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PROSPERITY THROUGH SOVEREIGNTY
73RD NCAI ANNUAL CONVENTION & MARKETPLACE

NATIVE YOUTH AGENDA

October 9-14, 2016

Sunday, October 9

9:00 – 4:00 **National Tribal Water Summit***

9:00 – 12:00 **Morning Meetings***

Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force

The purpose of the Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force is to strengthen the ability of NCAI to advocate for the unique issues of the large land base tribes and to foster unity and cooperation among all tribes to preserve tribal sovereignty, lands, culture, and quality of life for all. The Task Force will govern its own proceedings consistent with this purpose.

Violence Against Women Taskforce

The Violence Against Women Taskforce serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against Native women.

12:00 – 1:00 **New NCAI Member Orientation**

All members and officers are invited to this welcome session for new members of NCAI and a briefing on membership, committees, voting, and process. This is an opportunity to learn more about NCAI meeting policy and procedures.

Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI
Robert Holden, Deputy Director, NCAI
John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI
Edward K. Thomas, Parliamentarian, NCAI
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, Resolutions Committee, NCAI
Yvonne Oberly, Chair, Rules and Credentials, NCAI

1:00 – 4:00 **Afternoon Meetings***

Federal Recognition Task Force

The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, on changes in the tribal acknowledgement process.

Tribal Leaders Meeting on Tribal Transportation

The Fixing American's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) was enacted into law last year, this six-year transportation authorization included important tribal transportation provisions such as the expansion of tribal self-governance throughout the U.S. Department of Transportation; data collection on safety and reporting on transportation projections; and new grant programs. This session will provide an overview of Congressional and administrative efforts regarding the implementation of the FAST Act by officials of the U.S. Department of Transportation and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as well as the appropriation levels for the BIA Road Maintenance Program.

Emergency Management Training

Protecting the Right to Vote on Election Day

4:00 – 5:30

Native Youth Meet and Greet, Overview of Week

All youth attendees come get a chance to meet other youth participants from all across Indian Country! Food and fun for all youth that attend.

6:00 – 8:00

NCAI Welcome Reception

Hosted by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community at the Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, 7555 North Pima Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85258.

Welcome to Arizona! Join us for the Welcome Reception at the award-winning Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, home of the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies; the first Major League Baseball Spring Training facility to be built on Indian land. Enjoy brief walking tours highlighting the Fields and the Talking Stick Destination, traditional game and artist demonstrations, cultural dance performances, a Native artist chalk walk, music of the southwest, complimentary photo station and culinary delights that are inspired by the southwest. Guest appearance by Derrick Hall, CEO/President, Arizona Diamondbacks and Luis "Gonzo" Gonzalez, former player, Arizona Diamondbacks. Experience the nightlife at Talking Stick Resort/Casino shuttle service provided following the reception with the last shuttle departing Talking Stick Resort/Casino at 11:30pm to the Phoenix Convention Center. Bus shuttles to/from the Phoenix Convention Center/Salt River Fields begin at 5:15pm and will continue looping to both venues for the duration of the event.

Monday, October 10

7:00 – 8:00

Native Prayer Sunrise Gathering*

This event is a casual gathering. Attendees will hear encouraging stories of faith and strengthen relationships.

- 8:00 – 8:30 **Youth Morning Gathering**
- 8:30 – 10:30 **First General Assembly**
- 10:30 – 12:00 **Old Enough to Positively Influence: Native Vote**
- 12:00 – 1:00 **Trade Show Networking Reception**
 Join us to kick off an exciting tradeshow! Network and make connections with top business representatives, tribes, federal agencies, corporations, and non-profits! Support tribal business by visiting our many Native American art and craft booths!
- 2:15 – 3:00 **Native Love**
 Session with the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center
- 3:15 – 4:00 **Youth Leadership Session**
- 4:15 – 6:00 **Committee Meetings**
 Economic, Finance & Community Development
 Human Resources
 Land & Natural Resources
 Litigation & Governance
 Veterans
- 6:00 – TBD **Youth Daily Wrap Up/Group Outing**
 Join us to share what your day was like, learn about opportunities, mingle with other youth attendees and prepare for tomorrow's agenda. For those youth that are interested in exploring Phoenix, invite other youth attendees to partake in your evening plans!

