

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL
N.C. INDIAN YOUTH UNITY CONFERENCE
EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 11 – 14, 2008

THEME ***“Growing, Guiding, Giving, to Keep Our Traditions Living”***

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***, the Commission’s Educational Talent Search Program, the N.C. Tribal and Urban Indian organizations, and the Title VII Indian Education programs.

REGISTRATION

The **registration fee** of **\$150.00** per person includes lodging for three nights in the East Carolina University dormitories (double occupancy), nine meals beginning with the Wednesday lunch through the Saturday breakfast, all conference sessions, materials and breaks. Participants will also receive conference T-shirts and book bags in this price.

The registration fee must be returned with the completed conference application to the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs. **The DEADLINE for registration is June 1, 2008. A late registration fee of \$25 will be added for applications received after this deadline date.**

Make checks or money orders payable to: ***NORTH CAROLINA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (NCNAYO)***. Please note that NCNAYO is a 501c3 non-profit organization and is registered on the state’s eprocurement system.

LODGING

Conference participants will be housed in dormitories at East Carolina University in Greenville. 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 11, 2008**.

Essay entries must be written on the conference theme and consist of 300-500 words. The deadline for submitting essay entries is **June 11, 2008**. The winning essay will be read at the awards banquet.

SPORTS EVENTS

Athletic events this year will include boys basketball. The annual basketball tournament will be held on Wednesday afternoon.

MISS/MISTER NCNAYO PAGEANT

The twenty-fifth Annual Miss North Carolina Native American Princess and Pageant and sixth Annual Mister North Carolina Native American will be held Wednesday night. Contestants will be judged on explanation of regalia, talent, eveningwear, and personal interview on stage. 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 23, 2008 (no late registrants will be accepted.)**

POW WOW/CULTRAL 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. If weather permits, the powwow will be outside. An alternate site will also be available.

NCNAYO SCHOLARSHIPS

Two **\$ 500.00** scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors attending the 2008 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 Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and Senior Representatives for the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization. Candidates must give brief speeches during the General Assemblies. Elections will be held on Friday afternoon. The 2008-2009 County/Tribal Representatives for NCNAYO will also be selected at the conference.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

N.C. Indian Youth Conference
North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs
1317 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1317
(919) 733-5998 or fax (919) 733-1207
ATTN: MICKEY M. LOCKLEAR

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN YOUTH UNITY CONFERENCE
Conference At A Glance

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008

9:00 am – 11:30 noon	Registration lobby of dorm
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	Lunch west end
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	General Assembly I – Hendricks Auditorium
2:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Basketball Tournaments. Rec center
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Dinner west end dining hall (WEDH)
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Mister and Miss NCNAYO Pageants Hendricks
9:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Talent Show Hendricks
10:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Get Acquainted Pizza Party café in MSC
12:00 midnight	Room Curfew/Room Check Green

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast west end dining hall (WEDH)
8:45 am – 9:45 am	General Assembly II – Hendrix
10:00 am – 11:00 pm	Workshop Session I MSC
11:15 pm – 12:15 pm	Workshop Session II MSC
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (WEDH)
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Workshop Session III MSC
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Workshop Session IV MSC
3:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Free Time (two 1 hour sessions in Rec Center)
5:30 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner – WEDH
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Powwow – Traditional Crowning of Miss NCNAYO Brickyard (rainsite MSC)
9:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Crafts Workshops MSC
12:00 midnight	Room Curfew/Room Check Green

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast west end dining hall (WEDH)
8:45 am – 10:15 am	General Assembly III. Hendrix
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Workshop V MSC
11:45 pm – 12:45 pm	Lunch west end dining hall (WEDH)
1:00 pm – 2:00pm	Workshop VI MSC
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Workshop VII MSC
3:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Free Time (two 1 hour sessions in Rec Center)
6:45 pm – 9:00 pm	NCNAYO Awards Banquet Murphy Room
9:30 pm –midnight	Dance MSC
1:00 am	Room Curfew/Room Check Green

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast west end dining hall (WEDH)
9:00 am – 10:30 am	General Assembly IV – Hendrix
10:30 am – 11:00 am	New NCNAYO Representatives' Meeting MSC
10:30 am – 12:00 noon	Checkout depends on Green

“Growing, Guiding, Giving, to Keep Our Traditions Living”

Elections for the Executive Board of the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization will be held June 13, 2008, at the Indian Youth Conference at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

Positions to be elected are chairperson, vice-chair, secretary/ treasurer, 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 09).
3. Candidate for senior representative must be a 2008 graduating high school senior attending college in the fall.
4. Candidate must be present at the June conference.

