MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Child welfare is key topic of Indian Unity Conference

The Commission of Indian Affairs is a proud partner of the 35th annual Indian Unity Conference, which will be held Thursday and Friday at the North Raleigh Hilton. This gathering provides opportunities for members of North Carolina's tribes to find consensus on issues of importance to the entire community.

One such issue is the welfare of American Indian children – specifically, creating more and better opportunities for Indian children up for foster or adoptive care to be placed with qualified Indian families. While federal law reinforces the importance of the family unit and value of preserving traditions among federally-recognized tribes, such as the Eastern Band of Cherokee, state-recognized tribes do not enjoy the same protections.

The Commission has long advocated for keeping foster and adoptive children within their communities, ideally with a direct relative. While economic impacts, poor access to healthcare and other factors have contributed to the breakdown of some of our Indian families, many have relatives that are ready, willing and able to take in these at-risk children. Despite this, the majority of children are placed outside of their community.



Greg Richardson Executive Director Commission of Indian Affairs

The time appears right for change. A new House Study Committee to Preserve the Culture and Customs of Indian Children has been established and will meet on March 16. This topic is on the agenda.

As an appointed member, it is my hope that legislation will be strengthened to provide state-recognized tribes benefits comparable to those that are federally recognized. Our goal is to empower tribal families by better understanding and exercising their rights, and by giving more American Indian children the chance to be raised within the culture and traditions.

New House Study Committee Appointed on Indian Children

By Alexandria Eubanks

The N.C. House of Representatives has announced appointments to the House Study Committee to Preserve the Culture and Customs of Indian Children. Congratulations to the following appointees:

Rep. Ronnie Neal Sutton, Chair Rep. Sarah S. Stevens Rep. Edith Doughtie Warren Rep. Michael Harold Wray Beverly Collins-Hall (Public Member) Tammi Jacobs (Public Member) Charisse Johnson (Public Member) Kara Jones (Public Member) Rhonda Jones (Public Member) Rick Oxendine (Public Member) Julia Phipps (Public Member) Gregory A. Richardson (Public Member) Juanita Wilson (Public Member)

The first meeting was held Feb. 11 in the Legislative Building. Its purpose was to provide a general orientation to members by discussing the intentions and future goals of the committee, which is primarily concerned with foster care placements of Indian children in North Carolina. These children are subject to legal proceedings in state courts, including adoption, custody and visitation. The main objective is to preserve the culture and customs of these state-recognized Indian children as associated with the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program

By Missy Brayboy

Cultural Competency Trainings Scheduled

Missy Brayboy and Kerry Bird are conducting cultural competency training for the Women's Health Branch within the N.C. Division of Public Health as part of its First Time Motherhood/New Parents Initiative. The presentations will focus on American Indian culture/population.

The first session was held on March 5 and additional trainings will be offered on March 12 and 19 at the Northampton Health Department, Edgecombe Health Department, and Roanoke-Chowan Hospital. Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, health educators, social workers, and nutritionists from Halifax, Northampton, Edgecombe, Gates, Hertford, and Nash health departments will participate...

Kick Butts Day: March 24

Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to speak up and take action against "Big Tobacco" at more than 2,000 events from coast to coast. Students engage in activities that call attention to the problems caused by the tobacco industry and its attempts to market to youth.

Tribal leaders, teachers, parents, youth leaders or health advocates are encouraged to organize events and mobilize students to raise awareness about the problems of tobacco use in schools and communities.

Visit www.kickbuttsday.org for a free activity guide. Help us make our tribal communities smoke-free and free of commercial tobacco products. Honor the sacred use of tobacco. Do not smoke chew, or dip!

For more information, contact Missy Brayboy or Kerry Bird with American Indian Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program (AITTUPP) at 919-807-4440. The AITTUPP is funded by the Health and Wellness Trust Fund.

SUNS Program

By Kim Hammonds The Supporting Undergraduate Native Students (SUNS) Program was the subject of a blog on Governor Perdue's website in December. Click here to read it.



During an annual review of FY 2008-2009 by the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Commission was praised for exceeding planned performance measures for the report period. SUNS served a total of 52 American Indian students who were pursuing a degree from an accredited North Carolina community college or university.

The SUNS Program acknowledges the support and referrals received from staff operating other Commission programs such as the Workforce Investment Act, Community Services, and Educational Talent Search for contributing to this success.

