

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL

NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN YOUTH UNITY CONFERENCE

N.C. WESLEYAN COLLEGE

ROCKY MOUNT, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 13 - 16, 2012

“Dancing Within Our Communities to the Beat of Our Own Drum”

PURPOSE

- * To bring about UNITY among American Indian youth.
- * To provide an opportunity for Indian youth, **ages 14-18, grades 9-12**, and adults who work with them to share ideas, concerns and information.
- * To develop Indian youth leadership and promote positive self-esteem.
- * To assist and inspire our youth toward a more productive life.
- * To expose youth to Indian role models and issues that affect their lives.
- * To promote healthy lifestyles free of tobacco, alcohol and other drug abuse.
- * To expose Indian youth to educational and career opportunities.

SPONSORSHIP

The North Carolina Native American Youth Organization will sponsor the conference in collaboration with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs' Educational Talent Search Program, the N.C. Tribal and Urban Indian organizations, and the Title VII Indian Education programs.

REGISTRATION

The **registration fee** of **\$175.00** per person includes lodging for three nights in the Wesleyan College dormitories (double occupancy), nine meals beginning with the Wednesday lunch through the Saturday breakfast, all conference sessions, materials and breaks. Participants will also receive a conference T-shirt and book bag.

The registration fee must be returned with the completed conference application to the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization. ***The DEADLINE for registration is May 30th.***

Make checks or money orders payable to: ***NORTH CAROLINA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (NCNAYO)***. Please note that NCNAYO is registered on the state's eprocurement system.

LODGING

Conference participants will be housed in dormitories at Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC. There will be two people per room. All rooms are air-conditioned. **Each participant will be responsible for bringing his or her own linens, (sheets, towels, etc.) soap, and toiletries.**

ART & ESSAY CONTEST

Art entries will be judged in categories of paintings, drawings, pottery and beadwork. The deadline for submitting art entries is **June 13, 2012**.

Essay entries must be written on the conference theme and consist of 300-500 words. The deadline for submitting essay entries is **June 13, 2012**. The winning essay will be read at the awards banquet.

SPORTS EVENTS

Athletic events this year will include coed basketball and volleyball. A "3 on 3" basketball tournament will be held on Wednesday afternoon.

MISS/MISTER NCNAYO PAGEANT

The Annual Miss North Carolina Native American Princess Pageant and Mister North Carolina Native American Prince Pageant will be held Wednesday evening. Contestants will be judged on regalia, talent, evening wear, personal interview and on-stage questioning. The pageant is open to all registered participants. All interested pageant applicants must return the enclosed Princess Pageant application and the **\$25.00** pageant registration by **May 30, 2012** (**no late registrants will be accepted.**)

POW WOW/CULTURAL EXCHANGE

An inter-tribal powwow and cultural exchange will be held on Thursday evening. All students are encouraged to bring their regalia and share their cultural heritage through dancing, drumming, and singing.

NCNAYO SCHOLARSHIPS

Two **\$ 500.00** scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors attending the 2012 conference. The scholarship winners will be named at the Awards Banquet on Friday night. The scholarships are made available through NCNAYO's fund raising activities.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections will be held for the positions of Co-Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Historian and Senior Male and Female Representatives for the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization. Candidates must give brief speeches during the General Assemblies. Elections will be held on Friday. The 2012-2013 County/Tribal Representatives for NCNAYO will also be selected at the conference.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs (Commission) staff provides advice to the N.C. Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO) officers and members in terms of conference planning. However, the N.C. Indian Youth Unity Conference is not a State sponsored event. The Commission is not liable for any expenses or liability associated with the NCNAYO conference. Information shared by the Commission regarding the N.C. Indian Youth Unity Conference was prepared by the N.C. Native American Youth Organization. The information contained in it does not reflect the views and opinions of the State of North Carolina.

Elections for the Executive Board of the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization will be held June 15, 2012, at the N.C. Indian Youth Unity Conference at Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC.