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 2009 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 chairperson, vice-chair, secretary/ treasurer, parliamentarian (appointed by the Chair), senior representative and area representatives.

Chairperson

The chairperson 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 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.

Senior Representative

The senior representative shall serve as the medium between NCNAYO and students who are graduates that year. The senior representative will act as a liaison between NCNAYO and the North Carolina Native American Council on Higher Education (NCNACOHE), the statewide college Indian student organization, and will interact with all 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.

**NCNAYO 29th ANNUAL INDIAN YOUTH UNITY CONFERENCE
APPLICATION**

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

DATE OF BIRTH: ___/___/___ SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

MOTHER'S WORK PHONE #: _____ FATHER'S WORK #: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

The information below is needed for statistical purposes only:

TRIBE: _____ SEX: _____ SSN: xxx-_____ (last six digits only)

TRIBAL AFFILIATION: _____

ROOMMATE PREFERENCE: (no roommate assignments are guaranteed)

Please specify any medical concerns, special diet or disability requiring special arrangements:

Please indicate your workshop choices in order of preference by numbering 1-8 (**for each column**) in the spaces provided. Every effort will be made to honor at least two of your top four choices each day. **NOTE: These are subject to change due to the availability of facilitators.**

- (Day 2)*
- ___ Tribal Histories/Language
 - ___ Stress/Anger Management
 - ___ Traditional Cooking
 - ___ Powwow Dancing/Regalia Construction
 - ___ College Life
 - ___ Substance Abuse Prevention
 - ___ Youth Rap Session
 - ___ Physical/Spiritual/Mental Fitness

- (Day 3)*
- ___ Preparing for Careers in Teaching
 - ___ Defensive Driving
 - ___ Finding a Job
 - ___ Highway Safety
 - ___ Academic Preparations for College
 - ___ Financial Literacy
 - ___ Preparing for a Career in Medicine
 - ___ Healthy Living

Why would you like to attend this year's conference? PLEASE EXPLAIN:

***STUDENT/PARENT AGREEMENT
FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL INDIAN YOUTH UNITY CONFERENCE***

Student

I _____ (please print), pledge to conduct myself in a manner that will bring only positive credit to young Native Americans. I will fully accept all responsibility of my behavior during the Indian Youth Unity Conference. I pledge myself to uphold the bylaws and code of ethics that will be strongly enforced for the Twenty Eighth Annual Indian Youth Unity Conference. Should I break the code of ethics or behave in a manner unethical, I will be terminated for the remainder of the conference and am aware that my membership with NCNAYO will become invalid. I am also aware that my parents will be contacted and must pick me up in the event that I am expelled from the conference and events therein.

I will not participate in any illicit drug usage or alcoholic indulgences. If I am caught with these substances, I am aware that I will be dismissed from the conference and my parents will be contacted immediately. I am also aware that I will be dismissed from all functions of NCNAYO and affiliates therein.

Should any damages occur, I and/or my parents would accept full responsibility to repair/replace the damaged goods. I am fully aware that the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs or any of its agents and programs therein, will not be held accountable for the damages or injuries that I might incur.

I will acknowledge all chaperones and will give them the full respect they deserve. I will participate in all events of the conference and will attend all conference sessions.

If I provide my own transportation to the conference, I agree to release my automobile keys to the appropriate advisor or conference administrator. I will not leave the premises of institution in which I am staying without the appropriate consent of advisors or chaperons. At the end of the conference, I will receive my automobile keys.

Finally, I agree to express myself, expose myself to new ideas and become more aware of other Native American cultures and values. In doing this, I will have fun and in the process, gain many new friendships across the state.

Students Signature

Date

**MISS NORTH CAROLINA NATIVE AMERICAN PRINCESS
PAGEANT APPLICATION**

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

County: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Parents' Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Hobbies: _____

Interests: _____

Awards/Special Recognition's: _____

- Categories for Judging:
- Private Interview/On-stage Interview
 - Talent Competition
 - Regalia
 - Evening Gown

If selected as the 2008-09 Miss North Carolina Native American Princess, I _____
(Please Print), promise to uphold all duties and responsibilities of my title, both privately and in the presence of others, to always represent myself in a manner of becoming my position as Princess and as a member of NCNAYO. If I cannot fulfill all obligations required of my title and as a member of NCNAYO, then I shall relinquish my position as Miss North Carolina Native American Princess and be permanently removed as a NCNAYO member. If I am crowned MISS NCNAYO 2008-2009, I agree not to enter any other contests or pageants without the specific consent of the Executive Council or NCNAYO body. I fully understand that after my reign is completed, the MISS NCNAYO beaded crown and barrettes will remain the property of NCNAYO. Additionally, the newly elected Miss NCNAYO will sign a contractual agreement pertaining to her reign.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: There is a **\$25.00** Pageant Fee. Please make checks payable to NCNAYO. Please respond by May 23, 2008.