Section 8 Housing Program

By Greg Richardson

In January 2010, the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs' Human Resources Committee adopted new utility allowances for the entire Section 8 Housing Program service area. These allowances are based on an updated survey conducted by Goodwin and Associates, a consulting firm under contract with the NCCIA.

Also in January, the Section 8 housing support staff became certified for Enterprise Income Verification (EIV). This system allows Section 8 staff to verify the income of housing participants. The use of this system will enable the staff to better target resources to the families who are in the greatest need.

Educational Talent Search Program

By Mickey Locklear

31st Annual NCNAYO Conference Scheduled

The 31st annual N.C. Native American Youth Organization youth conference will be held June 14-17 at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The conference will provide an opportunity for more than 250 American Indian students to learn more about their Indian heritage, explore educational opportunities, and work together on issues and concerns of Indian youth. For more information, contact Mickey Locklear, Director of the Educational Talent Search Program, at 919-807-4449.

Educational Talent Search Trip Students Meet with President Obama's Indian Affairs Advisory Staff

North Carolina students traveled to Washington, D.C, Feb. 10-14 to participate in the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) mid-year training. Participants included Katelyn Jacobs, Waccamaw-Siouan, senior at East Columbus High School; Deitrick Richardson, Haliwa-Saponi, sophomore at Warren County Early College; Josh Locklear, Lumbee, junior at UNC-Pembroke; and Leslie Locklear, Lumbee, freshman at UNC-Chapel Hill.

While in D.C., Josh and Leslie made a presentation at the United Southeastern Tribal (USET) Executive Board meeting about UNITY and the importance of supporting tribal youth programs. The group also met with President Obama's advisory staff members, including Jodi Gillette, Deputy Associate Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Kimberly Teehee, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, and Lillian Sparks, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services. They talked with the students about their positions and encouraged them to prepare academically, culturally, and socially to pursue careers in public service at the national level. The students asked pertinent questions about current tribal issues, including federal tribal recognition, and were informed that the President's office supported federal recognition of the Lumbees.



Katelyn Jacobs, Deitrick Richardson, Josh Locklear and Leslie Locklear (from left)

Community Services Program

By Sadie Barbour

The **Community Services Program** offers the opportunity to apply for assistance with weatherization and home improvement issues for qualified American Indian families through the U.S. Department of Energy. The program serves Sampson, Cumberland, Bladen and Hoke counties.

The purpose of the program is to install energy saving measures and to perform much-needed home repairs designed to reduce the percentage of income eligible clients spend on heating and air conditioning.

Dorothy Simmons is a recipient of such assistance. She and her family live in the Brewington Home, a historic fourth-generation residence built by her husband's ancestors in Clinton. "This program has done a great job for me," Simmons said. "There were holes in the heat ducts under my house, and I was losing energy all year. Program resources were used to place insulation in the walls and in the ceiling of my home. Workers came in and fixed the problem, and it has made a great difference by reducing my heating cost."

Provisions for weatherization and other housing services in Halifax County are provided by Choanoke Area Development Association of North Carolina, Inc. In Franklin, Vance and Warren counties, services are provided by F-V-W Opportunity, Inc.'s Housing Services Programs.

To receive an application or additional information, please contact Colmorene Wilson, Community Outreach Worker at the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, at 252-257-1273 or 252-257-1745.

Richardson named to Complete Count Committee

Greg Richardson has been appointed by Gov. Bev Perdue to serve on the N.C. Complete Count Committee. He was sworn in by Rep. Ronnie Sutton of Robeson County.

Perdue signed Executive Order No. 33 in December, creating the N.C. Complete Count Committee to coordinate Census activities at the state level. In addition, Perdue announced that 24,000 Census jobs will be available throughout North Carolina.

Job seekers can find information about Census jobs at www.2010censusjobs.gov or by calling toll free 1-866-861-2010. This data is also available via the Employment Security Commission at www.JobsNOW.nc.gov. Some jobs began in January, with others to follow and possibly extend through June or July.

"More that \$400 billion in federal funds will be distributed each year based on the Census count, so a complete count is critical in North Carolina," Perdue said. "I urge everyone to fill out and mail back their Census forms. It's easy, it's important, and it's secure."

