

Western Native Voice: Expanding Horizons and International Traditional Games Society

Gathering of Families

Youth Conference

MSU Great Falls

October 12-13, 2023

THURSDAY, October 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Youth Conference Registration (Near South Court/Hallway of B-101)

Students will check into the conference receiving their name badge and T-shirt.

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Breakfast (B-101)

9:00 a.m.-9:10 a.m. Opening prayer ceremony for youth conference (B-101)

The respected elder and tribal member of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy, Montana community offers prayer and encouragement to the youth conference attendees.

9:10 a.m.-9:15 a.m. Welcome Address (Tristen Belgarde) (B-101)

Welcome remarks for students in attendance, referencing guest speakers, thanking everyone who made the event possible, and reinforcing the scope of the conference.

9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Introduction to International Traditional Games Society (History and Importance of Event) (Brandon Fish) (B-101)

An employee of the International Traditional Games Society discusses the history of ITGS, decisions for week-long events, and the significance of the youth conference.

9:45 a.m.-9:55 a.m. 10-minute break

10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Introduction to Western Native Voice: Expanding Horizons (Tristen Belgarde)

Tristen Belgarde explains Western Native Voice: Expanding Horizons creation story, the concept of Expanding Horizons, and achievements in its one-year history.

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Emcimbini Wellness LLC. (B-101)

Guest speakers will cover the topic of acceptance related to their personal journey and how important acceptance is for any age, career, or level of understanding.

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch (Commons Area)

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Career fair (Hallway of B-101)

Multiple vendors, colleges, employers, and career opportunities are available for students.

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Traditional games instruction (Campus of MSU-Great Falls)

International Traditional Games Society staff members will demonstrate the traditional game of double ball and allow for time for students to play and compete.

3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Return to the conference room. (B-101)

Walk back to the classroom.

3:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Break (Commons area)

Students will take a chance to stretch their legs, get refreshments, and refocus to return attentively to the next speaker.

4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Public speaking exercise (B-101)

Students individually will get an opportunity to speak before the entire group.

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Genevieve Iron Thunder (B-101)

The keynote speaker will underline important sub-topics connected to acceptance, non-reactionary, compartmentalized, and natural learning.

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Dinner

FRIDAY, October 13, 2023

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m	Youth Conference registration (hallway of B-101) Students will sign-in and provide their signature for registration.
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m	Breakfast (Commons Area) Breakfast buffet for youth conference
9:00 a.m.-9:05 a.m.	Ground rules and expectations (B-101) Youth Director, Tristen Belgarde, will outline student expectations for the conference.
9:10 a.m-11 a.m.	Open (B-101)
11:00 a.m-12:00 a.m.	MAPS Media Institute presentation (B-101) presentation describing MAPS student services and explaining their new 2023 Governor's Award.
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch (Commons Area)
1:00 p.m-2:30 p.m.	Enlightening MInds LLC (B-101) Enlightening Minds LLC is an addiction and mental health center in Great Falls, Montana. They will cover one or multiple sub-topics aimed at the youth conference (Beyond Survival).
2:30 p.m-2:45 p.m.	Break (Commons Area)
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Putting it to Practice (B-101) Students in groups, will reflect on the information offered at the youth conference. Focusing on goals personally, professionally, and academically.
4:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.	Break (Commons Area)
4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m	Poster design for Beyond Survival Students will group up to design a poster, with the theme Beyond Survival.
5:00 p.m-6:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker (B-101)  The keynote speaker will underline important sub-topics connected to acceptance, non-reactionary, compartmentalized, and natural learning.
6:00 p.m-7:00 p.m.	Dinner (Commons Area)