Tuesday, October 11

- 7:15 – 8:15 **Area Caucus Meetings**
Look to Region Breakdown
- 8:00 – 8:30 **Youth Morning Gathering**
- 8:30 – 11:30 **Third General Assembly**
- Tribal Leader Strategy Discussion**
 Tribal Leaders are invited to engage in dialogue on Community Change: What really matters, and how will you lead change in your community?
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Prep for the Luncheon**

- 12:00 – 1:00 **Youth Honoring Luncheon**
 NCAI Youth Leadership Awards presented by Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman,
 National Indian Gaming Association
Tickets are available for purchase.
- 1:30 – 4:00 **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
***Reference your main conference agenda to select a breakout session*
- 1:30 – 4:00 **Youth Commission Applicants' Panel Interviews**
- 4:15 – 6:00 **Subcommittee Meetings**
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| Disabilities | Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns |
| Economic Development, Finance & Employment | Indian Child & Family Welfare |
| Education | Jurisdiction & Tribal Government |
| Elders | Taxation |
| Energy & Mineral Policy | Technology & Telecommunications |
| Environmental Protection & Land Use | Transportation & Infrastructure |
| Health | Tribal Gaming |
| Housing | Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture |
| | Veterans |
- 5:30 – 7:00 **Emerging Leader Wrap Up**
 Join us to share what your day was like, learn about opportunities, mingle with other youth attendee, create health walk posters and get ready for tomorrow's agenda. *Dinner will be provided.*
- 7:00 – 9:00 **Native Vote Rally**

Wednesday, October 12

- 7:15 – 8:15 **Area Caucus Meetings***
- 8:00 – 8:30 **Youth Morning Gathering**
- 8:30 – 9:30 **National Native American Just Move It! Healthy Lifestyles Walk, Run and Rally**
 13th Annual National Native American Health & Fitness Walk. Come and join leaders from more than 500 nations as we all "Walk the Talk," and show our commitment to wellness. All participants will receive healthy lifestyles incentives!
- 10:30 – 11:15 **Speeches & Elections for Youth Commission Officers**

12:00 – 1:00

Luncheon Training: Learning Better Money Habits

In partnership with the National Congress of American Indians, the Bank of America Native American Professional Network will provide a financial education training for interested Convention attendees. Topics to be covered will include several of the following: steps to better money management, basic banking concepts, budgeting, jumpstart your emergency fund, improving your credit, and reducing your debts. The session also will include an introduction to Better Money Habits. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited to 20 attendees. Please RSVP for the workshop by emailing NCAI's Crystal Boswell at cboswell@ncai.org.

1:30 – 4:00

Youth Opportunities and Leadership Training

Personality Strategy with Google
Leadership Development with Jeri Brunoe
Youth Leadership Opportunities with SAIGE

4:15 – 6:00

Subcommittee Meetings

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Housing	Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture
	Veterans

5:30 – 6:30

Youth Daily Wrap Up and Announcement of Election Results

6:00 – 11:00

Culture Night

Rawhide Western Town and Event Center

5700 West North Loop Road, Chandler, AZ 85226

The 73rd Annual Convention & Marketplace Cultural Night will be hosted by the Gila River Indian Community at the Rawhide Western Town and Event Center. Don't miss out on a traditional O'otham dinner, entertainment, Waila Music, arts & crafts, and more!

Thursday, October 13

8:00 – 8:30

Youth Morning Gathering

8:30 – 12:00

Fifth General Assembly

Sessions with an asterisk (*) are not mandatory but are strongly encouraged
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Youth Commission Report (8:50)

9:00 – 10:00

Elder and Youth Roundtable

10:15 – 11:15

Youth Session

12:00 – 1:00

Elder's Honoring Luncheon*

1:30 – 2:00

UNITY, Inc. Report

2:15 – 3:15

Incorporating Our Traditions in Our Daily Lives

3:15 – 4:00

Emerging Leaders Close Out

Your feedback is valuable and we want to know your thought on the Convention and Youth Track. Take this time to share with your peers your opinions and what you look forward to next year.

4:00 – 5:30

Committee Meetings*

Economic, Finance & Community Development
Human Resources
Land & Natural Resources
Litigation & Governance
Veterans

7:00 – 10:00

Gala Banquet*

Tickets are available for purchase.

Friday, October 14

8:30 – 12:00

Seventh General Assembly*

1:00 – 5:00

Futures Game Focus Group: Improving Tribal-Academic Research Partnerships*

In this half-day session, participants will play the Futures Game – Rez Edition, which is a one-hour experience based around tribal community development. Participants will then be invited to participate in a focus group about how to adapt this game for use with tribal-academic research partnerships.