Based on recent U.S. CENSUS BUREAU ESTIMATES NEED—COMMITTEE COORDINATOR PREVIOUSLY SAID \$1000 PER CITIZEN, North Carolina will receive approximately \$15,000 in federal funding per person counted over the next 10 years. In addition, Census data is the basis for the State Demographers' projections, which are used to determine the distribution of state funds.



Greg Richardson is congratulated by Representative Ronnie Sutton.

The decennial census will take place on April 1. It is administered by the federal government, but requires support at the state and local levels. The purpose of the Complete Count Committee is to coordinate the state's Census activities, which will determine funding allocations and whether North Carolina will receive an additional seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. After the 2000 Census, North Carolina narrowly received a 13th congressional district by a margin of about 800 people.

Work Group Formed to Focus on Diversity

By Kerry Bird

The Health and Wellness Trust Fund (HWTF) recently formed a new work group to focus on ways to expand the base of Tobacco Reality Unfiltered (TRU) youth volunteers and to ensure that the messages sent reach a diverse cross section of the



community. The group met for the first time and had a productive discussion on the different facets of diversity. Also, they explored the need to increase cultural competency among those who work in tobacco control.

The group is led by Kerry Bird of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs and includes Sharon Berrun, Missy Brayboy, Pam Diggs, Rachell Grounds, Channte Keith, Kathryn Kevin, Patricia Mancio and Barbara Wilkins. The group will have a regular feature in the TRU News electronic newsletter distributed across the state.

Kerry Bird

The Research Triangle Institute, a technical assistance provider for the HWTF, is working closely with the group and will disperse results of its discussions to all HWTF grantees in the coming months.

Workforce Investment Act Program

By Elk Richardson

Carolyn Crocker and Sue Brewington, Workforce Investment Act Program Coordinators, participated in the Jan. 13 grand opening and ribbon cutting of the Census Office in Wilmington, one of 457 Census Offices in the has requested business, community and political leaders to encourage everyone to complete the Census form. Osticco said it is the shortest form in Census history, with only 10 questions to complete. Census results and demographic information determines

Carolyn Crocker and Sue Brewington

state. The Wilmington office, which currently employs about 40 workers and will eventually hire 2,000 field staff, is responsible for Robeson, Bladen, Pender, Columbus, Brunswick, and New Hanover counties.

Crocker stated that Tony Osticco, the Charlotte Census Office manager, bhic information determines federal funding initiatives allotted to states for items such as highways and social services, etc. All information on the Census form is confidential.

Jennifer Patrick Hollis, a WIA-supported student at Southeastern Community College, recently graduated with an LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) license.

She is employed at Premier Living and Rehabilitation Center in Lake Waccamaw and plans to return to school in the future to earn her RN (registered nurse) degree.

Jennifer expressed deep appreciation to the Commission's WIA Section 166, American Indian Workforce Program. "If not for the financial and emotional support from the WIA staff, I would not have made it," she said. "I would especially like to thank Ms. Carolyn Crocker for all of her time and consideration. She has so much compassion for her participants, and she goes the extra mile. I also would like to thank Mr. Elk Richardson, Program

Director, for his patience with my personal circumstances during the last several years."

Without the assistance of programs such as the Commission's WIA Section 166 program, she added, "Some



Jennifer Hollis, LPN

individuals would not be able to get an education and help better our society."

Property Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled

By Greg Richardson

For the elderly and permanently disabled who qualify, North Carolina excludes from property taxed 50 percent of the property's value or \$25,000, whichever figure is greater, of the appraised value of a permanent residence. This means that if the eligible homeowner owns a home valued at \$100,000, taxes on a value of only \$50,000 would be owed. If a home is valued at \$40,000, the owner would pay taxes on \$25,000 of the value of the home.

There are only three requirements to be eligible for this relief:

- 1. The property owner must be 65 years of age or permanently disabled.
- 2. The total income, including Social Security and veterans benefits for both a husband and wife, cannot exceed \$27,100.

3. The individual receiving the tax relief must be a North Carolina resident.

Please assist the Commission of Indian Affairs in distributing this information at churches, community centers, and meetings throughout North Carolina so that Indian families are aware of the opportunity to get some tax relief for the elderly and disabled. We believe that a number of elderly and disabled American Indians are eligible for this tax relief but may miss out on the benefit simply because they do not know it is available.

