zoo
 Tupelo, MS
 901-876-5344

Farmington Spring Pow Wow

5/9/2015
 Farmington Indian Center
 Farmington, NM
 505-327-6296
mnewman@fntn.org
FMTN.org/indiancenter



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48 POW WOW LISTING

Dartmouth College Pow Wow

5/9/2015-5/10/2015
Dartmouth College Green
Hanover, NH
603-646-2110
powwow@dartmouth.edu

26th Annual Cherokee County Indian Festival and Mother's Day Pow Wow

5/9/2015-5/10/2015
Boling Park
1200 Marietta Highway
Canton, GA
770-735-6275
chipa.wolfe@yahoo.com
RThunder.com

Oakville Indian Mounds Mul- ticultural Indian Event

5/14/2015-5/16/2015
Oakville Indian Mounds Education Center
1219 County Road 187
Danville, AL
OakvilleIndianMounds.com

Annual Grandmother Morn- ing Dove Pow Wow

5/15/2015-5/18/2015
336 Nimble Hill Road
Newington, NH
603-651-8769

26th Veterans of the Menom- inee Nation - Gathering of Warriors Pow Wow

5/15/2015-5/17/2015
Woodland Bowl
N559 Liberty Road
Keshena, WI
715-851-4748
westmartin@new.rr.com

8th Annual Ontelaunee Park Intertribal Pow Wow

5/15/2015-5/17/2015
Ontelaunee Park
7344 Kings Highway Road
New Tripoli, PA
610-298-2645

23rd Annual Monacan Pow Wow

5/15/2015-5/17/2015
Route 130 West
Elon, VA
434-946-0389
mnation538@aol.com
MonacanNation.com

35th Annual Flagstaff High School Pow Wow

5/15/2015-5/17/2015
Flagstaff High School Gym
400 West Elm Avenue
Flagstaff, AZ
928-853-0077
Facebook.com/indianeducationsupportprogram

1st Annual Armed Forces Day Pow Wow

5/15/2015-5/17/2015
306 Camden Road
Wadesboro, NC
NearRiverDwellers.com/powwow_info.htm

15th Annual Tesoro Cultural Center's Indian Market and Contest Pow Wow

5/16/2015-5/17/2015
Tesoro Cultural Center
19192 Highway 8
Morrison, CO
303-839-1671
tesoroinfo@tesoroculturalcenter.org
TesoroCulturalCenter.org/Calendar.html

6th Annual "Honoring Our Warriors" Gourd Dance

5/16/2015
580 South Navajo Route 6830
Birdsprings, AZ
curley.jason@hotmail.com
928-587-4852
Facebook.com/Annual.BirdspringsGourdDance

30th 'In Honor of Our Children' Pow Wow

5/16/2015
Kelso High School Gym
1904 Allen Street
Kelso, WA
360-501-1655
Kelso.wednet.edu/Programs/IndianEducation/Powwow.aspx

Tunica-Biloxi Pow Wow

5/16/2015-5/17/2015
Earl J. Barbry, Sr. Convention Center
Marksville, LA
"800-946-1946, ext. 2034"
TunicaPowWow.org

Honoring Of The Elders Intertribal Pow Wow

5/16/2015-5/17/2015
Tamworth Camping Area
194 Depot Road
Tamworth, NH
603-617-5852
honoringoftheelders@gmail.com
honoringoftheelders.Wix.com/powwow

Metcalf County's Annual Native American Style Pow Wow

5/16/2015-5/17/2015
Harris Pow Wow Grounds
464 William Judd Road
Edmonton, KY
270-432-3295
renegade3295@scrtc.com

New Hampshire Intertribal Council Pow Wow

5/16/2015-5/17/2015
Dulac Land Trust
Osgood Road
Sanbornton, NH
603-651-8769

22nd Annual Drums on the Pocomoke Pow Wow

5/16/2015-5/17/2015
Cypress Park
1 Bridge Street
Pocomoke City, MD
302-381-3698
bearseeagles@msn.com
AssateaguePeopleofDelMarva.org/

20th Annual United Native American Cultural Center Unity Days Pow Wow

5/16/2015-5/17/2015
United Native American Cultural Center
29 Antietam Street
Ayer, MA
978-772-1306

39th Annual Klatowa Eena Pow Wow

5/16/2015
 Gill Coliseum
 660 Southwest 26th Street
 Corvallis, OR
 541-737-2738

nativeamericanlonghouse@oregonstate.edu
OregonState.edu/nal/

Southern Ute Bear Dance Pow Wow

5/22/2015-5/25/2015
 Sky Ute Fairgrounds
 200 East Highway 151
 Ignacio, CO
 970-563-0100 ext. 3624 or 970-779-8149

tvigil@southernute-nsn.gov;
eredd@southernute-nsn.gov
SouthernUte-NSN.gov

Leech Lake Memorial Pow Wow

5/22/2015-5/24/2015
 Palace Casino Drive
 Cass Lake, MN
 218-760-3127

leahgale@hotmail.com
LLOjibwe.com

Oroville's Jim Preston Memorial Pow Wow

5/22/2015-5/24/2015
 Berry Creek Rancheria
 4020 Olive Highway
 Oroville, CA
 530-532-1611

orovillepowwow@gmail.com

34th Annual University of California Riverside Pow Wow

5/22/2015-5/23/2015
 U of C Riverside Sports Complex
 1000 West Blaine St
 Riverside, CA
 951-827-3850

joshuag@ucr.edu
nasp.UCR.edu

14th Annual Cherokee's of Alabama Spring Indian Pow Wow

5/22/2015-5/24/2015
 National Guard Armory
 Highway 69 West
 Arab, AL
 256-590-8109

mbreedlove39@gmail.com
Facebook.com/CherokeesOfAlabama

41st Annual De-Un-Da-Ga Pow Wow

5/22/2015-5/24/2015
 Tuscaloosa Town Scout Reservation
 7 Boy Scout Lane
 Carlton, PA
 412-327-0372

bzox221@yahoo.com

Spirit of the Children É-mâmawohkamâtotan Intertribal Pow Wow



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canoes2015.com
Sulphur, OK
580-622-7130



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50 POW WOW LISTING

5/23/2015
Heritage Park Secondary
33700 Prentis Avenue
Mission, B.C., Canada

committee@e-mamawobkamatotan.ca
[Facebook.com/emamawobkamatotan.powwow](https://www.facebook.com/emamawobkamatotan.powwow)

Gissiwias Creek Pow Wow 2015

5/23/2015-5/24/2015
Gissiwias Creek Grounds
13819 - N 5th Avenue
Marion, MI
616-813-7639

terri.kogler@gmail.com
[Facebook.com/events/345171515637856/](https://www.facebook.com/events/345171515637856/)

6th Annual Native Woodland Gathering

5/23/2015-5/24/2015
Hall-Fawcett Park
4595 CR 153
Zanesfield, OH
937-441-1565

shawney@bright.net
loganhills.Homestead.com/gathering.html

Spring Planting Moon Pow Wow

5/23/2015-5/24/2015
Powers Farm
592 North Main Street
Randolph, MA
617-642-1683

mcnaa@aol.com
MCNAA.org

American Indianist Society Pow Wow

5/23/2015-5/24/2015
Camp Marshall 4H
Campgrounds
92 McCormick Road
Spencer, MA
508-254-2098

Wolf Run Festival and Native American Pow Wow

5/23/2015-5/25/2015

Trout Run Village off Route 15
Trout Run, PA
570-995-5177 or 570-928-9044

Memorial Day Pow Wow

5/25/2015
Mille Lacs Indian Museum
43411 Oodena Drive
Onamia, MN
320-532-3632

bradley.sam@mnhs.org
MNHS.org/millelacs

Connecticut Native American Inter-tribal Urban Council Founder's Day Pow Wow 5th Annual Urban Pow Wow

