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The Youth Agenda’s intended audience is for high school and college students ages 16-23 with an interest in political science, tribal government, and Native American legislative and governmental affairs. The **NCAI Youth Commission**—which includes all interested youth as well as elected officers—provides a unique perspective on issues relevant to tribal youth. It is an opportunity to acquire knowledge from—and be a resource to—NCAI and Tribal Leaders about the organizational processes of NCAI, and structure of Tribal politics.

Sunday, February 11		
Time	Event	Room
10:00-5:00	<b>NCAI Executive Board Meeting</b>	Federal AB

Monday, February 12		
Time	Event	Room
9:45-10:15	<b>Youth Watch Party Prep</b> If you weren’t not able to get an RSVP to watch in-person, come and gather before the State of Indian Nations Watch Party—reunite with friends & meet new ones, ask questions, prep social media posts, and get Indian Country engaged.	California
10:30-Noon	<b>State of Indian Nations Watch Party</b> Join watch parties around the country with other Executive Council Winter Session attendees.	Presidential Ballrooms
1:00-3:30	<b>Youth Commission Officers prep</b>	California
4:00-5:00	<b>Youth Meet &amp; Greet</b>	California

Tuesday, February 13		
Time	Event	Room
7:30-5:00	<b>Registration Open</b> <b>Rules and Credentials Open</b>	Upper Lobby
8:00-8:15	<b>Youth Morning Briefing</b>	California
8:30-Noon	<b>1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly</b>	<b>Presidential Ballrooms</b>
8:35	<b>Invocation</b> <b>Call to Order</b> Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI	
8:45	<b>President’s Address</b> Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI	

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Time	Event	Room
9:00	<b>Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)</b>	Presidential Ballrooms
9:15	<b>Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK)</b>	
9:30	<b>Executive Director’s Address</b> Jacqueline Pata, Executive Director, NCAI	
9:45	<b>Congressman Jack Bergman (MI)</b>	
10:00	<b>Department of the Interior</b> Secretary Ryan Zinke, Department of the Interior	
10:30	<b>Department of Justice</b> Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein  [*Youth: Once the DOJ speaker is finished, <u>quietly</u> & <u>respectfully</u> leave GA to meet at the <i>California</i> room.]	
11:00	<b>Youth Mid-day Briefing</b>	California
11:30	<b>Gather &amp; meet to head over to The Aspen Institute</b> ( <i>alternative: attend Advocacy 101!</i> )	California
Noon-1:00	<b>Panel Discussion: 2018 Champions for Change</b> <a href="#">Click here to RSVP.</a> Hear the inspiring stories that led Damien, Isabel, Shawna, EllaMae, and Anthony to be named 2018 Champions for Change. Collectively, these five Native American youth leaders are working to connect Native youth with the healing power of tribal lands, reintegrate formerly incarcerated Native Americans, advocate for Native youth in foster care, revitalize Native languages, and eliminate race-based mascots.	The Aspen Institute 2300 N Street NW Suite 700
Noon-1:00	<b>Advocacy 101</b> Get the most out of your Congressional meetings by attending this annual training session for tribal leaders. Learn proven strategies on how to prepare for and have effective Congressional meetings.	Senate <i>Closed to Press</i>
1:30-4:00	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly</b>	<b>Presidential Ballrooms</b>
	<b>Call to Order</b> Aaron Payment, 1st Vice President, NCAI	
1:40	<b>NCAI Update</b>	

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Time	Event	Room
1:45	<b>Congressman Darrell Issa (OH)</b>	Presidential Ballrooms
2:00	<b>Congressman Don Young (AK)</b>	
2:15	<b>Congressman Steve Pearce (NM)</b>	
2:30	<b>Congressman Raul Grijalva (AZ)</b>	
2:45	<b>House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (CA)</b>	
3:00	<b>Congresswoman Norma Torres (CA)</b>	
3:15	<b>Champion for Change Recognition</b> Byron Dorgan, Former US Senator, Founder of the Center for Native American Youth  [*Youth: Once the CNAY Recognition is finished, <u>quietly &amp; respectfully</u> leave GA to meet at the <i>California</i> room.]	
3:30-4:30	<b>Youth Commission &amp; CNAY Champions for Change</b> Don't miss this favored session for Youth and CNAY Champions for Change to share their stories and experiences advocating for Indian Country!	California
5:00-7:00	<b>Center for Native American Youth Reception</b> <a href="#">Click here to RSVP.</a> Join Senator Byron Dorgan (ret.) and distinguished guests for a reception to celebrate CNAY's seventh anniversary to honor Native American youth and the 2018 class of Champions for Change. We hope you can join this annual celebration of our work together to support our future native leaders.	Federal AB
7:00-9:30	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Awards Banquet</b> <i>Tickets are available to purchase with registration.</i>	Presidential Ballrooms

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<b>Wednesday, February 14</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
8:00-8:15	<b>Youth Morning Briefing</b>	California
8:30-Noon	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly</b>	<b>Presidential Ballrooms</b>
	<b>Call to Order</b> Juana Majel-Dixon, Recording Secretary, NCAI	
	<b>Announcements</b>	
8:40	<b>Issue Update</b>	
8:45	<b>Senator Heidi Heitkamp (ND)</b>	
9:00	<b>Congressman Tom O’Halleran (AZ)</b>	
9:15	<b>Senator Jeff Merkley (OR)</b>	
9:30	<b>Veterans Affairs</b> Secretary David Shulkin, Department of Veteran Affairs	
9:45	<b>National Chief Perry Bellegarde, Assembly of First Nations</b> [*Youth: Once AFN Chief is finished, <u>quietly</u> & <u>respectfully</u> leave GA to meet at the <i>California</i> room.]	
10:30-Noon	<b>Youth Wrap-Up for 2018 ECWS</b> Invited Guest: <i>Ryan Ward</i> , Youth Programs Coordinator, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior	California
Noon-1:00	<b><u>Close Up Foundation</u>: Tribal Action Initiative Presentations by Students</b>	Lobby
1:00-3:00	<b>Youth Commission Officers</b> prep for 2018 Mid Year & Annual Conferences	California
6:30-8:30	<b>Capitol Hill Reception</b>	National Museum of American Indian

Interested in being a NCAI Youth Commission Officer?  
 Youth Commission Officer Elections will be held at NCAI’s 75th Annual Convention  
 (October 21-26, 2018 in Denver, Colorado).

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