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\textsuperscript{th}

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.  Youth Conference Registration (Near SouthCourt/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 Mnds 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)