5/30/2015-5/31/2015
East Rock Park
New Haven, CT
203-397-8507 or 203-215-1521
CNAITUC.org

13th Annual Riv-erbank Traditional Pow Wow

5/30/2015-5/31/2015
201 East Shiawassee St.
Lansing, MI
517-721-1502
robin_menefee@yahoo.com

34th Annual Yuba-Sutter Pow Wow

5/30/2015-5/31/2015
Beckworth Riverfront Park
Marysville, CA
530-749-6196
pbennett@mjusd.k12.ca.us

Worcester Intertribal Indian Center Pow Wow

5/30/2015-5/31/2015
Treasure Valley Boy
Scout Reservation
394 Pleasantdale Road
Rutland, MA
774-578-5385

WIICCenter.com/powwow.html

Sycamore Shoals Native American Festival

5/30/2015-5/31/2015
Sycamore Shoals State
Historic Area
1651 West Elk Avenue
Elizabethtown, TN
SycamoreShoalsTN.org

Al-Anon Desert Pow Wow

6/4/2015-6/7/2015
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort
Indian Wells, CA
DesertPowWow.com

29th Annual Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival

6/5/2015-6/7/2015
Cox Convention Center
Oklahoma City, OK
405-427-5228
info@redearth.org
RedEarth.org/red-earth-festival/

Prairie Band Potawatomi Pow Wow

6/5/2015-6/7/2015
Prairie Peoples Park
12305 150th Road
Mayetta, KS
PBPIIndianTribe.com

Gateway to Nations New York Native American Heritage Celebration

6/5/2015-6/7/2015
Aviator Sports Complex/
Floyd Bennett Field
3159 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, NY
718-686-9297
native@redhawkcouncil.org
RedhawkCouncil.org

47th Annual Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Pow Wow

6/5/2015-6/6/2015

Alabama-Coushatta Ballpark
571 State Park Road 56
Livingston, TX
936-563-1116

alec.tobine@actribe.org
Alabama-Coushatta.com

12th Annual Metis of Maine Gathering and Pow Wow

6/6/2015-6/7/2015
Yellow Feather Cultural Center
105 Gould Road
Dayton, ME
207-793-4801

MetisofMaine.org

62nd Annual Chicago Pow Wow

6/6/2015-6/7/2015
Busse Woods Forest Preserve
Elk Grove Village, IL
773-275-5871

AIC-Chicago.org

16th Annual Intertribal Gathering

6/6/2015-6/7/2015
Fort Robinson State Park
Crawford, NE

Hon-Dah Casino Social Dance and Pow Wow in the Pines

6/6/2015-6/7/2015
Hon-Dah Festival Grounds
777 Highway 260
Pinetop, AZ
Hon-Dah.com

9th Annual Miami Indian All Nations Gathering

6/6/2015-6/7/2015
Miami Indians of Indiana Land
11515 East US Highway 36
Rockville, IN
765-210-7670
kokomojo@att.net
MNIgathering.com

Delaware River Bears Circle

6/6/2015-6/7/2015

Delaware County Route 28
Margaritaville, NY
607-746-6833
gibsondc47@yahoo.com

Deer Run Mini Pow Wow

6/6/2015
Deer Run Camping Resort
111 Sheet Iron Roof Road
Gardners, PA
717-776-1075
manyhawks@comcast.net

3rd Annual Hidden Valley Pow Wow

6/6/2015-6/7/2015
Hidden Valley Golf/
RV Campgrounds
Derry, NH
508-880-6887

Table Mountain Rancheria 15th Annual Pow Wow

6/12/2015-6/14/2015

Table Mountain Pow
Wow Grounds
Friant, CA
559-822-2890 or 559-284-4701

Coushatta Pow Wow

6/12/2015-6/13/2015
The Pavilion at Coushatta
Casino Resort
777 Coushatta Drive
Kinder, LA
337-584-1545 or 337-584-1603
karvie@coushattatribela.org;
cwilliams@coushattatribela.org
CoushattaPowWow.com

25th Annual Fort Ancient Celebration

6/13/2015-6/14/2015
6123 Street Route 350
Oregonia, OH
800-283-8904
jblosser@fortancient.org
FortAncient.org

20th Annual Aboriginal Gathering

6/13/2015-6/14/2015
Peace River AIC
Agricultural Grounds
Peace River, Alberta, Canada
PeaceRiverAIC.com

University of Calgary Graduation Banquet Pow Wow

6/13/2015
University of Calgary
Red and White Club
1833 Crowchild
Trail Northwest
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
[UCalgary.ca/nativecentre/
community/pow-wow](http://UCalgary.ca/nativecentre/community/pow-wow)

19th Annual Intertribal San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians Pow Wow

6/13/2015-6/14/2015
San Luis Rey Mission Grounds

4050 Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA
760-727-0595 or 760-724-8505
charlotte@slrmissionindians.org;
cjmojado@slrmissionindians.org
SLMissionIndians.org

Dancers of the Plains

6/13/2015-6/14/2015
Archway Grounds
Kearney, NE

Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Indian Pow Wow

6/13/2015-6/14/2015
Salem County Fairgrounds
Pilesgroves, NJ
856-651-7335
twywolf23@hotmail.com

Wollomonuppoag Indian Council Annual Pow Wow

6/13/2015-6/14/2015



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Please call the Trust Beneficiary Call Center Today:

1-888-678-6836

More information is available from your local Fiduciary Trust Officer, or on the web: www.doi.gov/buybackprogram

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La Salette Shrine Fairgrounds
Route 118
Attleboro, MA
508-680-6354

12th Annual National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture Gathering of Great Lakes Nations

6/13/2015-6/14/2015
Tri-State Antique Gas Engine Association Grounds
1010 Morton Street
Portland, IN
765-426-3022
kay.neumayr@ncglmac.com
NCGLNAC.org

Shawnee Tribe Intertribal Children's Pow Wow

6/13/2015
Ottawa Pow Wow Grounds
11400 613 Road
Miami, OK
918-542-7232
shawneechild@shawnee-tribe.com
Shawnee-Tribe.com

30th Annual Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation "Good Medicine" Pow Wow

6/13/2015-6/14/2015
4902 Daily Store Road
Burlington, NC
336-421-1317
obsntribe@gmail.com
OBSN.org

Whirling Thunder Memorial Pow Wow

6/13/2015-6/14/2015
Raitt Homestead Farm Museum
Eliot, ME
603-495-2700
info@thelittlebull.com

Drums Along the Hudson Native American Festival and Multicultural

Celebration

6/14/2015
Inwood Hill Park
218th Street and Indian Road
New York, NY
212-627-1076, ext 10
dab@lotusmusicanddance.org
DrumsAlongTheHudson.org

Waa Wiye Gaa Maag Pow Wow

6/19/2015-6/21/2015
28 miles north of Deer River on Hwy 46
Squaw Lake, MN
218-760-7955
maang40@yahoo.com
LLOjibwe.org

Muckleshoot Veteran's Pow Wow

6/19/2015-6/21/2015
Muckleshoot Pow Wow Grounds
17500 South East 392nd Street?
Auburn, WA
253-876-3327
grant.timentwa@muckleshoot.nsn.us
muckleshoot.NSN.us

Washunga Days Pow Wow

6/19/2015-6/20/2015
Kaw Mission State Historic Site
Council Grove, KS
620-767-5413
Washunga.com

2nd Annual Mount Airy Veterans Pow Wow

6/19/2015-6/21/2015
Veteran's Memorial Park
691 West Lebanon Street
Mount Airy, NC
336-749-0593
TheVMF.org