Positions to be elected are co-chairperson, vice-chair, secretary/ treasurer, historian, senior representatives and area representatives. To qualify for an Executive Board Office, one must meet the following requirements:

1. Candidate must be an underclass student in high school.
2. Candidate for the chairperson must be a rising high school **SENIOR** (Class of 2013).
3. Candidate for senior representative must be a 2012 graduate attending college in the fall.
4. Candidate must be present at the June conference.
5. Candidate must complete the section on the application stating why they want to run for an Executive Office.

The North Carolina Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO) will provide an excellent opportunity for young Indian men and women to gain valuable experiences through working on projects, researching issues, speaking at Indian and non-Indian conferences, holding press conferences, working to promote unity among Indian groups across the state and nation, meeting with political and civic leaders, and planning the 2013 Indian Youth Unity Conference. This organization will be a vehicle through which Indian youth can better serve their communities; therefore, we encourage Indian tribes and organizations to make an extra effort to assure that their communities have qualified young people running for each of the elective offices.

DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the co-chairpersons, vice-chair, secretary/ treasurer, historian, senior representatives and area representatives.

Co-Chairpersons

The co-chairpersons shall preside at all meetings of the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization and the Executive Board shall call special meetings; and shall be ultimately responsible for the leadership and direction of the organization. The co-chairperson will also represent NCNAYO on the Board of Directors for the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs and United Tribes of North Carolina.

Vice-Chair

The vice-chair shall perform all the duties of the chairperson in his/her absence or at his/her designation; shall appoint all committee chairpersons, with appointees subject to the approval of the Executive Board; and shall be responsible for all committees.

Secretary/Treasurer

The secretary shall keep the minutes of all the meetings and send copies to the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs and to all tribal organizations within two weeks after the Executive Board and/or North Carolina Native American Youth Organization meetings shall handle all assigned correspondence; and shall maintain attendance records. She/he shall keep the financial records; shall, with the chairperson and Executive Board, develop the annual budget; shall make written quarterly reports; and shall make regular reports on all funds and expenditures.

Historian

The historian shall keep photographic and narrative reports of all NCNAYO activities and make video/power point presentations upon request.

Senior Representatives

The senior representatives shall serve as liaisons between NCNAYO and students who are graduates that year. The senior representatives will act as liaisons between NCNAYO and Native American organizations at all post-secondary institutions.

Area Representative

At least two representatives shall be elected by the individual tribal/county organization representing: Coharie, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation, Sappony , Waccamaw-Siouan, Cumberland County Association for Indian People, Guilford Native American Association, Metrolina Native American Association, Triangle Native American Society, and other counties present at the conference.

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Conference at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012

9:00 am – 11:00	Registration
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	General Assembly I
2:30 pm – 4 :30 pm	Basketball Tournament/Sporting Events
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Pageant
9:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Talent Show/Get Acquainted Pizza Party
12:00 midnight	Room Curfew/Room Check

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012

7:45 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am – 10:30 am	General Assembly II
10:45 am – 11:45 pm	Workshop Session I
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Workshop Session II
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Workshop Session III
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Free Time for Group Activities
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Powwow
9:00 pm – 11:30 pm	Group Activities/Pizza Party
12:00 midnight	Room Curfew/Room Check

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2012

7:45 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am – 10:00 am	General Assembly III
10:15 am – 11:15 am	Workshop IV
11:30 am – 12:30 am	Workshop V
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:45 pm – 2:45pm	Workshop VI
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Traditional Crafts
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Free Time (voting for Officers and Area Reps)
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	NCNAYO Awards Banquet
9:00 pm –midnight	Dance
1:00 am	Room Curfew/Room Check

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012

7:45 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am – 10:30 am	General Assembly IV
10:30 am – 11:00 am	New NCNAYO Representatives' Meeting
11:00 am – 12:00 noon	Checkout