



The Youth Agenda's intended audience is for college and high school students ages 16-23 with an interest in political science, tribal government and Native American legislative and governmental affairs. The Youth Commission—which includes all interested youth as well as eight 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.

## Monday, June 12

8:00-4:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**  
*Ballroom Foyer*

9:00-4:00 *Check out a Pre-Meeting on the Main Agenda!\**  
Youth Attendees are encouraged to attend any of the Pre-Meetings, including DOI listening sessions, Task Force meetings, and other great sessions.

12:00-1:00 **New Member Orientation\***  
*Penobscot Room*  
All members and officers are invited to this welcome session for new members of NCAI and a briefing on membership, committees, voting, and process.

4:00-6:00 **NCAI Youth Meet & Greet**  
*Nipmuc 2 Room*  
Come eat, meet other Native youth from across Indian Country, and get an overview of the Conference! All Youth in attendance are invited.

6:00-8:00 **Welcome Reception\***  
*Cabaret Theater*  
Join us to kick off the welcome to the 2017 Mid Year Conference! Come enjoy great food and great company!

## Tuesday, June 13

7:30-5:00 **Resolutions Open**  
*Montauk Room*

**Registration/ Rules & Credentials Open**  
*Ballroom Foyer*

# Tuesday, June 13

**8:00-8:30 Youth Morning Gathering**  
*Ballroom Foyer*  
Come collect the daily challenges, get prepped for the day, and say good morning to other Youth Attendees.

**8:30-12:00 First General Assembly**  
*Salon A and B*

**12:00 Lunch Recess**

**12:00-1:00 Native Vote Roundtable\***  
*Narragansett 1 Room*  
Let's shape the 2018 Native Vote plan together! What worked for tribes and Native Vote Coordinators for the last election cycle? What did we learn? And what do we need? We know our vote counts – now let's get a plan so Indian Country can make an impact for 2018.

**12:00-2:00 College Fair Booths open at Conference Marketplace\***  
*Salon D*  
Several colleges will have exhibit booths on Tuesday only. Take a sneak peek! We'll gather later in the afternoon for a session including the "mini college fair" at the Conference Marketplace.

**1:00-1:30 Basketball Discussion with The National Basketball Association (NBA)**  
*Nipmuc 2 Room*  
In Indian Country, basketball is more than just a game. Join Travis Murphy, Manager for International Basketball and Government Affairs at the NBA, for a discussion about the NBA's interest in engaging more with Native youth—and how you can provide input.

**1:30-4:00 Concurrent BREAKOUT SESSIONS – select a Session that interests you**

**Envisioning the Future of Indian Education**  
*Brothertown Room*

**Where Healing Really Begins: Why Our Mental Health, Well-Being and Resilience Demands Our Attention**  
*Pequot Room*

**International Advocacy to Protect Tribal Sovereignty**  
*Nehantic Room*

**Tribal Government Tax Parity Initiative**  
*Passamaquoddy Room*

**Putting First Kids 1st in Juvenile Justice Policy**  
*Wampanoag Room*

**Building Tribal-State Relationships to Advance Critical Tribal Priorities**  
*Shinnecock Room*

**3:00-4:15 What's In Your Future? Next Steps: Job Prep, Vocational Options & College**  
*Meet at entrance to Conference Marketplace (Salon D)*

# Tuesday, June 13

4:15-6:15	SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS	<i>closed to press</i>
	Disabilities/Elders.....	<i>Nipmuc 1 Room</i>
	Economic Development, Finance & Employment.....	<i>Narragansett 2 Room</i>
	Education .....	<i>Brothertown Room</i>
	Energy & Mineral Policy .....	<i>Schaghticoke Room</i>
	Environmental Protection & Land Use.....	<i>Schaghticoke Room</i>
	Health.....	<i>Oneida Room</i>
	Housing .....	<i>Wampanoag Room</i>
	Human, Religious, & Cultural Concerns .....	<i>Penobscot Room</i>
	Indian Child & Family Welfare.....	<i>Paugussett Room</i>
	Jurisdiction & Tribal Government .....	<i>Nehantic Room</i>
	Taxation.....	<i>Passamaquoddy Room</i>
	Technology & Telecommunications.....	<i>Pequot Room</i>
	Transportation & Infrastructure.....	<i>Nipmuc 2 Room</i>
	Tribal Gaming .....	<i>Narragansett 1 Room</i>
	Trust Lands, Natural Resources, & Agriculture .....	<i>Schaghticoke Room</i>
	Veterans .....	<i>Shinnecock Room</i>

