DRAFT AGENDA

WELCOME TO THE 2022 NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE!

*Theme: “Restoring the Spirit of Native Youth”*

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**Thursday, July 7 (Pre-Conference Activities)**

3:30 - 6:30 pm  Videos 25 Under 25/NUC EC
6:30 - 9:00 pm  Youth Leaders Training and Prep (Room TBA)
12:00 a.m.  Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

**Friday, July 8 (Theme: SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT)**

7:30 a.m. -  Conference Registration Opens
8:30 a.m. -  Youth Leaders Training and Prep continues (NUC male and female reps, EC, 25U25)
9:00 a.m.  UNITY 101 - Learn about UNITY, NUC, Constitution & Bylaws, find out how you can get more involved - Jared Ivins-Massey
10:00 a.m.  Welcome/Exhibit Hall Opening
11:00 a.m.  Lighting of the UNITY Fire  
-Meaning of the UNITY Fire  
-Sleepyeye LaFromboise, *Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux/Tonawanda Seneca*  
-Hunter Genia, *Saginaw/Swan Creek/Black River Bands of Chippewa and Grand River Ottawa*  
-Eshtakaba LaFromboise, *Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux/Tonawanda Seneca*  
-Sheldon Smith, *Navajo*  
-Introduction of Special Guest
12:00 pm  Lunch Break

1:30 pm  EC/Peer Leaders Huddle (main stage)

1:30 pm  DJ Music - Emcee One (Marcus Guinn), Osage/Potowatomi

1:45 p.m.  Grand Entry Line Up - Male & Female Reps (Wear your regalia!)

2:00 p.m.  Opening Ceremony
Video Welcome
Grand Entry! Parade of Nations by Region - Chance Rush, Three Affiliated Tribes (Hidatsa)
Color Guard
UNITY Drum/ Junior Sierra and Michael Killer, Cherokee

TIME TO POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA

2:30 p.m.  Welcome/Call to Order - NUC Co-Presidents
-Presentation of the Flags
-Blessing Host Tribe
-Welcome (Tribal & State Leaders)
-Cultural Presentation
-UNITY NEWS!

3:00 p.m.  Welcome Remarks
Loretta Tuell, Nez Perce, Chairman, UNITY Council of Trustees
Introductions of Council of Trustees

3:15 p.m.  Introductions of the National UNITY Council Executive Committee

3:30 p.m.  Roll Call of Regions–
-Great Plains: Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota
-Midwest: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin
-Northeast: Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont
-Northwest: Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska
-Pacific: California, Hawaii
-Rocky Mountains: Montana, Wyoming
-Southeast: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia
-Southern Plains: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas
-Southwest: Colorado, New Mexico
3:45 p.m. Video Messages
Keynote Speaker

4:15 p.m. Special Announcement/Presentation UNITY 25 Under 25 Leaders

5:00 p.m. Dinner Break
Meet and Greet

6:30 p.m. General Assembly - Explain purpose of caucus/announce tentative election procedures
Input of youth issues

6:45 p.m. Go to Area Caucuses Session #1 (Rooms TBA)
- Great Plains: Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota
- Midwest: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin
- Northeast: Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont
- Northwest: Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska
- Pacific: California, Hawaii
- Rocky Mountains: Montana, Wyoming
- Southeast: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia
- Southern Plains: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas
- Southwest: Colorado, New Mexico
- Western: Arizona, Nevada, Utah

8:15 p.m. General Assembly - Clans/Fun and Games!
Advisors Meeting (Room TBA)

9:30 pm Announcements/Adjourn (EC/Peer Leaders Debrief)

9:30 pm UNITY Fire- Storytelling and Cultural Sharing (Optional)
(No instruments after 9 pm due to noise ordinance)

12:00 a.m. Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

Saturday, July 9 (Theme: PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT) - Traditional Skirt/Shirt Day

7:00 a.m. Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity event - Zumba with Eileen Crocker
1 mile walk with UNITY Executive Director Mary Kim Titla! Fun Run with a buddy!
Meet at hotel entrance
8:00 a.m.  Conference Registration Opens  
*Registration Desk*

8:15 a.m.  UNITY Drum  
EC/Peer Leaders Huddle (Ballroom)

8:30 a.m  General Session  
- Blessing and Cultural Presentation TBA  
- UNITY NEWS!