For more information, contact the Tax Administrator's Office in your county.

2009 North Carolina Indian Heritage Month Poster

By Kerry Bird

The N.C. Indian Heritage Month poster is used to promote awareness of American Indians in North Carolina and to celebrate their culture during the month of November. The theme of the 2009 poster was "Children Today, Leaders Tomorrow."

Photographs of children representing the tribes of North Carolina were used to convey the message that American Indian children enjoy doing many of the same activities as non-Indian youth. While our culture makes us different, we share many similarities. It was equally important to show that American Indians live in the present, not only in the past; and that we do not fit the stereotypes often associated with American Indians.

The collage of photographs formed the image of an eagle, an important cultural symbol of tribes across our state. This symbol was used to show that Indian youth can soar like eagles when

given opportunities to learn, to know their culture, and to have strong family and community support. American Indian children are our future, and our future leaders.

By prominently listing the names of the eight state-recognized tribes, the poster became a teaching tool and was displayed in many public schools across the state. School children learned tribal names and increased their awareness of the tribes in North Carolina.

The concept for the poster was proposed by Kerry Bird, and the final design was created by Early Design Group in Raleigh. The poster is a collaborative effort

between the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs and the United Tribes of North Carolina.

New Chairman of Jumbee Indian Tribe

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Purnell Swett called for unity among Lumbee tribal members when he took office as the tribe's third chairman since the Lumbee government's birth a decade ago.

"Unity among us is crucial. We have to stand as one in order to move forward as a tribe," he said during his inaugural speech. "We must not let any differences hinder us from being united as a tribe as we move forward. United we can make a difference."

Swett, a retired educator and former Superintendent of the Robeson County Public Schools, pledged an administration that will be committed to obtaining federal tribal recognition and providing all tribal members with the services they are entitled to receive.

"During my administration, I plan to address issues that are too fundamental to be left unchallenged. There are deepseated issues that need to be addressed, like better care for our elders, education and development of our youth, fair and equitable housing, and full federal recognition for our people," he said. "We are building a strategy to meet the challenges of economic development, which is so very important in our time of history.

"It is time to rebuild the infrastructure of the market place by creating our own to support and employ our Lumbee nation. It is time we get our leaders in Washington, D.C., to recognize the great wrong being done to our people and correct that."

Swett called becoming chairman of the tribe, "a responsibility that I take seriously and one that I will pour my heart and soul into."

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"As a proud grandfather and greatgrandfather, I am so pleased to be able

to serve you as Tribal Chairman. I am grateful to my supporters for their belief in me. Let me assure you that my leadership will be guided by no other principles than those of the Bible and the tribal constitution," he said. "I pledge my unwavering dedication and commitment to you as Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe."



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Purnell Swett

Outgoing Chairman of Lumbee Tribe Reflects on Six Years of Work with His Tribe

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As he prepares to hand over the leadership of the Lumbee Tribe to Chairman-elect Purnell Swett, Jimmy Goins says the tribe is closer to federal recognition than it has ever been, has a competent tribal staff to provide services to tribal members, and there appears to be a growing awareness and pride – especially among young people – of Lumbee culture and heritage.

Starting as a member of the Lumbee Self Determination Committee, Goins has been a key player in tribal government since its establishment a decade ago. He helped write the tribe's constitution and was a member of the Tribal Council for three years before being elected chairman six years ago.



Jimmy Goins

Today, Goins said, there are more than 100 tribal employees. Tribal equity has grown from \$2 million when he took office to more than \$500 million. Goins emphasized that under his administration good financial

management has been stressed. Audits have been conducted by HUD, internally and by outside CPAs, the chairman said.

Goins said that meeting the housing needs of tribe members is a major challenge, but that the number of individual requests for housing assistance has been cut from 3,000, when he took office, to about 800.

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Goins said that one of the things he is most proud of is that during his years as Chairman there has been a growing awareness of Lumbee culture and heritage, especially among the tribe's young people. On the issue of federal recognition, Goins said the proposed legislation is closer to final approval than ever before.

Asked if he had any advice for Swett, Goins said he has already told him that the Chairman's biggest job is to find money. Most important is that he makes sure to follow the constitution," Goins said. "If he does that, everyone will be behind him."