Osage River Pow Wow

6/19/2015-6/21/2015
Tuscumbia Riverside Park
Tuscumbia, MO

573-369-2710
oldjed@hughes.net
OsageRiverPowWow.com

11th Annual Honoring Our Ancestors Intertribal Pow Wow

6/19/2015-6/21/2015
Ashtabula Antique Enging Club
4026 US Highway 322
Wayne, OH
440-319-4483
redwolf_0801@yahoo.com

Stewart Father's Day Pow Wow

6/19/2015-6/21/2015
Stewart Facility
5500 Snyder Avenue
Carson City, NV
775-687-8333
cgibbons@nic.nv.gov
StewartIndianSchool.com

39th Annual Great Lakes Area Traditional Pow Wow

6/19/2015-6/21/2015
Woodland Gathering Grounds
N15760 Hannahville B-1 Road
Hannahville, MI
906-466-9933
Hannahville.net

45th Annual City of Roses Delta Park Pow Wow and Encampment

6/19/2015-6/21/2015
East Delta Park
10737 North Union Court
Portland, OR
503-984-7303
sballman.unci@gmail.com

Indian Plaza Intertribal Pow Wow

6/19/2015-6/21/2015
Indian Plaza Campgrounds
Charlemont, MA
413-339-4096

5th Annual Celebrating All Life and Creation Pow Wow

6/20/2015
Plummer Park
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA
RedCircleProject.org

Pow Wow by the Sea

6/20/2015-6/21/2015
Imperial Beach Plaza
Seacoast Drive & Evergreen
Imperial Beach, CA
619-423-6610
grassdancer7@yahoo.com
OneWorldBridge.org/powwow-by-the-sea.html

Honoring Saganing Traditional Pow Wow

6/20/2015-6/21/2015
Pow Wow Grounds
2750 Worth Road
Standish, MI
(800) 884-6271
SagChip.org/pow-wow/saganing

Red Road Native American Indian Sobriety Pow-Wow

6/20/2015-6/21/2015
979 Somerset Avenue
Dighton, MA
508-493-5520

23rd Annual Traditional Native American Pow Wow

6/20/2015-6/21/2015
Sullivan County Fairgrounds
Forksville, PA
570-928-9416
EasternDelawareNations.org/events.html

Plains Indian Museum Pow Wow

6/20/2015-6/21/2015
Center of the West's Robbie Pow Wow Garden
720 Sheridan Avenue

Cody, WY
CenteroftheWest.org/explore/events/powwow

Wesget Sipu Veterans Memorial Pow Wow

6/20/2015-6/21/2015
 Togus VA
 Togus, ME
 207-446-7997

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival

6/25/2015-6/28/2015
 Claude Cox Omniplex
 555 Tank Farm Road
 Okmulgee, OK
 918-732-7995
ctiger@mcn-nsn.gov
CreekFestival.com

Winnebago Pow Wow

6/25/2015-6/28/2015
 Winnebago Veterans Memorial Park
 Winnebago, NE
 402-878-2272

CANCELLED-Pechanga Pow Wow

Typically held 6/26; postponed until 2016
 Pechanga Resort and Casino
 45000 Pechanga Parkway
 Temecula, CA
 877-711-2946
info@pechanga.com

18th Annual Peoria Pow Wow

6/26/2015-6/28/2015
 Peoria Pow Wow Grounds
 60610 East 90 Road
 Miami, OK
 918-540-2535
PeoriaTribe.com

Tonkawa Tribal Pow Wow

6/26/2015-6/28/2015
 Fort Oakland
 Tonkawa, OK

580-628-2561

Circle The Bluffs Pow Wow

6/27/2015-6/28/2015
 Legacy of the Plains Museum
 2930 Old Oregon Trail
 Scottsbluff, NE
 308-2251325
jina_red@yahoo.com

Kanatsiohareke Mohawk Community Strawberry Festival

6/27/2015-6/28/2015
 4934 State Highway Route 5
 Fonda, NY

The Miami Valley Council for Native American 27th Annual Keeping the Tradition Pow Wow

6/27/2015
 2301 West River Road
 Dayton, OH
SunWatch.org

39th Annual Chief One Bears Topic Pow Wow

6/27/2015-6/28/2015
 Prowse Farm
 5 Bluehill River Road
 Canton, MA
 508-292-7773

117th Annual Arlee Celebration

7/1/2015-7/5/2015
 Arlee Pow Wow Grounds
 Arlee, MT
robertmc@cskt.org
 ArleePowWow.com

Navajo Nation Pro Rodeo Contest Pow Wow

7/1/2015-7/5/2015
 Navajo Nation Fairgrounds
 Window Rock, AZ
info@navajonationfair.com
NavajoNationFair.com

Northern Cheyenne 4th of July Pow Wow

7/2/2015-7/5/2015

Kenneth Beartusk Memorial Pow Wow Grounds

Lame Deer, MT
 406-477-6284
CheyenneNation.com

143rd Annual Quapaw Pow Wow

7/2/2015-7/5/2015

Quapaw Tribal Pow Wow Grounds

Quapaw, OK
 918-542-1853
QuapawTribe.com

21st Annual Wildhorse Pow Wow

7/3/2015-7/5/2015
 Wildhorse Resort & Casino
 I-84, Exit 216
 Pendleton, OR
 800-654-9453
events@wildhorseresort.com
wildhorseresort.com

Fort William Henry Pow Wow

7/3/2015-7/5/2015
 Fort William Henry Museum
 48 Canada Street
 Lake George, NY
 607-776-6776
metisnaandca@gmail.com

Abenaki Odanak Pow Wow

7/3/2015-7/5/2015
 Conseil de bande Odanak
 Abenakis Band Council
 Odanak, Quebec
CBOdanak.com

Leech Lake 4th of July Pow Wow

7/3/2015-7/5/2015
 Leech Lake Veterans Grounds
 Cass Lake, MN

218-760-7955
maang40@yahoo.com
LLOjibwe.com

43rd Annual Oneida Pow Wow

7/3/2015-7/5/2015
 Norbert Hill Center
 N7210 Seminary Road
 Oneida, WY
 920-496-5311
ExploreOneida.com/aiIec_event/2015-oneida-pow-wow/?instance_id=5515

94th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Pow Wow

7/3/2015-7/5/2015
 Cape Cod Fairgrounds
 1220 Nathan Ellis Highway
 Falmouth, MA
 508.420.5566 ext.123
jgoetz@regancomm.com
MashpeeWampanoagTribe.com/powwow

40th Annual Eastern Band of Cherokee Pow Wow

7/3/2015-7/5/2015
 Acquoni Expo Center
 1501 Acquoni Road
 Cherokee, NC
 800-438-1601

Indian Plaza Inter-tribal 4th of July Pow Wow

7/3/2015-7/6/2015
 Indian Plaza Campgrounds
 Charlemont, MA
 413-339-4096

Festival of Native Peoples Pow Wow

7/4/2015-7/5/2015
 Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds
 Cherokee, NC
 800-438-1601
RomanticAsheville.com/festival_of_native_peoples.htm

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Mother Earth's Creation Pow Wow

7/4/2015-7/6/2015

Pow Wow Grounds
2145 White Mountain Highway
Center Ossipee, NH
603-539-6697

[spiriteagle@
motberearthcreation.com](mailto:spiriteagle@motberearthcreation.com)

