



National Congress of American Indians
2018 Mid Year Conference & Marketplace
 KANSAS CITY, MO | JUNE 3 - 6

LIGHTING THE WAY:
 TRIBES LEADING CHANGE

Youth Agenda

The Youth Agenda’s **intended audience** is for high school and college students with an interest in political science, tribal government, and Native American legislative and governmental affairs. The NCAI Youth Commission—which includes all interested youth **ages 16-25** 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. Contact: YouthCommission@NCAI.org.

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NCAI is excited to welcome staff from one of our partners, the **Center for Native American Youth**, to join us for Youth Sessions at the Mid Year Conference!

Sunday, June 3

9:00–4:00 Free time before our session at 4:00 pm? Check out the NCAI Policy Research Center Data Institute, or the pre-conference Task Force meetings! See main agenda for further details.

2:00–3:45 **Youth Commission Officers only: Conference Prep** *Yardbird B*

4:00–6:00 **NCAI Youth Meet & Greet** *Yardbird B*

Come get to know other Native youth from across Indian Country! Our partners from the Center for Native American Youth (CNAY) will facilitate a fun and interactive social media communications session. All youth in attendance are invited and pizza will be served.

Monday, June 4

8:00–8:20 **Youth Morning Gathering** *Yardbird B*

Be prompt. Morning meetup for a quick overview of the day and conference challenges. We will head over as a group to General Assembly.

8:30–12:00 **First General Assembly** *Count Basie A/B*

- 8:30 Call to Order
- Presentation of the Colors
- Honor Song
- 8:45 Invocation
- 8:50 Welcome
- 9:00 Welcome from Local Official
- 9:10 Rules of the Convention
- Resolutions Process Report
- 9:20 President’s Report
- 9:35 Executive Director’s Report
- 9:50 Welcome from Local Official
- 10:00 U.S. Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs

Monday, June 4

10:15	U.S. Department of Energy
10:30	Opioid Epidemic Update
10:45	Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
11:00	<i>Indian Country Today</i> Reveal
11:15*	*Youth leave General Assembly to meet very briefly outside of General Assembly before Lunch Recess (please leave quietly and respectfully—do not leave in large groups or when there is a Speaker on stage)

12:00 LUNCH RECESS

1:30–4:00 Youth Sessions Yardbird B

- *You're Here, Now What*: An Introduction to how NCAI works & Overview of “Indian Country 101”
- Leadership Session with CNAY

4:15–4:45* COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Economic, Finance & Community Development..... Bennie Moten AB

Subcommittees:

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| ▪ Housing | ▪ Economic Development, Finance, & Employment |
| ▪ Transportation & Infrastructure | ▪ Telecommunications |

Human ResourcesMary Lou Williams AB

Subcommittees:

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| ▪ Health | ▪ Education |
| ▪ Indian Child & Family Welfare | ▪ Disabilities |
| ▪ Elders | |

Land & Natural ResourcesColonial Ballroom

Subcommittees:

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| ▪ Energy & Mineral Policy | ▪ Environmental Protection & Land Use |
| ▪ Trust Lands, Natural Resources, & Agriculture | |

Litigation & GovernanceAndy Kirk AB

Subcommittees:

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| ▪ <i>Tribal Gaming</i> | ▪ <i>Jurisdiction & Tribal Government</i> |
| ▪ <i>Human, Religious, & Cultural Concerns</i> | ▪ <i>Taxation</i> |
| ▪ <i>Public Safety</i> | |

VeteransJulia Lee AB

5:00–5:30 Youth End of Day Gathering Yardbird B

Be prompt. Youth will gather back in their room to debrief the day’s sessions. And, don’t forget the first raffle drawing!

6:00–8:00 Welcome and Cultural Reception Imperial Ballroom

Join us to kick off the welcome to the 2018 Mid Year Conference! Come enjoy great food and great company!