9:00 a.m.  Keynote Speaker - Chef Pyet, Pottawatamie

9:45 p.m.  Speeches - Candidates for Male and Female Co-President

10:00 a.m.  NUC Initiative “Restoring the Spirit of Native Youth”  
Special Presentation

10:30 a.m.  Keynote Speaker - Nike N7 TBA

11:00 a.m.  Go to Area Caucuses Session #2 (Rooms TBA)  
- Great Plains: Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota  
- Midwest: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin  
- Northeast: Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont  
- Northwest: Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska  
- Pacific: California, Hawaii  
- Rocky Mountains: Montana, Wyoming  
- Southeast: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia  
- Southern Plains: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas  
- Southwest: Colorado, New Mexico  
- Western: Arizona, Nevada, Utah

12:00 pm  Lunch Break (on your own)  
Autograph signing

1:00 pm  Free Afternoon!  
3 on 3 Tournament (TBA)

7 - 9 p.m.  Talent Night (sign up required)
9:00 p.m.  UNITY Fire- Storytelling and Cultural Sharing (Optional)
No instruments due to noise ordinance
12:00 a.m.  Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

Sunday, July 10 (Theme: MENTAL DEVELOPMENT)

7:00 a.m.  Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity event - Zumba with Eileen Crocker Rm TBA
1 mile walk with UNITY Executive Director Mary Kim Titla! Fun Run with a buddy!
Meet at hotel entrance

8:15 a.m.  UNITY Drum
EC/Peer Leaders Huddle (Ballroom)

8:30 a.m  General Session
- Blessing and Cultural Presentation TBA
- UNITY NEWS!

9:00 a.m.  Panel Presentation
“Native Youth Research is Good Medicine”

9:45 a.m.  Visit Exhibit booths - Pick up a raffle ticket to win prizes!

10:15 a.m.- Meeting of Advisors and Chaperones

10:15 a.m.- Workshops Session #1 (45 minute workshops)

11:00 a.m.  Break - Go to your next workshop!

11:15 a.m.- Workshops Session #2

12:00 p.m.  Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m.  Visit Education booths - earn a chance to win raffle prizes!

2:30 p.m.  Workshops Session #3 (45 minute workshops)

2:30 p.m.  National UNITY Council Business Meeting - Mandatory for male and female reps
(Room TBA)

3:15 p.m.  Break - Go to your next workshop!

3:30 p.m.  Workshops Session #4 (45 minute workshop)
4:15 p.m. Break - Get ready for the Gala!

5:30 p.m. Line up for Gala

6:00 p.m. Pre-Gala Fashion Show

6:30 p.m. UNITY GALA

9:00 p.m. DJ Dance
10:00 p.m. UNITY Fire - Storytelling and Cultural Sharing (Optional)
12:00 a.m. Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

Monday, July 11 (Theme: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT)

7:00 a.m. Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity event - Zumba with Eileen Crocker! TBA
     1 mile walk with UNITY Executive Director Mary Kim Titla! Fun Run with a buddy!
     Meet at hotel entrance

8:15 a.m. EC/Peer Leaders Huddle (Ballroom)

8:30 a.m. General Session
     -Blessing and Cultural Presentation-UNITY NEWS!

9:00 a.m. Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative presentation by UNITY Peer Guides

9:30 a.m. Education and Career Expo Kick off
     Panel Presentation “Tribal Leaders under 30”

10:15 a.m. Visit Exhibit booths - Pick up a raffle ticket to win prizes!

10:30 a.m Workshop Session I

11:30 a.m. Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. Orientation Training for Newly elected NUC Executive Committee - Room TBA

1:30 p.m. Workshop Session II (45 minute workshops)
2:15 p.m. Go to next Workshop
2:30 p.m. Workshop Session III
3:15 p.m. Go to next Workshop
3:30 p.m. Workshop Session IV

4:15 p.m. Dinner Break
6:00 p.m. Cultural Sharing (sign up required)
9:00 p.m. UNITY Fire - Storytelling and Cultural Sharing (Optional)
12:00 a.m. Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

Tuesday, July 12 (MENTAL DEVELOPMENT)

8:45 a.m. EC/Peer Leaders Huddle (Ballroom)
9:00 a.m. General Session
- Blessing and Cultural Presentation
- Message from UNITY Peer Guides
- UNITY News
9:30 a.m. Special Presentation “Native Activism Then and Now” Panel Presentation
10:25 a.m. Get ready for 2023 in Washington, DC!
Video TBA
10:30 a.m. Friendship Circle
11:00 a.m. Commitment Ceremony at UNITY Fire
12:00 p.m. Adjourn
12:00 p.m. Optional Activities/Travel Day

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME! SEE YOU AT THE 2023 NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, DC!