Ranch Mountain Spirits Native American Festival

7/4/2015-7/5/2015

Hobby Horse Ranch
428 Hartz Road
Fleetwood, PA
610-944-5797

willowearth@verizon.net

Monroe Independence Day Pow Wow

7/4/2015-7/5/2015

34396 State Route 7
Sardis, OH
740-934-9353

jferferbabb@yahoo.com

Sac and Fox Nation Pow Wow

7/9/2015-7/12/2015

920883 South State Highway 99
Stroud, OK
800-259-3970

North American Indian Days

7/9/2015-7/12/2015

Blackfeet Celebration Grounds
124 2nd Avenue Northwest
Browning, MT
406-338-7406

[BrowningMontana.
com/naid.html](http://BrowningMontana.com/naid.html)

Prairie Island Dakota Wacipi Celebration

7/10/15-7/12/15

Prairie Island Community
Prairie Island, MN
800-554-5473, ext. 4024

prairieisland.org

Mni Sose Wakpa Pow Wow

7/10/2015-7/12/2015

Wacipi Grounds
Fort Pierre, SD

Marcellus Norwest Veterans Pow Wow

7/10/2015-7/12/2015

Uyxat Pow Wow Grounds
9390 Highway 22
Grand Ronde, OR
503-437-3052
wchulik01@hotmail.com
GrandRonde.org

12th Annual Strong Sun Pow Wow

7/10/2015-7/12/2015

Ivey Redmond Sports Complex
Kernersville, NC
336-618-0561
NearRiverDwellers.com

31st Annual Summer Great Mohican Pow Wow

7/10/2015-7/12/2015

Mohican Reservation
Festival Grounds
23270 Wally Road
Loudonville, OH
800-766-2267

[powwow@
mohicanreservation.com](mailto:powwow@mohicanreservation.com)
MohicanPowWow.com

Midnight Sun Intertribal Pow Wow

7/10/2015-7/12/2015

2010 2nd Avenue
Fairbanks, AK
[Facebook.com/pages/
Midnight-Sun-Intertribal-
Powwow/117544551593557](https://Facebook.com/pages/Midnight-Sun-Intertribal-Powwow/117544551593557)

30th Annual Taos Pueblo Pow Wow

7/10/2015-7/12/2015

Taos Pueblo Pow Wow Grounds
Ben Romero Road / Taos, NM
575-741-0181
taospueblopowwow@gmail.com
TaosPuebloPowWow.com

Yellow Bird Intertribal Pow Wow

7/10/2015-7/12/2015

Indian Plaza Pow Wow Grounds
Charlemont, MA
413-339-4096

16th Annual Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum's Intertribal Pow Wow

7/11/2015-7/12/2015

Mount Kearsarge
Indian Museum
18 Highlawn Road
Warner, NH
603-456-2600

info@indianmuseum.org
IndianMuseum.org

Annual Howard County, Maryland Pow Wow

7/11/2015-7/12/2015

Howard County Fairgrounds
1022 Fairground Road
West Friendship, MD
252-532-0821

powwow@vance.net

25th Annual Echoes of a Proud Nation Pow Wow

7/11/2015-7/12/2015

Kahnawake Mohawk Territory
Routes 132 & 138 (off
Mercier Bridge)
Kahnawake
450-632-8667

info@kahnawakepowwow.com
KahnawakePowWow.com

World Eskimo Indian Olympics

7/15/2015-7/18/2015

The Carlson Center
Fairbanks, AK
907-452-6646
WEIO.org

Quileute Days

7/17/2015-7/19/2015

La Push / La Push, WA
Facebook.com/quileute.days

Honor the Earth Homecoming Celebration and Pow Wow

7/17/2015-7/19/2015

Lac Courte Oreilles
Pow Wow Grounds
8575 North Round
Lake School Road
Hayward, WI
715-634-8934

[TravelWisconsin.com/events/
history-heritage/lco-honor-
the-earth-pow-wow-38913](http://TravelWisconsin.com/events/history-heritage/lco-honor-the-earth-pow-wow-38913)

Marvin "Joe" Curry Veterans Pow Wow

7/17/2015-7/19/2015

Veterans Park
520 Broad Street
Salamanca, NY
716-532-4900 ext: 5015

penny.kerr@sni.org
SenecaPowWow.org

53rd Annual Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days Traditional Pow Wow

7/17/2015-7/19/2015

on US 2, 6 miles west
of Deer River
Ball Club, MN
218-398-2893

LLOjibwe.org

7th Annual Sacred Visions Competition Pow Wow

7/17/2015-7/19/2015

Big Bend Ranch
Wadsworth, NV

[Facebook.com/
SacredVisionsPowwow](https://Facebook.com/SacredVisionsPowwow)

Children of Many Colors Intertribal Pow Wow

7/17/2015-7/19/2015

Moorpark College
7075 Campus Road
Moorpark, CA
805-217-0364

redbirds_vision@hotmail.com

RedbirdsVision.org

25th Annual Tamkaliks Celebration

7/17/2015-7/19/2015
70956 Whiskey Creek Road
Wallowa, OR
541-886-3101
tamkaliks@gmail.com
WallowaNezPerce.org

Robert Woolery Senior Memorial Pow Wow

7/17/2015-7/19/2015
Missouri State Fairgrounds
1600 South Limit
Sedalia, MO
660-826-5608
dwoolery@aol.com

7th Annual Colorado Springs Native American Intertribal Pow Wow

7/18/2015
Freedom Financial EXPO Center
3560 North Nevada Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO
719-559-0525
rhetta_walter@hotmail.com
OneNationWT.org

Summer Moon Pow Wow

7/18/2015-7/19/2015
Endicott Park
Zero Dean Street
Danvers, MA
617-642-1683
mcnaa@aol.com
MCNAA.org

22nd Annual Suscol Intertribal Council Pow Wow

7/18/2015-7/19/2015
Yountville Veterans Home
Yountville, CA
707-256-3561
suscol@suscol.net
SuscolCouncil.org

3rd Annual Wolf Creek Pow Wow

7/24/2015-7/26/2015
Old Bland County Fair Grounds
251 Main Street
Bland, VA
336-618-0561
NearRiverDwellers.com/Powwow_Info.htm

21st Annual Native American Celebration in the Park Contest Pow Wow and Festival

7/24/2015
Liberty Park
Salt Lake City, UT
Facebook.com/nacippowwowfestival

36th Annual Thunderbird American Indian Mid Summer Pow Wow

7/24/2015-7/26/2015
Queens County Farm Museum
73-50 Little Neck Parkway
Floral Park, NY
718-347-3276
info@queensfarm.org
QueensFarm.org

17th Annual Onigum Traditional Pow Wow

7/24/2015-7/26/2015
on County Road 13, 13 miles east of Walker, MN
Onigum, MN
218-547-2270 or 218-252-6484
thompsonps1@hotmail.com
LLOjibwe.com

31st Annual Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow

7/24/2015-7/26/2015
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Campground
7525 East Tomah Road
Mount Pleasant, MI
888-732-4537
sagchippowwow@sagchip.org

SagChip.org/pow-wow

92nd Annual Nipmuc Nation Pow Wow

7/24/2015-7/26/2015
Hassanamesit Reservation
80 Brigham Hill Road
Grafton, MA
508-853-5575

Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Green Corn Dance Pow Wow and Gathering

7/25/2015
Tribal Land-Cattashowrock Town
27345 Aquia Path
Courtland, VA
757-562-7760
wdbrowniii@aol.com
Cheroenhaka-Nottoway.org

Richard Twiss Memorial and Living Waters Pow Wow

7/25/2015

Aldersgate Conference Grounds
7790 Marion Road Southeast
Turner, OR
360-546-1867

geastty@wiconi.com
Wiconi.com

Wildfire Phillips Annual Intertribal Pow Wow

7/25/2015-7/26/2015
13 Sharon Road
Fairhaven, VT
802-683-6133

49th Annual Menominee Nation Contest Pow Wow

7/31/2015-8/2/2015
Woodland Bowl
Keshena, WI
715-799-5114 ext.1267
bninham@mitw.org
Menominee-NSN.gov