New Commissioner Confirmed

Reprinted with permission of the Rapid City Journal, Billings, Mont. Lillian Sparks, Executive Director of the National Indian Education Association and a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, has been confirmed by President Barrack Obama to serve as the Commissioner of Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services.

Sparks gave brief testimony, accompanied by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe President, Rodney Bordeaux, at the nomination hearing on Jan. 28. She has been asked to implement President Obama's agenda for tribal communities.

Sparks joins other prominent Native American appointments in the Obama administration, including Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk, White House Adviser for Native American Affairs Kim Teehee, White House Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Jodi Gillette, and Indian Health Service Director Yvette Roubideaux. In Spark's capacity as NIEA's Executive Director, she has brought national attention to education issues concerning American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians for almost six years. Her new duties will cover not only education, but economic and infrastructure development, early childhood education, language preservation, and the principles of tribal self-determination,



Lillian Sparks

tribal consultation and tribal inclusion. This position serves the American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities within the Health and Human Services. The position has been vacant for more than a year.

Ethics Order

Gov. Bev Perdue issued Executive Order No. 34 on Dec. 9, 2009. Its purpose was to establish ethics and attendance standards for all members of boards and commissions who were appointed by the Office of the Governor.

Executive Order No. 34 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Governor appoints members to various boards, commissions, committees, councils, and similar entities (hereinafter "boards"); and

WHEREAS, it is essential for the public and the Governor to have confidence in the members of boards and the work done by such boards; and

WHEREAS, gubernatorial appointees to boards must maintain the highest ethical and board attendance standards; and

WHEREAS, the failure of appointees to maintain high ethical standards erodes public confidence in the actions of boards; and

WHEREAS, the excessive absences of appointees from board meetings diminishes the effectiveness of the entire board.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, IT IS ORDERED:

1. In transacting board business, each person appointed by the Governor shall act always in the best interest of the public without regard for her or his financial interests. To this end, each appointee must recuse herself or himself from voting on any matter on which the appointee has a financial interest. 2. No person appointed by the Governor to serve on a board shall accept a gift from any contractors, subcontractors, or suppliers of the appointee's board. This provision does not prohibit an appointee from accepting a gift that would be permitted under the State Ethics Act, regardless of whether the appointee is covered by the State Ethics Act.

3. If any person appointed by the Governor to serve on a board is indicted for a felony by a state or federal grand jury or fails to fully cooperate in an investigation conducted by a state or federal agency pursuant to law, such action shall constitute grounds for removal from the board for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-13(d), N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-16, or other applicable statutes or regulations.

4. All persons appointed by the Governor to serve on a board shall attend at least 75 percent of all regularly scheduled meetings of the board during the board's calendar year. Failure of a board member to attend board meetings in a manner consistent with this Order shall constitute grounds for removal from the board for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-13(d), N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-16, or other applicable statutes or regulations.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this ninth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor

Apprenticeship Program Offered

By Kathryn Castelloes, N.C. Department of Labor

Training for a new career takes time. It also requires good teachers, in and outside of the classroom, and commitment on the part of the student. Apprenticeships have been the backbone of North Carolina's work preparation programs for more than 65 years. These programs have been successful in providing dedicated workers with skills they will keep and build upon for a lifetime. Recently, we have seen a return to the tried-and-true method of skills training – on the job, in the workplace, with the mentor becoming the teacher. Training includes introducing the student to the job and establishing a learning experience.

The NC Department of Labor offers its Apprenticeship programs to North Carolina citizens who have graduated from high school or successfully completed a GED. We invite you to inquire about the hundreds of "earn while you learn" apprenticeable occupations in North Carolina. They range from goldsmith and newspaper reporter to mason and electrician. For more information, visit www.NCLabor.com and click Apprenticeship Program, or call toll free 1-800-625-2267.

Welcome Aboard

We are pleased to introduce you to Alexandria Eubanks, Administrative Assistant to Greg Richardson. Eubanks is a 2008 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in Criminal Justice with a concentration in pre-law. During the fall of 2007, she served as an intern with the Robeson County Public Defender's Office and, through the University of North Carolina, she completed an internship in Washington, D.C., with the National Congress of American Indians during the summer of 2008.