Tuesday, June 5

6:45 Sunrise Ceremony *Outside the main lobby exist doors in the park*
 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

Alaska Region.....	<i>Truman B</i>	Pacific Region	<i>Andy Kirk AB</i>
Eastern Oklahoma Region ...	<i>Mary Lou Williams AB</i>	Rocky Mountain Region	<i>Yardbird B</i>
Great Plains Region.....	<i>Yardbird A</i>	Southeast Region	<i>Truman A</i>
Midwest Region	<i>Bennie Moten AB</i>	Southern Plains Region	<i>Hoover</i>
Northeast Region.....	<i>Taft</i>	Southwest Region	<i>Colonial Ballroom</i>
Northwest Region.....	<i>Julia Lee AB</i>	Western Region.....	<i>Kennedy</i>

8:00–8:20 Youth Morning Gathering *Yardbird B*
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8:30–12:00 Second General Assembly *Count Basie A/B*
 8:30 Call to Order
 Invocation
 Announcements

13th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum

The Tribal Leader Scholar Forum was created to provide an opportunity for researchers to present their findings for discussion with tribal leaders and other attendees during the NCAI Mid Year Conference.

Data to Inform Policy – Impacting our Futures Now

This year is proving to be a critical time where data can and will influence our futures. This session will explore how data now can help develop policies to ensure the best possible future for our communities.

8:45 **NCAI Policy Research Center Director Update**
 9:15 **Our Futures Depend on Data Now**
 9:30 **How Data can make the Native Vote a “Swing Vote”**
 10:00 **Tribal Leader Discussion**
 10:15 **Census 2020: Time to Make It Count for Indian Country**

10:45* **Youth leave General Assembly to meet back in Yardbird B (please leave quietly and respectfully—do not leave in large groups or when there is a Speaker on stage)*

11:00–12:00 Youth & Data *Yardbird B*
 As we discuss this morning’s Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum, what questions do you have about data or research?

12:00 LUNCH RECESS

Tuesday, June 5

1:00–1:30	Youth Gathering before this afternoon’s Breakout Sessions		<i>Yardbird B</i>
	We will have a quick session to confirm teams, and who is going to which session as well as social media ideas.		
1:30–4:00	Youth Teams go to Breakout Sessions		
	Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum • Concurrent Breakout Sessions 1		
1:30–2:30	Genetic Research: Tribal Strategies to Protect and Benefit <i>Mary Lou Williams AB</i>	Crime & Justice Data for Policy .. <i>Bennie Moten AB</i>	
	Community Needs Assessment—Data for Action <i>Julia Lee AB</i>		
	Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum • Concurrent Breakout Sessions 2		
2:45–3:45	Tribal Research Oversight—Tribes Taking Action <i>Mary Lou Williams AB</i>	Data to Strengthen Tribal Economies <i>Bennie Moten AB</i>	
	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (*reminder that these sessions will go from 1:30–4:00)		
*1:30–4:00	Food Sovereignty, Economic Opportunity, & the Farm Bill <i>Andy Kirk AB</i>	International Advocacy to Protect Tribal Sovereignty <i>Truman AB</i>	
	Tribal Lands Working Group <i>Colonial Ballroom</i>	Preparing for Sports Betting: Tribal Gaming Considerations after <u>Murphy v. NCAA</u> <i>Room</i>	
4:15–5:30	Youth End of Day Gathering		<i>Yardbird B</i>
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Wednesday, June 6

8:00–8:20	Youth Morning Gathering	<i>Yardbird B</i>
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8:30–12:00	Third General Assembly	<i>Count Basie A/B</i>
8:30	Call to Order Presentation of the Colors Honor Song	
8:50	Supreme Court Project Update	
9:10	Native Vote	
9:20	Partnership for Tribal Governance	
10:00	Committee Reports	
12:15	Retire Colors Closing Invocation	
12:30	Adjourn 2018 Mid Year Conference	

Interested serving as 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).