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Rocky Boy's Annual Pow Wow

7/31/2015-8/2/2015
31 Agency Square
Box Elder, MT
406-395-4478

Kamloops Pow Wow

7/31/2015-8/2/2015
Secwepemc Pow Wow Grounds
Kamloops, BC, Canada
250-828-9700
info@tkemlups.ca
TKemlups.ca

Upper Sioux Pejuhutazizi Oyate Wacipi

7/31/2015-8/1/2015
Upper Sioux Community
Pow Wow Grounds
Granite Falls, MN
320-564-6040

Lac La Biche Pow Wow Days

7/31/2015-8/3/2015
10307-101 Street
Lac La Biche, Alberta, Canada
LLBPowWowDays.com

Bear Mountain Pow Wow

7/31/2015-8/2/2015
Anthony Wayne Recreation
Area, Harriman State Park
Exit 17, Palisades
Interstate Parkway
Harriman, NY
718-686-9297
native@redhawkcouncil.org
RedhawkCouncil.org

Miawpukek First Nation Pow Wow

7/31/2015-8/2/2015
Conne River
Newfoundland, Canada
709-882-2470
MFNGov.ca/powwow

44th Annual Association of American Indian

Physicians Meeting and Health Conference Pow Wow

8/1/2015
Tulalip Resort Casino
10200 Quil Ceda Boulevard
Tulalip, WA
405-946-7072
hblevi@aaip.org
AAIP.org

Sierra Mono Museum Indian Fair Days and Pow Wow

8/1/2015
North Fork Recreation Center
33507 Road 230
North Fork, CA
559-877-2115
monomuseum@gmail.com
SierraMonoMuseum.org

9th Annual Prophetstown Pow Wow

8/1/2015-8/2/2015
Prophetstown State
Recreation Area
Prophetstown, IL
815-441-0148
riverat2@yahoo.com
Prohetstown.com

94th Annual Intertribal Indian Ceremonial

8/5/2015-8/9/2015
206 West Coal Avenue
Gallup, NM

American Indian Expo

8/5/2015-8/8/2015
Caddo County Fairgrounds
Anadarko, OK
580-483-5095

Little Shell Celebration

8/6/2015-8/9/2015
Four Bears Park
New Town, ND
LittleShellPowWow.com

Heart Butte Pow Wow

8/6/2015-8/9/2015
Pow Wow Grounds
on Heart Butte
26 miles south of Browning
Heart Butte, MT
406-338-7370
[BrowningMontana.com/
bbcelebration.html](http://BrowningMontana.com/bbcelebration.html)

101st Meskwaki Indian Pow Wow

8/6/2015-8/9/2015
Meskwaki Indian Settlement
Pow Wow Grounds
Tama, IA
641-484-4678
meskwakipowwow@gmail.com
MeskwakiPowWow.com

Nesika Illahee Pow Wow

8/7/2015-8/9/2015
Pauline Ricks Memorial
Pow Wow Grounds on
Government Hill
402 Northeast Park Drive
Siletz, OR
800-922-1399, ext. 1230
ctsi.nsn.us

Mihsikhinaahkwa Pow Wow

8/7/2015-8/9/2015
Morsches Park
State Road 205
Columbia City, IN
260-244-7702 or 260-609-7844
comanche72@centurylink.net
MiamiPowWow.org

39th Annual Mohican Veterans Pow Wow

8/7/2015-8/9/2015
TBD
Bowler, WI

Grand Portage Rendezvous Days Celebration Pow Wow

8/7/2015-8/9/2015
Grand Portage National

Monument
170 Mile Creek Road
Grand Portage, MN
[NPS.gov/grpo/planyourvisit/
special_events.htm](http://NPS.gov/grpo/planyourvisit/special_events.htm)

21st Annual Sacramento Contest Pow Wow

8/7/2015-8/9/2015
O'Neil Park
715 Broadway
Sacramento, CA
916-804-7326
wailaki10@comcast.net

Omak Stampede Indian Encampment

8/7/2015-8/9/2015
Stampede Arena
401 Omak Avenue
Omak, WA
OmakStampede.org

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Annual Pow Wow

8/7/2015-8/9/2015
Ponca Community Building
88915 521st Avenue
/ Niobrara, NE
402-734-5275
rebert@poncatribene.org
PoncaTribe-NE.org

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Fair and Pow Wow

8/7/2015-8/9/2015
Lower Brule Sioux
Tribe Fairgrounds
187 Oyate Circle
Lower Brule, SD

24th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow

8/8/2015-8/9/2015
LTBB Pow Wow Grounds
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI
231-242-1427
avandecar@lbbodawa-nsn.gov
OdawaHomecoming.com

Stillaguamish Festival of the River and Pow Wow

8/8/2015-8/9/2015
River Meadows County Park
20416 Jordan Road
Arlington, WA
pstevenson@stillaguamish.com
FestivaloftheRiver.com

Mother Earth's Creation Pow Wow

8/8/2015-8/9/2015
Pow Wow Grounds
2145 White Mountain Highway
Center Ossipee, NH
603-539-6697
spiriteagle@motherearthscreation.com
MotherEarthsCreation.com

Robert Canada Friendship Pow Wow

8/8/2015-8/9/2015
Furgeson Elementary School
22215 Elaine Street
Hawaiian Gardens, CA
562-420-2641
HGCity.org

Attean Family Pow Wow

8/8/2015-8/9/2015
56 Game Farm Road
Gray, ME
978-357-3525

SunWatch Flute and Art Festival

8/14/2015-8/16/2015
2301 West River Road
Dayton, OH
937-268-8199
sunwatch@sunwatch.org
SunWatch.org

21st Annual Mawiyomi of Tribes Pow Wow

8/14/2015-8/16/2015
Spruce Haven
214 Doyle Road

Caribou, ME
207-764-1972

Crow Fair Celebration

8/14/2015-8/16/2015
Crow Nation
Crow Agency, MT
406-638-3808

Festival of the Horse and Drum

8/15/2015-8/16/2015
Kane County Fairgrounds
525 South Randall Road
St. Charles, IL
FestivaloftheHorseandDrum.com

Gathering of the People Pow Wow

8/15/2015-8/16/2015
Wannamie Park
Nanticoke, PA
570-947-2097
wisteria18704@yahoo.com

Chaske Cikala Wacipi

8/15/2015-8/16/2015
McKnight Park
110400 Pioneer Trail
Chaska, MN
952-448-6860
stoneripp@yahoo.com
Facebook.com/ChaskaPowwow

33rd Annual American Indian Council Traditional Pow Wow

8/15/2015-8/16/2015
Boone County Fairgrounds
East 100 South
Lebanon, IN
AmericanIndianCouncil.com

Ute Mountain Casino Pow Wow

8/21/2015-8/23/2015
Ute Mountain Casino
Towaco, CO
800-258-8007, ext.6116
utemountaincasino.com

Rosebud Pow Wow Celebration

8/21/2015-8/23/2015
Rosebud Casino Grounds
Rosebud, SD

Klamath Tribes Restoration Celebration

8/21/2015-8/23/2015
501 Chiloquin Boulevard
Chiloquin, OR
800-524-9787 ext. 147
KlamathTribes.org

Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow

8/22/2015-8/23/2015
700 Fair Avenue
Sidney, OH
419-233-1605
george_J_reiter@yahoo.com

29th Annual Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow and Traditional Gathering