Send completed application with pageant fee to:
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MISTER NORTH CAROLINA NATIVE AMERICAN PRINCE
PAGEANT APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

County: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Parents' Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Hobbies: _____

Interests: _____

Awards/Special Recognition's: _____

Categories for Judging: Private Interview/On-stage Interview
Talent Competition
Regalia
Formal Wear (Suit or Tuxedo)

If selected as the 2008-2009 Mister North Carolina Native American Prince, I _____
(Please Print), promise to uphold all duties and responsibilities of my title, both privately and in the presence of others, to always represent myself in a manner of becoming my position as Prince and as a member of NCNAYO. If I cannot fulfill all obligations required of my title and as a member of NCNAYO, then I shall relinquish my position as Mister North Carolina Native American Prince and be permanently removed as a NCNAYO member. If I am crowned MISTER NCNAYO 2008-2009, I agree not to enter any other contests or pageants without the specific consent of the Executive Council or NCNAYO body.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: There is a **\$25.00** Pageant Fee. Please make checks payable to NCNAYO. Please respond by May 23, 2008.

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Please complete the questions that apply and return with the registration. **FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED.**

AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT TO HEALTH CARE FOR MINOR & STUDENT 18 AND OLDER

I, _____, of _____ County, _____, am the custodial parent having legal custody of _____, a minor child, age _____, born _____, 19____, **OR** I, _____, of _____ County, _____, authorize the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs' staff, in whose care I am or the minor child has been entrusted, located at 100 East Six Forks Rd., Raleigh, N.C., to do any acts which may be necessary or proper to provide for the health care of the minor child or me, including, but not limited to, the power (i) to provide for such health care at any hospital or other institution, or the employing of any physician, dentist, nurse, or other person whose services may be needed for such health care, and (ii) to consent to and authorize any health care, including administration of anesthesia, X-ray examination, performance of operations, and other procedures by physicians, dentists, and other medical personnel except the withholding or withdrawal of life sustaining procedures.

This consent shall be effective from the date of execution to and including June 11 -14, 2008.

By signing here, I indicate that I have the understanding and capacity to communicate health care decisions and that I am fully informed as to the contents of this document and understand the full import of this grant of powers to the agent named herein.

Please indicate any need that requires special arrangements/accommodations (i.e. allergies or other conditions):

Please check if special meals are required due to allergies: _____

Hospitalization Insurance Company/Provider

Hospitalization Insurance Policy/Provider/Medicaid

(SEAL)

Custodial Parent

Date

(SEAL)

Participant's Signature (if 18 or older)

Date

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF _____

On this ___ day of _____, _____, personally appeared before me the person named, _____, to me know and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the same and being duly sworn by me, made oath that the statements in the foregoing instrument are true.

Notary Public

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RULES OF CONDUCT
(MUST BE SIGNED BY PARTICIPANT)

WHEREAS, the NCNAYO Code of Ethics prohibits possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages, smoking, and illegal drugs, or remaining in the presence of individuals who are using or taking illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, sexual contact at any event or activity occurring within the time frame for the conference is prohibited; and

WHEREAS, any behavior that violates any of the laws of the United States or the State of North Carolina or any local ordinance is also prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the attendance and punctuality of scheduled meetings of the NCNAYO Youth Conference is considered mandatory by all participants; and

WHEREAS, any student driving their own vehicle will be required to check the keys in to the NCNAYO Conference Coordinator for the duration of the Conference, and

WHEREAS, the NCNAYO Code of Ethics demands that all participants conduct themselves in a manner representative of American Indian youth, including showing respect for the property of others and the facility in which the Youth Conference is held.

THEREFORE, I _____, agree to abide by all of the rules of the NCNAO Youth Conference Code of Ethics and am aware that any infraction of the Code will result in my parent(s) being notified. In the event that it is determined that I have violated the Code, I may be sent home. The responsibility for making this determination is vested in the Director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, Educational Talent Search Director or her designee.

This the _____ day of _____, 2008.

(Participant's Signature)