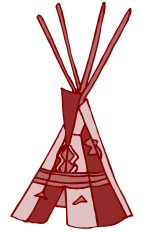


North Country Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow

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President/Treasurer:
Ed Littlefield

Host/Co-President:
Anna Sunlight Littlefield

Committee Chairperson:
Randy Luce

Operations Manager/Co-Chair:
Ellie Luce

Committee Members:
William Wright
Jennifer Wright
Keith Richards
Teresa Richards
Michael Paczesny
Sarah Parsons

Master of Ceremonies:
Jim Augustine

Drums:
Indian Bay Singers
Lone Wolf Singers
Sacred Spirit
Wind and Stone
Mountain Spirit Singers
All drum groups are welcome

Fire Keeper:
Michael Paczesny

Next Committee Meeting:
April 18, 2009

Getting Ready for 2009

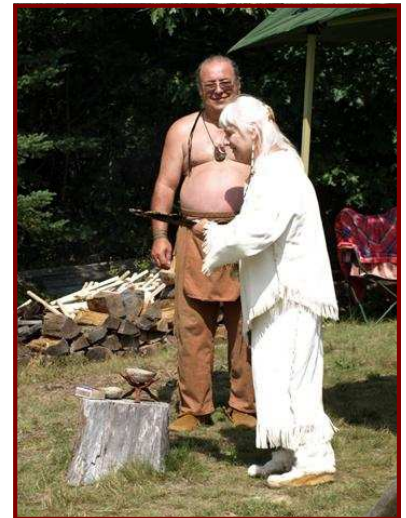
NCITPW had its first committee meeting of 2009 on January 17th. We reviewed all the happenings from 2008 which included:

- More than 5,000 people attended the event in 2008
- Parking went much better this year with volunteers directing cars.
- Security was much smoother this year with personnel designated solely to that task.
- Our fire-keeper, Mike Paczesny, was fantastic this year.
- Demonstrations need to be planned in advance for better attendance.
- Designate an area for storytelling and cultural educational activities.
- One item that was missing was a sweat lodge, several people asked about it and we were unable to make that happen in 2008.
- Perhaps we can add benches or chairs to the showers to allow people to place their clothes and toiletries up off the floor.

The committee discussed all of the above and much more and voted on the following:

- A new tipi will be built to house storytellers and cultural educational activities.
- Improvements will be made to the showers to include benches for changing and resting of clothes and toiletries.
- Improvements will be made to the pow-wow trailer including additional counter space to allow more room while making the evening feast.
- A volunteer coordinator was recruited and will oversee the daily responsibilities of the volunteers.
- Vendor contracts were approved and mailed.
- Feast tickets will be sent to vendors and dancers prior to pow-wow to allow for more accurate food planning.
- Michael Paczesny and Sarah Parsons were voted onto the committee.

The next committee meeting will be held on April 18, 2009. If there is something that you would like the committee to discuss, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail Ellie prior to that meeting.



Drum Groups

We are very excited to announce that the following drum groups will be present at the 2009 Pow-Wow:

- Indian Bay Singers
- Lone Wolf Singers
- Sacred Spirit,
- Wind and Stone
- Mountain Spirit Singers

Additional drum groups are always welcome. We will be voting on a new host drum soon.



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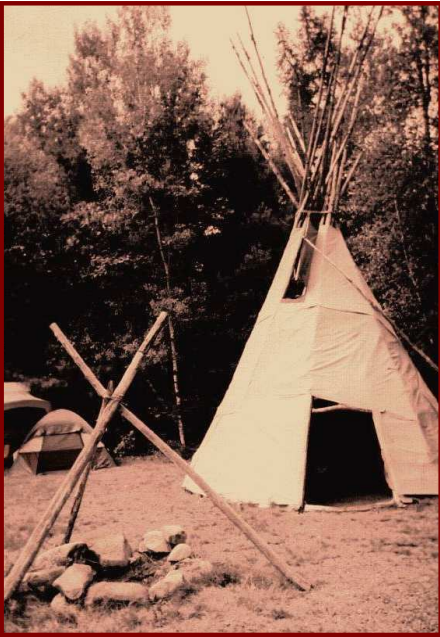
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Mother Earth has given this land to us to meet on. Let's keep the land beautiful for the next generation.