8/22/2015-8/23/2015
Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation
2789 Mississauga Road, R.R.# 6
Hagersville, Canada
905-768-5686
info@newcreditpowwow.com
NewCreditPowWow.com

Metis of Maine Fall Gathering and Pow Wow

8/22/2015-8/23/2015
105 Gould Road
Dayton, ME
207-793-4801

35th Annual Roasting Ears of Corn Festival

8/22/2015-8/23/2015
Museum of Indian Culture
2825 Fish Hatchery Road
Allentown, PA
610-797-2121
info@museumofindianculture.org
MuseumofIndianCulture.org

Adamstown Pow Wow

8/22/2015-8/23/2015
Adamstown Rod & Gun Club
Adamstown, PA
717-940-8048

Spirit Of The Clouds Pow Wow

8/22/2015-8/23/2015
Autumn Hills Campground
Weare, NH
603-654-2900

211th Annual Omaha Tribe of Nebraska Hedewachi'

8/27/2015-8/30/2015
Pow Wow Grounds
Macy, NE
402-837-5391
vmiller@omahatribe.com
Omaha-NSN.gov

7th Annual Healing Mother Earth Inter-tribal Pow Wow

8/28/2015-8/30/2015
3924 Maple Road
Jefferson, OH
440-319-4483
redwolf_0801@aol.com

Foothills Native American Pow Wow

8/28/2015
Thurmond Community Center
Thurmond, NC

35th Annual Cha Cha Bah Ning Traditional Pow Wow

8/28/2015-8/30/2015
21 mile North of Deer River Minnesota on Highway 46 Route County Road 35 (Inger Road)
Inger, MN
218-256-6163
LLOjibwe.com

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22nd Annual Potawatomi Trails Pow Wow

8/29/2015-8/30/2015

Shiloh Park
2700 Emmuas Avenue
Zion, IL
847-746-5797
wlb99@att.net
GoFlo.com/powwow

Ashland Labor Day Pow Wow

9/4/2015-9/8/2015
Ashland Pow Wow Grounds
Ashland, MT
406-784-2883
CheyenneNation.com

Leech Lake Labor Day Pow Wow

9/4/2015-9/6/2015
Palace Casino Drive
Cass Lake, MN
218-308-3120
LLOjibwe.org

45th Annual Barona Pow Wow

9/4/2015-9/6/2015
Barona Stars Baseball Field
1095 Barona Road
Lakeside, CA
619-443-6612 ext. 271
lwwhitecloud@barona-nsn.gov
Barona-NSN.gov

Indian Plaza Intertribal Labor Day Pow Wow

9/4/2015-9/7/2015
Indian Plaza Pow Wow Grounds
Charlemont, MA
413-339-4096

Totah Festival Pow Wow

9/5/2015-9/6/2015
Farmington Civic Center
200 West Arrington
Farmington, NM
800-448-1240
FarmingtonNM.org

North Country Intertribal Pow Wow

9/5/2015-9/7/2015
934 Elm Street
Newport, ME
443-771-6207 or 207-368-4944
ncountrypowwow1@yahoo.com

55th Annual Tecumseh Lodge Pow Wow

9/5/2015-9/6/2015
Tipton County Fairground
Tipton, IN
powwow@tecumseh lodge.org
TecumsehLodge.org

19th Annual Seconke Wampanoag Tribe Pow Wow

9/5/2015-9/6/2015
Red Way Plains Route 44
Rehoboth, MA
401-723-1573

Oceana County Intertribal "Honoring Our Elders" Traditional Pow Wow

9/5/2015-9/6/2015
Oceana County Fairgrounds
1025 South State Street
Hart, MI
231-894-8361
missbeatty@hotmail.com
hartpow-wow.Weebly.com

Eufaula Indian Community Pow Wow and Homecoming

9/5/2015-9/6/2015
Eastside Ball Park
Eufaula, OK
918-584-9507 or 918-617-7985
jaydee.tiger@yahoo.com

34th Annual Iroquois Festival

9/5/2015-9/6/2015
Iroquois Indian Museum
324 Caverns Road
Howes Cave, NY
518-296-8949
info@iroquoismuseum.org
IroquoisMuseum.org

7th Annual Kentucky Native American Heritage Museum Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow

9/5/2015-9/6/2015
Phillips Farm
4116 Cumberland Falls Highway
Corbin, KY
KNAHM.org

Native American Festival

9/5/2015-9/7/2015
City Island
Harrisburg, PA
717-589-7744
sunrisesigns@nmax.net

17th Annual Two Moons Memorial Pow Wow

9/5/2015-9/7/2015
The Schuylkill County Fairgrounds
2270 Fair Road
Summit Station, PA
484-866-1242
twomoonsmemorialpowwow@gmail.com

Manito Ahbee Festival

9/9/2015-9/13/2015
472 Madison Street
Winnipeg, Canada
204-956-1849
powwow@manitoahbee.com
ManitoAhbee.com

United Tribes International Pow Wow

9/10/2015-9/13/2015
United Tribes Technical College-Lone Star Arena
3315 University Drive
Bismarck, ND
701-255-3285
UTTC.edu

Sycuan Pow Wow 2015

9/11/2015-9/13/2015

Sycuan Pow Wow Grounds
5459 Sycuan Road
El Cajon, CA
619-445-7776
jalabrake@sycuan-nsn.gov

Indian Summer Festival Contest Pow Wow

9/11/2015-9/13/2015
Henry Maier Festival Park
200 North Harbor Drive
Milwaukee, WI
414-604-1000
indiansummer@wi.rr.com
IndianSummer.org

95th Southern Ute Fair Contest Pow Wow

9/11/2015-9/13/2015
Sky Ute Event Fairgrounds
200 East Highway 151
Ignacio, CO
970-799-3149 or 970-563-0255
corlisst@yahoo.com; mike@ksut.org; cwinder@southernute-nsn.gov
SouthernUte-NSN.gov

Mendota Pow Wow

9/11/2015-9/13/2015
Saint Peters Church Grounds
1405 Sibley Memorial Highway
Mendota, MN
651-452-4141
mmdc01@comcast.net
MendotaDakota.com

46th Annual Coharie Indian Cultural Pow Wow

9/11/2015-9/12/2015
Coharie Tribal Grounds
7532 North Hwy 421
Clinton, NC
910-564-6509

Native American Youth and Family Center's Neerchokikoo Pow Wow

9/12/2015
5135 Northeast Columbia Blvd.

Portland, OR
503-288-8177 x 206
shawnf@nayapdx.org
Nayapdx.org/event/neerchokikoo-powwow/

15th Annual Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre Traditional Pow Wow

9/12/2015-9/13/2015
Highway 12 at Wye Valley Road
Midland, Ontario, Canada
705-526-5589
GBNFC.com

High Plains Pow Wow

9/12/2015
Carbon County Fairgrounds
523 Rodeo Street
Rawlins, WY
307-328-2740
education@carboncountymuseum.org
CarbonCountyMuseum.org/index.php/events/high-plains-powwow

24th Annual Fort Omaha Intertribal Pow Wow

9/12/2015
Metropolitan Community College
5730 North 30th Street
Omaha, NE
800-228-9553
MCCNeb.edu/intercultural/

15th Annual Akwesasne International Pow Wow

9/12/2015-9/13/2015
A'nowara'ko:wa Arena
Cornwall Island, ON, Canada
613-575-2467
akwesasnepowwow@yahoo.com
AkwesasnePowWow.com

35th Annual Nipmuck Indian Council Pow Wow

9/12/2015-9/13/2015

Lake Siog Park
Holland, MA
508-347-7829

38th Annual Nanticoke Indian Association's Pow Wow

9/12/2015-9/13/2015
Nanticoke Pow Wow Grounds
27073 John J. Williams Highway
Millsboro, DE
302-945-3400
info@nanticokeindians.org
NanticokeIndians.org

