

2026 Vision to Voice Youth Conference Agenda

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Arrive in Billings

Hotel Check-In: Meet with your WNV staff Concierge

1:00 - 2:00 PM Teacher & Staff Meeting (if the school hasn't arrived yet, we can meet later)

2:00 -3:00 PM Check in at registration

3:00 - 4:00 PM Welcome and Opening Ceremony

- Flag bearers (WNV student board) pfancookd@lockwoodschoool.org)
- ROTC (Lockwood) (confirmed)
- Drum group (Josiah Hugs youth drum group) ruschec@billingschool.org/
jhugs@billingsclinic.org (confirmed)
- Opening prayer (Leslie Lefthand)

4:00 - 5:00 PM **Orientation:** (MC Gayle Skunk Cap) Meet students from across the state and get to know the schedule

5:00 -6:00 PM Whole group icebreaker (Tristen)

6:00 - 7:00 PM *Dinner:*
Menu:

Location:

7:00 - 8:30 PM Introduction Workshop (Stick Indian Relay)

- We will need to get 4 stick horses, also depending on how many students we get

8:30 PM Student lounge, get to rooms

10:00 PM Bedtime

Monday, March 16, 2026

8:00 - 9:00 AM *Breakfast:*
Menu:

Location:

9:00 - 9:30 AM Kick off day 2 with a small game (who is wearing glasses, who is wearing the color green, etc.)

9:30 - 10:00 AM Keynote speaker **Tommy Running Rabbit (confirmed)**

10:00 - 10:15 AM *Morning Break (snack and refreshments)*

10:15 - 11:00 AM **History of Montana (Native point of view) Cali will help with a speaker for this session**

11:00 - 12:00 PM **Self Advocacy - Teach/Talk students about their rights, available resources, and how to create changes in their communities** (Keaton) (Examples of regalia bill) Cali can help with this is needed

12:00 - 1:00 PM *Lunch:*

Location:

Menu:

1:00 - 2:30 PM **Native American Games with Leslie Cliff- Nakoda Economic Development Corp.(confirmed, just need a contract signed)**

- Hand/stick games
- Students will create their own hand/stick game pieces to take home to share with their families.

2:30 - 2:45 PM *Afternoon break (refreshments will be provided)*

2:45 - 3:45 PM **Teach students how to play hand/stick games to practice Leslie Cliff**

3:45 - 4:45 PM **Buffalo Skull picture painting Part 1 Bruce Denny (will confirm)**

4:45 - 5:00 PM Closing session for the day

5:30 - 7:30 PM Evening activities (Round dance, Hand game tournament)

7:30 - 8:00 PM *Dinner will be on their own*

9:30 PM Students get to their room

10:00 PM Bedtime

Tuesday, March 17, 2025

8:00 - 9:00 AM *Breakfast:*

Location:

Menu:

9:00 - 9:30 AM Keynote Speaker **Emmette Dusty Bull confirmed**

9:30 - 10:00 AM Sticker design contest

We will vote on the best 4-6 stickers to be used at WNV

The number of students determines which sticker(s) will be the winner(s).

10:00 - 10:15 AM *Morning Break (Snacks and refreshments will be provided)*

10:15 - 11:00 AM Speaker Les Left Hand (Tristan will confirm with him)

11:00 - 12:00 PM Workshop for students in communication, teamwork, and critical thinking
(State of Indian Country) (Native status)

12:00 - 1:00 PM *Lunch:*

Menu:

Location:

1:00 - 1:30 PM T-shirt contest, have a student design our logo for our next shirt

1:30 - 2:30 PM Intergenerational trauma (different scenarios) (acceptance) Cali will help with this session

2:30 - 2:45 PM *Afternoon break if needed*

2:45 - 3:45 PM Buffalo Painting picture part 2 (Bruce Denny) His going to check his schedule and let know

3:45 - 4:45 PM **OPEN SESSION**

4:45 - 5:00 PM Closing ceremony for conference

Bring down the flags and end with a prayer or honor song