From January through November 2009, Eubanks worked full-time in Washington, D.C. as a Legislative Health Fellow for the National Congress of American Indians. She hails from the Prospect Community in Robeson County and is a member of the Lumbee tribe.

Eubanks is a diligent worker and a definite asset to the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs. During her time away from the office, she likes to travel, read, draw and paint.



Alexandria Eubanks

Commission News

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Greg Richardson was notified by Governor Perdue's office on Dec. 15, 2009, of his appointment as the Governor's delegate to the Governor's Interstate Indian Council (GIIC). Richardson has served in this capacity in the past, and he is honored to be invited to serve once again. The GIIC is a National Association of Indian Commissions that meets periodically to improve relations between state governments and Indian tribes.

A. Bruce Jones, former Executive Director of the NCCIA, received the Rev. C.H. Richardson 2009-2010 Friends of the Haliwa-Saponi Award. The banquet was held Jan. 9 at the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Complex.

Tammi Jacobs, Community Developer for the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs' Community Services Program, on the birth of her first grandchild. Catori Caydence Jones was born Jan. 1 to Destinee Jacobs Jones, daughter of Tammi. Both mother and baby are well.

Al Dietch, Executive Director of the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office and a former N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs employee, upon his upcoming retirement on June 1, 2010.

Noland Locklear, grandson of **Tim Locklear**, an NCCIA Section 8 employee, for being awarded first chair in the Campbell University orchestra.

Calendar of NC American Indian Major Events 2010

March 11-13 35th Annual N.C. Indian Unity Conference Raleigh Contact: Gladys Hunt 910-483-8442

March 11 N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs Quarterly Commission Meeting North Raleigh Hilton Raleigh

March 20 23rd Annual Carolina Indian Circle Powwow Chapel Hill Contact: cicpowwow@live.com

March 27 N.C. State Powwow Raleigh Contact: 919-515-3835

April 8-9 6th Annual Southeast Indian Studies Conference UNC-Pembroke Pembroke Contact: Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs 910-521-6266

Apirl 10 UNC-P Spring Unity Powwow Campus Quad Pembroke Contact: Becky Goins 910-775-4323

April 16-18 45th Annual Haliwa-Saponi Powwow Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School and Powwow Grounds Hollister Contact: 252-586-4017

April 30-May 2 Lumbee Spring Powwow Pembroke Contact: 910-521-7861

June 5 Sappony Indian River Festival Stauton River Battlefield Park Clover, VA Contact: Sappony Tribal Office, 434-585-3352 June 11-12 Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation Powwow Mebane Contact: 919-304-3723

June 14-17 NCNAYO Youth Conference UNC-Pembroke Pembroke Contact: Mickey Locklear 919-807-4449

June 26-July 3 41st Annual Lumbee Homecoming Pembroke Contact: 910-521-8602

July 2-4 Eastern Band of Cherokee Powwow Cherokee Contact: 1-800-438-1601

July 3 AISES Powwow UNC-Pembroke Pembroke Contact: 910-521-6282

July 16-17 Festival of Native Peoples Cherokee Contact: 1-800-438-1601

September 10-11 Annual Coharie Powwow Clinton Contact: 910-564-6909

September 16-17 American Indian Women of Proud Nations Conference Cherokee Contact: Roseanna S. Belt 828-497-7920

September 17-19 34th Annual Guilford Native American Association Powwow Greensboro Contact: 336-273-8686

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September 17-19 Southeastern Tribes Cultural Arts Celebration Cherokee Contact: 828-497-3481

September 24-26 N.C. Native American Festival Concord Contact: 704-926-1524

October 6-9 98th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair Cherokee Contact: 1-800-438-1601

October 15-16 Waccamaw Siouan Powwow Bolton Contact: 910-655-8778

October 22-24 Meherrin Powwow Ahoskie Contact: meherrinpowwow@aol.com

October 29-30 LRDA Lumbee Powwow Pembroke Contact: 910-521-8602 November TBA Annual Sappony Stew Virgilina, VA Contact: 434-585-3352

November 5 N.C. Indian Senior Citizens Coalition Conference Fayetteville, N.C.

November 6 Native American Cultural Festival Guilford Native American Art Gallery Greensboro Contact: 336-273-6605

November 20 15th Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration N.C. Museum of History Raleigh Contact: 919-807-7979 Helen Cook 910-424-3846

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