12th Annual Mill-Luck Salmon Celebration

9/12/2015-9/13/2015
The Mill Casino Hotel and RV Park
3201 Tremont Avenue
North Bend, OR
800-953-4800
themill@themillcasino.com
TheMillCasino.com

11th Annual Bluff City Pow Wow

9/12/2015-9/13/2015
Rockport City Park
928 Fairground Drive
Rockport, IN
812-459-8643 or 812-459-8645
rock104@sbcglobal.net

26th Annual Intertribal Pow Wow

9/12/2015-9/13/2015
Plug Pond
Sanders Road, Off Mill Street
Haverhill, MA
617-642-1683
mcnaa@aol.com
MCNAA.org

Keetoowah Cherokee Pow Wow

9/12/2015
Keetoowah Celebration Grounds
Tahlequah, OK
918-431-1818 or 918-456-6533

All Nations Benefit Pow Wow

9/12/2015-9/13/2015
163 Melrose Road
Susquehanna, PA
570-727-3614
portal@portal-found.com
Portal-Found.com/benefit-pow-wow.html

27th Annual Haskell Indian Art Market

9/14/2015-9/17/2015
Haskell Indian Nations University Campus
Lawrence, KS

39th Annual American Indian Day and Pow Wow Celebration

9/17/2015-9/19/2015
St. Joseph's Indian School
1301 North Main Street
Chamberlain, SD
STJO.org/powwow

31st Annual Fall Great Mohican Pow Wow

9/18/2015-9/20/2015
Mohican Reservation Camp and Festivals Grounds
23270 Wally Road
Loudonville, OH
800-766-2267

powwow@mohicanreservation.com
MohicanPowWow.com

Sac River/White River Bands of the Chickamauga Cherokee Nation Cultural and Art Show

9/18/2015-9/20/2015
Chickamauga Grounds
Bolivar, MO
573-885-1070 or 573-259-2263
NorthernCherokeeNation.com



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Northern Cherokee Gathering

9/18/2015-9/20/2015
Northern Cherokee Grounds
578 East Highway 7
Clinton, MO
573-885-1070 or 573-259-2263
NorthernCherokeeNation.com

18th Annual Battle Point Traditional Pow Wow

9/18/2015-9/20/2015
County Road 73, 6 miles to Battle Point Drive, 20 miles east of Walker Hwy. 200, left MN 84 11.8 miles
Battle Point, MN
218-760-3127
leahgale@hotmail.com
LLOjibwe.org

43rd Mankato Traditional Pow Wow

9/18/2015-9/20/2015
Land of Memories Park
Mankato, MN
507-514-5088
dsbraveheart4@yahoo.com
MankatoWacipi.org

Montrose Indian Nations Pow Wow

9/18/2015-9/20/2015
Friendship Hall
1001 North Second Street
Montrose, CO

FDR State Park Pow Wow

9/18/2015-9/20/2015
FDR State Park
2957 Crompond Road
Yorktown Heights, NY
718-686-9297
native@redhawkcouncil.org
RedhawkCouncil.org

53rd Annual American Indian Pow Wow

9/18/2015-9/20/2015
Traders Village
Grand Prairie, TX
972-647-2331

TradersVillage.com/grand-prairie/events/53rd-annual-american-indian-pow-wow

3rd Annual Hawaii Island All Nations Pow Wow

9/19/2015-9/20/2015
Mooheau County Park
Hilo, HI
808-747-2903
hawaiiipowwow@hotmail.com

Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia Pow Wow

9/19/2015-9/20/2015
Surry Parks and Recreation Center Grounds
205 Enos Farm Road
Surry, VA
757-686-8602 or 757-708-4364
nottowayofva@aol.com
NottowayIndians.org

Curve Lake Pow Wow

9/19/2015-9/20/2015
Curve Lake Cultural Centre
1024 Mississauga Street
Curve Lake First Nation,
Ontario, Canada
info@curvelakefn.com
CurveLakeFN.ca

Mother Earth's Creation Pow Wow

9/19/2015-9/20/2015
Pow Wow Grounds
2145 White Mountain Highway
Center Ossipee, NH
603-539-6697
spiriteagle@motherearthscreeation.com
MotherEarthsCreation.com

24th Annual Comanche Nation Fair

9/25/2015-9/27/2015
Comanche Nation Complex
Lawton, OK
580-492-3384
comanchenation.com

30th Annual Metro-lina Native American Association Indian Trail Pow Wow

9/25/2015-9/27/2015
Chesnut Park
Indian Trail, NC
704-458-9209
metrolinanatives@yahoo.com

Last Chance Community Pow Wow

9/25/2015-9/27/2015
Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds
98 Wes Custer Avenue
Helena, MT
406-439-5631
lccpw@hotmail.com
LastChancePowWow.com

22nd Annual Standing Bear Pow Wow

9/25/2015-9/27/2015
Standing Bear Park
601 Standing Bear Parkway
Ponca City, OK
580-762-1514 or 580-762-3148
info@standingbearpark.com

17th Annual Kauai Pow Wow

9/25/2015-9/27/2015
Kapaa Beach Park
4-1464 Kuhio Hwy
Kapaa, HI
808-647-4285
kauaipowwow@gmail.com
KauaiPowWow.com

34th Annual Mount Juliet Pow Wow

9/26/2015-9/27/2015
Mundy Memorial Park
300 Mundy Memorial Blvd
Mount Juliet, TN
615-443-1537
cindyahola@mtjulietpowwow.com
[Facebook.com/pages/mt-juliet-pow-wow/237293616288926](https://www.facebook.com/pages/mt-juliet-pow-wow/237293616288926)

21st Annual Midwest Soaring Foundation

Harvest Pow Wow

9/26/2015-9/27/2015
523 South Webster Street
Naperville, IL
708-257-4300
MidwestSoaring.org

Noxen Fall Pow Wow

9/26/2015-9/27/2015
Noxen Fire Co. Grounds
3493 Stull Road / Noxen, PA
570-947-2097
wisteria18704@yahoo.com

Cherokee Of Georgia Fall Pow Wow

10/1/2015-10/3/2015
110 Cherokee Way
Saint George, GA
912-552-0305
cherokeeofga@att.net
CherokeeofGeorgia.org

27th Annual Meherrin Indian Nation Pow Wow

10/2/2015-10/4/2015
Kauwets'a:ka (People of the Water) Meherrin Tribal Grounds
852 Hwy 11 North
Ahoskie, NC
252-209-0934
MeherrinNation.org

Redding Rancheria Stillwater Pow Wow

10/2/2015-10/4/2015
Shasta District Fair Grounds
Anderson, CA

American Indianist Society Pow Wow

10/3/2015-10/3/2015
Camp Marshall
92 McCormick Rd
Spencer, MA
508-254-2098

15th Annual Inter-tribal Pow Wow at Grand Village of the Kickapoo Park

10/3/2015-10/4/2015

Grand Village of the Kickapoo Park
8144 North 3100 East Road
Arrowsmith, IL
309-261-3043 or 309-846-6720
grandvillagekickapoopark@gmail.com
GrandVillage.net

41st Annual Honolulu Intertribal Pow Wow

10/3/2015-10/4/2015
Thomas Square Park
925 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI
808-392-4479 or 808-392-9239
honolulupowwow@gmail.com
HonoluluIntertribalPowWow.com

Lakota Dakota Nakota Language Summit & First Nations Education Convention

10/8/2015-10/10/2015
Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn
444 Mount Rushmore Rd
Rapid City, SD
605-867-5193
mike@tuswecatiospaye.org
Tuswecatiospaye.org