5:15-5:45 **Youth: End of Day Wrap Up**  
*Nipmuc 2 Room*

# Wednesday, June 14

6:45 **Sunrise Ceremony\***  
*Outside the exit doors by Salon D*  
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>
	Alaska Region .....	<i>Narragansett 1 Room</i>
	Eastern Oklahoma Region .....	<i>Schaghticoke Room</i>
	Great Plains Region .....	<i>Nehantic Room</i>
	Midwest Region.....	<i>Pequot Room</i>
	Northeast Region.....	<i>Shinnecock 2 Room</i>
	Northwest Region.....	<i>Narragansett 2 Room</i>
	Pacific Region .....	<i>Oneida Room</i>
	Rocky Mountain Region .....	<i>Shinnecock 1 Room</i>
	Southeast Region.....	<i>Passamaquoddy Room</i>
	Southern Plains Region.....	<i>Brothertown Room</i>
	Southwest Region.....	<i>Paugussett Room</i>
	Western Region .....	<i>Penobscot Room</i>

7:30-5:00 **Resolutions Open**  
*Montauk Room*  
**Registration/ Rules & Credentials Open**  
*Ballroom Foyer*

# Wednesday, June 14

**8:00-8:30 Youth Morning Gathering**

*Ballroom Foyer*

Come collect the daily challenges, ask questions about yesterday's agenda and discuss the upcoming day.

**8:30-9:30**

**National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda: Why Native Youth are its Core**

*Nipmuc 2 Room*

**9:30-10:30**

**Conversation with Hilary Tompkins, former Solicitor for the U.S. Department of the Interior**

*Nipmuc 2 Room*

Take advantage of an opportunity to meet with Ms. Tompkins and discuss federal service, and other issues.

**10:30-12:00**

**How You Communicate Matters: Balancing Your Presence Online**

*Nipmuc 2 Room*

**12:00**

**Lunch Recess**

**12:00-1:00**

**Poster Session\***

*Ballroom Foyer*

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 interests you**

**What is our Economic Base? Mapping Industries and Capital on Tribal Lands**

*Salon C1*

**Serving our Students: New Futures for Tribal Education & Policy**

*Nehantic Room*

**Building Tribal Data Infrastructure**

*Narragansett Room*

**Using Data to Sustain Our Shared Natural Resources**

*Salon C2*

**The Federal Trust Responsibility to Tribal Lands and Resources**

*Schaghticoke Room*

**Tribal Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

*Shinnecock Room*

# Wednesday, June 14

<b>4:15-6:15</b>	<b>FULL COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b>	<i>closed to press</i>
	Economic Development, Finance & Community Development .....	<i>Narragansett Room</i>
	Human Resources.....	<i>Brothertown Room</i>
	Land & Natural Resources .....	<i>Schaghticoke Room</i>
	Litigation & Governance.....	<i>Pequot/Paugussett Room</i>
	Veterans .....	<i>Shinnecock Room</i>

**5:15-5:45 Youth: End of Day Wrap Up**  
*Nipmuc 2 Room*

**6:30-8:00 Cultural Night\***  
*Cabaret Theater*

# Thursday, June 15

**7:15-8:15 Regional Caucus Meetings** *(Optional: check with Regional VP to see if meeting)* *closed to press*

**8:00-8:30 Youth Morning Gathering**  
*Ballroom Foyer*  
Come collect the daily challenges, ask questions about yesterday’s agenda and the upcoming day.

**8:30-12:00 Third General Assembly**  
***(8:30-10:20\*)***  
*Salon A and B*  
Tribal Supreme Court Project Update and Committee Reports

**10:30-11:00 Mascot Issue**  
*Nipmuc 2 Room*  
Hear updates and discuss your thoughts on the mascot issue. Over the last 50 years, a ground swell of support has mounted to end the era of racist and harmful “Indian” mascots in sports and popular culture. Today, that support is stronger than ever.

**11:00-12:00 CONFERENCE WRAP UP**  
*Nipmuc 2 Room*  
What do we need to do between now and the Annual Convention in October? What did we learn that we will be taking back to our communities?