

CORE VALUES

At Expanding Horizons, our core values fuel everything we're about—preserving tribal identity while empowering the next generation to lead with pride. These guiding truths keep us grounded and ready to make an impact:

- ★ FAITH & TRUST
- ★ CONTINUOUS MOTIVATION
- ★ EMBRACING THE UNKNOWN & UNCERTAINTY
- ★ CONFIDENCE & SELF-DISCOVERY
- ★ CURIOSITY & CONTINUOUS GROWTH
- ★ INCLUSIVITY
- ★ RESPECT
- ★ INTEGRITY



SPECIAL YEARLY EVENTS THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

YOUTH CAPITAL EXPERIENCE

This is an event we host every other year, specifically during odd-numbered years. During these years, we make the experience exclusive to our student board, allowing them to have a focused and impactful engagement with the state government. However, if there are significant bills or legislative actions that directly affect Montana tribes, we open up the opportunity to include more students beyond just our board to ensure broader representation and advocacy.



STUDENT BOARD

The Student Board consists of middle school, high school, and college student representatives from both urban and rural areas across Montana. The board is annual, running throughout the school year, with applications opening before the start of each school year.

SUMMER ACADEMY

This two-week academy provides students with a first-hand experience of college and dorm life while going through Expanding Horizon's programs.

YOUTH CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

The Youth Conference Experience is a school-oriented event aimed at fostering participation from urban and rural middle schools. We design the conference around a central theme, which guides the workshops, keynote presentations, and guest speakers. The conference's focus is highly hands-on, emphasizing leadership development, advocacy, education, and civic engagement.

Throughout the event, we aim to inspire self-improvement in students while equipping them with the tools to become future leaders and active participants in their communities.



HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES

- » Motivational Speakers
- » Native History
- » Traditional Games + Activities
- » Public Speaking
- » Cultural Identity Workshops
- » Internships
- » Mental Health + Wellness
- » Field Trips + More!



INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION.

OUR MISSION

Expanding Horizons' mission is to encourage youth to explore, refine, and embrace their purpose and identity.

OUR VISION

We believe in creating a supportive environment that nurtures cultural pride and empowers the next generation of leaders. We strive to serve youth of all ages in meaningful ways, transcending Montana's borders, cultural differences, and generational challenges to inspire future changemakers.



READY TO EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS?

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EMPOWERING

NATIVE AMERICAN

YOUTH.

Join other high school students from across Montana to champion the preservation of tribal identity and culture.