San Manuel Pow Wow

10/9/2015-10/11/2015
California State University,
San Bernardino
5500 University Parkway
San Bernardino, CA
909-425-3450
powwowsanmanuel@gmail.com
SanManuel-NSN.gov

Indian Plaza Columbus Day Pow Wow

10/9/2015-10/12/2015
Indian Plaza Pow Wow Grounds
Charlemont, MA
413-339-4096

Chattahoochee River Park Landing Pow Wow

10/9/2015-10/11/2015
269 River Landing Road
Chattahoochee, FL
850-209-7083 or 850-277-1026
chattahoocheepowwow@yahoo.com

Berkeley Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market

10/10/2015
Berkeley Civic Center Park
Berkeley, CA
510-595-5520
info@ipdpowwow.org
IPDPowWow.org

Abenaki Nation of New Hampshire Abenaki Heritage Weekend

10/10/2015-10/11/2015
Mi-Te-Jo Campground
Milton, NH
603-473-2746

11th Annual Hunting Moon Pow Wow

10/16/2015-10/18/2015
Sponsored by Forest County
Potawatomi Community
UW-Milwaukee Panther Arena
400 West Kilburn Avenue
Milwaukee, WI
414-847-7320
huntingmoonpowwow.com

14th Annual Cherokee's of Alabama Fall Indian Pow Wow

10/16/2015-10/18/2015
National Guard Armory
Highway 69 West
Arab, AL
256-590-8109
mbreedlove39@gmail.com
[Facebook.com/CherokeesOfAlabama](https://www.facebook.com/CherokeesOfAlabama)

34th Annual Indian Education Pow Wow and Fall Festival

10/16/2015-10/18/2015

Long Hunter State Park
2910 Hobson Pike
Hermitage, TN
615-232-9179
naia@naiatn.org
NAIATN.org/

45th Annual Waccamaw Siouan Tribal Pow Wow

10/16/2015-10/17/2015
7230 Old Lake Road
Bulton, NC
910-655-8778
Waccamaw-Siouan.com

23rd Annual Land of Falling Waters Traditional Pow Wow

10/17/2015-10/18/2015
Middle School at Parkside
2400 4th Street
Jackson, MI
[Facebook.com/landofthefallingwaters](https://www.facebook.com/landofthefallingwaters)

Wolf Den Pow Wow

10/17/2015-10/18/2015
Wolf Den State Park
Pomfret, CT
860-428-7271

4th Annual National Championship Indian Pow Wow

10/17/2015-10/18/2015
9333 Southwest Loop 410
San Antonio, TX
TradersVillage.com/san-antonio/events/4th-annual-native-american-indian-championship-pow-wow

Lanchester Harvest Festival and Pow Wow

10/17/2015-10/18/2015
Salisbury Park
Gap, PA
[Facebook.com/lanchesterharvestfestival](https://www.facebook.com/lanchesterharvestfestival)

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Red Clay State Park
1140 Red Clay Park
Cleveland, TN
423-240-7270

naservices@gmail.com
NAServices.org

32nd Annual Roy Track Memorial Mesa Pow Wow

10/23/2015-10/25/2015

Pioneer Park
525 East Main Street
Mesa, AZ
602-799-0260

roytrack@aol.com

38th Annual University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Autumn Pow Wow

10/24/2015-10/24/2015

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Ballroom
2200 East Kenwood Blvd
Milwaukee, WI
414-229-5880

joylogan@uwm.edu
aiss.UWM.edu

Stone Mountain Park Indian Festival and Pow Wow

10/29/2015-11/1/2015

Stone Mountain Park
US Highway 78 East
Stone Mountain, GA

[StoneMountainPark.com/
events/Indian-Festival-
and-Pow-Wow.aspx](http://StoneMountainPark.com/events/Indian-Festival-and-Pow-Wow.aspx)

5th Annual Indiana University Traditional Pow Wow

11/7/2015-11/8/2015

Alumni Hall
900 East 7th Street
Bloomington, IN
812-855-4814

fnccc@indiana.edu
Indiana.edu/~fnccc/

16th Annual Clearfield Veterans Day Pow Wow

11/7/2015-11/8/2015

Clearfield County Fairground
Expo II Building
5615 Park Street
Clearfield, PA
724-693-0549

thomas.taylor@bayer.com
[clearfieldvdpw.Homestead.
com/clearfield.html](http://clearfieldvdpw.Homestead.com/clearfield.html)

Awi Akta Cherokee Veterans Pow Wow

11/7/2015-11/7/2015

Gage Park Zoological
Shelter House
635 South West Gage Boulevard
Topeka, KS

785-272-5489
cmballard@aol.com
AwiAkta.org

Red Mountain Eagle Pow Wow

11/7/2015-11/8/2015

Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community
1839 North Longmore Road
Scottsdale, AZ
208-241-2175

[redmountainpowwow@
gmail.com](mailto:redmountainpowwow@gmail.com)

Austin Pow Wow and American Indian Heritage Festival

11/7/2015

Tony Burger Center
3200 Jones Road
Sunset Valley, TX
512-371-0628

austinpowwow@grandecom.net
[AustinPowWow.net/
austin-powwow/](http://AustinPowWow.net/)

Native American Rights Fund 45th Anniversary Community Appreciation Pow Wow

11/7/2015

Colorado Convention
Center, Exhibit Hall B1

700 14th Street
Denver, CO
303-447-8760

powwow@narf.org

**Cheorenhaka (Nottoway)
Corn Harvest Pow Wow and
School Day**

11/13/2015-11/15/2015
Tribal Land-Cattashowrock Town
27345 Aquia Path
Courtland, VA
757-562-7760

wdbrowniii@aol.com

Cheroenhaka-Nottoway.org

**26th Annual Texas
Championship Native
American Pow Wow**

11/14/2015-11/15/2015
Traders Village Houston
7979 North Eldridge Road
Houston, TX
281-890-5500

[TradersVillage.com/houston/
events/26th-annual-native-american-
championship-pow-wow](http://TradersVillage.com/houston/events/26th-annual-native-american-championship-pow-wow)

**Oklahoma State University
Native American Student
Association Pow Wow**

11/14/2015
Payne County Expo Center
4518 Expo Circle East
Stillwater, OK
405-744-0401

abunnic@okstate.edu

**National Native American
Heritage Day Pow Wow**

11/15/2015
Bridgewater State University
34 Park Avenue
Bridgewater, MA
617-642-1683

mcnaa@aol.com

MCNAA.org

**41st Annual Baltimore Amer-
ican Indian Center Pow Wow**

11/21/2015-11/22/2015

TBD / Baltimore, MD

**48th Annual Louisiana
Indian Heritage Associa-
tion's Pow Wow**

11/21/2015-11/22/2015

Lamar-Dixon Expo Center
9039 Saint Landry Road
Gonzales, LA
504-837-6085

djpm2@cox.net

liha.Webs.com

**45th Anniversary Poarch
Creek Indians Thanksgiving
Pow Wow**

11/26/2015-11/27/2015

Poarch Creek Indians
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, AL
251-368-9136

PoarchCreekIndians.org

**16th Annual Benefit for Saint
Labre Indian School**

1/9/2016

John Carroll School
703 East Churchville Road
Bel Aire, MD
410-838-8333 ex.2002

glsjcs@yahoo.com

**Litchfield Park Native
American Arts Festival**

1/9/2016-1/10/2016

Litchfield Elementary School Grounds
255 East Wigwam Boulevard
Litchfield Park, AZ
623-935-9040

tkramer@litchfield-park.org

orgLitchfield-Park.org



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