

**Honoring of the Elders
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Our mission

Our mission to educate the public in Native American culture, to help dispel the stereotypes of Native Americans. Also, to preserve the culture, exercise spiritual beliefs, traditions, to bring back pre-colonization practices and the true history for future generations.

What we do

Honoring of the Elders coordinates Pow Wows. A Pow Wow is a gathering of Inter-Tribal Native American and First Nations people who join in dancing, singing, drumming and other activities, they represent various tribes and styles. The Pow Wow is a time of preserving a rich heritage and keeping the traditional ways alive. It is for celebrating, sustaining and bridging the traditions of the Native American people. Pow wow activities are social, educational and recreational, but in many ways these activities have a deeper spiritual and religious significance. Honoring of the Elders Pow Wows will not have any political activities during its Pow Wows and we will not hold any competitions. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend our Pow Wows for educational purposes, to foster an interest in Native American culture, history, craft-work, trades, traditions and dispel stereotypes .

How we preserve our culture

How we preserve our culture is by building a strong Inter-Tribal Native American community that celebrates, teaches and sustains its traditions so that it reaches years into the future. It is about taking the values of yesterday, especially before colonization and applying those values today, and using those values to benefit our children and grandchildren tomorrow.

It is up to us continue to learn and teach about what sustained our ancestors in their daily lives and their Spiritual beliefs before colonization. Our children are depending on us to give to them their cultural birthrights...the songs, dances, histories, spirituality and a way of life that will enrich their lives. In turn they will pass this onto their children.

How we accomplish this is by attending traditional Pow Wows and ceremonies, learning about Native American (First Nations) history, treaties and ways of life before colonization. Also, learning traditional crafts, speaking or learning to speak a tribal language, practicing our tribal spirituality aka religion, remembering our family histories, living in the way of our ancestors tribal culture. We support our community by teaching what we know about our tribal culture and volunteering. By doing those things we can honor our Native American ancestors, the old ways, their traditions and carry them on for many years into the future.