2009

Attendance to the pow-wow last year was close to our record with over 5,000 people attending throughout the weekend. 2009 looks to bring close to 7,000 people.



VENDOR CONTRACTS

Contacts were sent both via e-mail and USPS on January 19th. If you did not receive one and would like to vend, please contact Ellie and she will get one out to you.

DANCERS

All dancers are welcome to attend and camp at the pow-wow free of charge. Dancers should be at the circle no later than 11:00 a.m. in order to be smudged. Those arriving at the gate after 11:00 a.m. will be charged admission.

ADVERTISING

The committee members will be distributing 2,000 flyers this year. If you would like some to display in your area, please contact Ellie and she will have some sent to you. Press packets will be sent out to various media outlets in July. Currently, NCITPW can be found on Facebook, MySpace, Craigslist in Maine & Vermont, Powwows.com, NativeGatherings.com, local television channels 2, 5, & 7, the Bangor Daily News, and the Morning Sentinel. If you have other media contacts you would like us to consider, please let us know.

IMPROVEMENTS

We will be building benches in both shower rooms this summer to keep clothes and toiletries up off the floor. The counters in the kitchen will also be extended to allow more room to prepare the pot-luck supper each evening. The tomahawk throw will be expanded this year leaving more room for safety and to avoid damage to the porta-toilets next to the event. Proceeds from the this event go to the Native American Children's Toy Fund. Two pipe carriers have volunteered to assemble and hold a sweat lodge at the pow-wow this year. As soon as more information is available, we will be sure to send it to you.

CAMPING & PARKING

The camping and parking will be overseen by our volunteers this year. Vendors are welcome to arrive as early as Thursday evening. Camping is free with your paid admission for the weekend.

POT-LUCK SUPPER

Bill will be working hard again this year and along with his team of volunteers will feed us on Saturday night, Sunday night and Monday afternoon. This feast continues to be possible with all the wonderful donations from our vendors, dancers and drummers. We would like to ask that you RSVP for dinner prior to the pow-wow in order to plan for sufficient quantities of drinks, dinnerware, etc. Meal tickets were sent out with your contracts to be completed and returned. Our kitchen is also in need of serving utensils, large pots, bowls, etc., if you have any that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to the pow-wow. Food can be donated at the trailer beginning on Friday afternoon.

VOLUNTEERS

NCITPW would not be possible without the wonderful people who give their time, often traveling great distances, to be here and help make our pow-wow a great success!

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

We have recruited a volunteer coordinator this year to help keep us organized and on the right track. Amanda Cook has a strong personality and will be a great asset to us this year.

VOLUNTEER DAYS

Three volunteer days have been scheduled to complete the improvements to the trailer, maintenance to the grounds and other tasks which need to be completed before pow-wow. **Please try to find some time to come and help make this year even better.** The dates are:

- May 23, 2009
- July 18, 2009
- August 30, 2009

Membership

Membership applications to NCITPW are now available. Please do not hesitate to contact Ellie for an application. Membership applications are reviewed on a monthly basis.

Single Membership—\$10

Couple Membership—\$15

Family Membership—\$20

Membership fees directly benefit the maintenance of the grounds. Donations are welcome at any time.

NCITPW is always looking for new ideas, suggestions, drum groups, etc. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your comments and/or ideas.

REMINDER

Under no circumstances should there be illegal drugs, firearms or drunkenness on powwow grounds. Visitors, campers or vendors who are suspected to be in possession of a firearm, are intoxicated or under the influence, will be asked to leave.