



EMERGING LEADER AGENDA

Monday, June 27

8:00-4:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**
Riverside Lobby

9:00-4:00 **International Tribal and Federal Government Transboundary Roundtable***
Room 401A

The health of our rivers and streams is paramount; however, transboundary waterways pollution can have potentially damaging impacts on water quality, fish, wildlife, recreation, livelihood, and customary and traditional practices. This session will bring together American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, First Nations in Canada, the United States agencies responsible for foreign relations and environmental protection, and the Canadian federal government counterparts to discuss the transboundary issues in their communities. The goal is to bring forward the various concerns and perspectives while providing a forum for solving transboundary issues at the international level.

12:00-1:00 **New Member Orientation**
Room 402C

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.

Robert Holden, Deputy Director, NCAI
John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, Resolutions Committee, NCAI
Yvonne Oberly, Chair, Rules and Credentials, NCAI

1:00-4:00 **Training: Developing Messaging Strategies to make Successful Campaigns***
Room 401B

1:00-4:00 **NCAI Policy Research Center Partner's Roundtable: Data Matters***
Centennial Ballroom

Each year, the NCAI Policy Research Center creates a space for its research and advocacy partners to share and coordinate information to advance policy research in Indian Country. Together, we will explore key data trends that can shift policy and community narratives to advance tribal sovereignty, promote community wellness, and highlight models of community-engaged research. Our goal is to emerge with a set of collective priorities for the year.

** Recommended sessions but not required*

*** Highlighted sessions are youth attendee sessions*

4:00-6:00 **NCAI Emerging Leaders Meet & Greet, Overview of Week**
Room 301
All youth attendees are invited to come to an exciting evening to get to know other Emerging Native Leaders from across Indian Country.

6:00-8:00 **Welcome Reception**
Join us to kick off the welcome to the 2016 Mid Year Conference! Come enjoy great food and great company!

Tuesday, June 28

7:30-5:00 **Resolutions Office Open**
Centennial Ballroom Show Office 1 & 2

Registration/ Rules & Credentials Open
Riverside Lobby

8:00-8:30 **Emerging Leaders Morning Gathering**
Come collect the daily challenges, get prepped for the day, and say good morning to other youth attendees.

8:30-10:30 **First General Assembly**

10:30-12:00 **NCAI – How does the work happen?**
How does NCAI decide what issues to work on? Who gets to make those decisions? This is a training session to help understand the NCAI resolution process. What happens before the conference, at the conference, and after the conference in getting the work done.

12:00-1:00 **Sovereignty in Action: DHAT**
What happens when tribes take a community concern into their own hands to make a positive change for their community. Tribes in Alaska have been asserting their sovereignty and coming up with dental health care options that work for their citizens. Now tribes in the Northwest are exploring with these options. How can other tribes benefit. What does this mean for the future? How will this affect all generations of our communities? This interactive session will not just be discussing DHAT but how this could be a model for other community concerns.

1:30-4:00 **Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Pick a session that interests you.**

Native Vote Training: Tools that make a difference
Room 401A

Tribal Climate Change Monitoring and Data Systems
Room 402B

Resiliency - Behavioral Health
Room 401C

Protecting Our Cultural Resources: An Overview of Current Efforts

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Room 402C

Partnering for Student Success

Room 401B

Public Safety – Tribal Law and Order Act

Room 402A

Tribal Homeland Security, Border Crossing, and Emergency Management

Room 302A

Indian Child Welfare Act

Room 302B

3:00-4:30	Tribal Governance in Action How the decisions today impact our generation? How was the breakout session you just attended connected with Tribal Governance? What were some tribes doing that was innovated? How can this help your work? What can you take back?
4:15-6:15	SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS <i>closed to press</i>
6:30-9:00	Cultural Night

Wednesday, June 29

6:45	Sunrise Ceremony* The NCAI Sunrise Ceremony will be held as a part of the observances and ceremonies during the National Days of Prayer to Protect Native American Sacred Places. The public is invited to attend NCAI’s respectful observance to honor sacred places, sacred beings and sacred waters, and all those who care for them and protect them from harm.
7:15-8:15	Regional Caucus Meetings <i>closed to press</i>
7:30-5:00	Resolutions Open <i>Centennial Ballroom Show Office 1 & 2</i> Registration/ Rules & Credentials Open <i>Riverside Lobby</i>
8:00-8:30	Emerging Leaders Morning Gathering Come collect the daily challenges and ask any questions about the upcoming day.
8:30-10:00	Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Debrief from yesterday’s breakout session and subcommittee. How can you as an Emerging Leader help share Indian Countries story about our children.

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10:30-12:00	Gen-I Commits to Native Vote Elections are upon us so let's make our voice heard. This discussion is for those already of voting age, those getting ready to vote for the first time, and those that are not voting age – so EVERYONE!
12:00	Lunch Recess
12:00-1:00	Health Walk
12:00-1:00	Poster Session: Innovative Climates for Tribal Research <i>Riverside Lobby</i> Tribal Leaders continually share how much they value engaging with numerous scholars across varied research disciplines in a condensed period of time. The poster session creates a supportive environment for learning between presenters and other attendees. Participants walk from one poster to another to hear poster presenters share cutting-edge research in a short (and meaningful!) period of time.
1:30-4:00	Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Select a session that is of interest to you.
	Creating Healthy Community Climates for Higher Education <i>Room 401B</i>
	Sovereignty & Science <i>Room 401C</i>
	The Future of Food <i>Room 402C</i>
	Tribal Citizenship: Tribal Nations Creating Climates of Belonging & Community for the Future <i>closed to press</i> <i>Room 402B</i>

3:00-4:30	Making a Difference Let's use our voices to make a difference. How to take what we learned this week and make a difference for Indian Country.
4:15-6:15	FULL COMMITTEE MEETINGS <i>closed to press</i>
5:30-6:30	Leadership – What does it mean to be a Tribal Leader <i>Room 301</i>

Thursday, June 30

7:15-8:15	Regional Caucus Meetings <i>**Optional**</i> <i>closed to press</i>
8:00-8:30	Emerging Leaders Morning Gathering Come collect the daily challenges and ask any questions about the upcoming day.

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8:30-10:00	Open Time
10:00-11:30	Third General Assembly Committee Reports
11:30-12:30	Emerging Leaders Conference Wrap Up What do we need to do from now until Annual? What did we learn that we will be taking back to our communities?

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