



National  
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Indians

**CELEBRATING 70 YEARS**  
**2014 NCAI ANNUAL CONVENTION & MARKETPLACE**  
**NATIVE YOUTH AGENDA**  
October 26-31, 2014

**Sunday, October 26**

- 10:30 – 12:00                      **Financial Capability Summit**
- 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  
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, Resolutions Committee, NCAI  
Yvonne Oberly, Chair, Rules and Credentials, NCAI
- 1:00 – 5:00                      **Native Youth Meet and Greet, Overview of Week, and Leadership Training**  
Jackie Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI  
Sarah Kastelic, Deputy Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association  
Mellor Willie, Navajo Nation
- 1:00 – 5:00                      **Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**
- 6:00 – 8:00                      **Welcome and Cultural Evening**  
Come and visit old friends and make some new ones. This reception will kick off the great week we are going to have at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention.

**Monday, October 27**

- 7:00 – 8:00                      **Native Prayer Sunrise Gathering\***
- 8:30 – 10:30                      **First General Assembly**
- 10:30 – 12:00                      **Youth Session**

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	Principals of Leadership
1:30 – 4:00	<b>Discussion with Youth Partners</b>
4:15 – 6:00	<b>Committee Meetings*</b> Economic, Finance & Community Development Human Resources Land & Natural Resources Litigation & Governance Veterans
6:00 – 6:30	<b>Youth Commission End of the Day Wrap Up/Pizza Party</b> What qualities are we looking for in our next youth commission leaders?
5:30 - 7:00	<b>Trade Show Networking Reception*</b> An opportunity to network with top businesses across sectors including tribes, federal agencies, corporations, non-profits, tribal enterprises, tribal entrepreneurs, and artisans. Join us and discover new business opportunities!

## Tuesday, October 28

7:30 – 8:30	<b>Area Caucus Meetings</b>
Alaska Area	Pacific Area
Eastern Oklahoma Area	Rocky Mountain Area
Great Plains Area	Southeast Area
Midwest Area	Southern Plains Area
Northeast Area	Southwest Area
Northwest Area	Western Area
8:30 – 10:00	<b>Third General Assembly</b>
10:00 – 11:30	<b>Youth Commission Elections</b>
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Prep for the Luncheon</b>
12:00 - 1:00	<b>Youth Honoring Luncheon</b> Miss Indian World and NCAI Youth Leadership Awards <i>Tickets are available for purchase.</i>
1:30 – 4:00	<b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</b>
	<b>The Path to Well-Being*</b>

Tribes have implemented innovative wellness programs to address suicide, depression and substance abuse issues. Panelists will discuss creative and innovative programs in Indian country that are having positive outcomes on the health and well-being of AI/AN and tribal communities.

**Reforming Indian Education – Tribal Community Engagement \***

This session will provide an opportunity to bring together tribal leaders, Indian education stakeholders, and federal partners to discuss Indian education reform opportunities. Indian Education has played a prominent role over the last year both in the administration and in this session of Congress. The administration will discuss their “Blueprint for Reform” intended to implement meaningful reforms in the Bureau of Indian Education system. The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will hold a listening session to continue their work on their “Indian Education Series” surveying the current state of Indian education on all levels – early childhood education, BIE schools, public education, higher education, and Native languages.

4:15 – 6:00

**Subcommittee Meetings\***

Disabilities  
 Economic Development, Finance &  
 Employment  
 Education  
 Elders  
 Energy & Mineral Policy  
 Environmental Protection & Land Use  
 Health  
 Housing  
 Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns

Indian Child & Family Welfare  
 Jurisdiction & Tribal Government  
 Taxation  
 Technology & Telecommunications  
 Transportation & Infrastructure  
 Tribal Gaming  
 Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture  
 Veterans

5:30 - 6:00

**Youth Commission Officers Meeting**

Organizational Meeting for the Youth Commission Officers

7:00 – 9:00

**It’s Hoop Time!**

*Harland Unit of Boys & Girls Clubs Metro Atlanta, 435 Peoples Street*  
 Bring your tennis shoes and come show off your skills. Youth, tribal leaders and professional basket players are all invited for fun night. Don’t play? Then come and cheer on your favorite player.

**Wednesday, October 29**

7:30 – 8:30

**Area Caucus Meetings\***

Alaska Area  
 Eastern Oklahoma Area  
 Great Plains Area  
 Midwest Area

Northeast Area  
 Northwest Area  
 Pacific Area  
 Rocky Mountain Area  
 Southeast Area

Southern Plains Area  
Southwest Area

Western Area

8:30 – 11:30

**Fourth General Assembly**

11:00 – Noon

**“Walking with the Next Generation”**

National Native American Just Move It!

Healthy Lifestyles Walk, Run and Rally

11<sup>th</sup> 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!

1:30 – 4:00

**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

**Advocating for Youth – Putting our First Kids 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Fairlie*

In this session we will discuss how to advocate on issues of importance to Native Youth. The discussion will center on how to implement an effective advocacy strategy and the advocacy tools that can be used at the local, state, and federal level to bring awareness to issues – especially those issues that affect youth in their local communities. NCAI and its First Kids 1<sup>st</sup> partners will discuss specific issues and work through the factors to be considered at each level of advocacy and will engage participants in the ways that they can move the First Kids 1<sup>st</sup> agenda forward in their families, their local communities, in the tribal governments and at the national level.

Speakers:

Denise Desiderio, Policy and Legislative Director, National Congress of American Indians

Cassandra Holt, Sault Ste. Marie tribal member

Michelle L. Castagne, Sault Ste. Marie tribal member

4:15 – 6:00

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Disabilities

Economic Development, Finance &  
Employment

Education

Elders

Energy & Mineral Policy

Environmental Protection & Land Use

Health

Housing

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns

Indian Child & Family Welfare

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government

Taxation

Technology & Telecommunications

Transportation & Infrastructure

Tribal Gaming

Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture

Veterans

5:30 – 6:00

**Youth Commission End of the Day Wrap Up**

6:00 – 8:00

**Native Vote Reception**

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## Thursday, October 30

8:30 – 12:00	<b>Fifth General Assembly</b> <b>Youth Commission Report (8:40)</b>
12:00 – 1:00	<b>Elder’s Honoring Luncheon*</b> <i>Tickets are available for purchase</i>
1:30 – 3:00	<b>Sixth General Assembly</b>
3:00 – 4:00	<b>Fun Closing Activity</b>
4:00 – 5:30	<b>Committee Meetings*</b> Economic, Finance & Community Development Human Resources Land & Natural Resources Litigation & Governance Veterans
7:00 – 10:00	<b>Gala Banquet*</b> <i>Tickets are available for purchase</i>