



International Indian Treaty Council

Working for the Rights and Recognition of Indigenous Peoples

Consejo Internacional de Tratados Indios

Trabajando por el reconocimiento y los derechos de los Pueblos Indígenas

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

50TH ANNIVERSARY INTERNATIONAL INDIAN TREATY CONFERENCE

June 21st – June 24th, 2024

Wakpala (The Bay), Standing Rock, South Dakota

“Treaties between sovereign nations explicitly entail agreements which represent “the supreme law of the land”, binding each party to an inviolate international relationship.” – Declaration of Continuing Independence by the First International Indian Treaty Council at Standing Rock, June 8-16, 1974

We extend a warm welcome to all participants attending the 50th Anniversary International Indian Treaty Conference. We are providing you with the following important information to help make the conference a good experience for everyone.



The Bay campground

THE BAY: The Bay at Grand River borders Lake Oahe reservoir. Down the hill from the Casino Hotel lies the Bay at Grand River, which has six cabins, a convenience shop, campsite, a boat ramp, and a fish cleaning facility. The convenience store offers gas, licenses, bait, tackle, and hunting, fishing, and camping goods. The Bay campground has around 80 campsites with electrical hookups, showers, RV

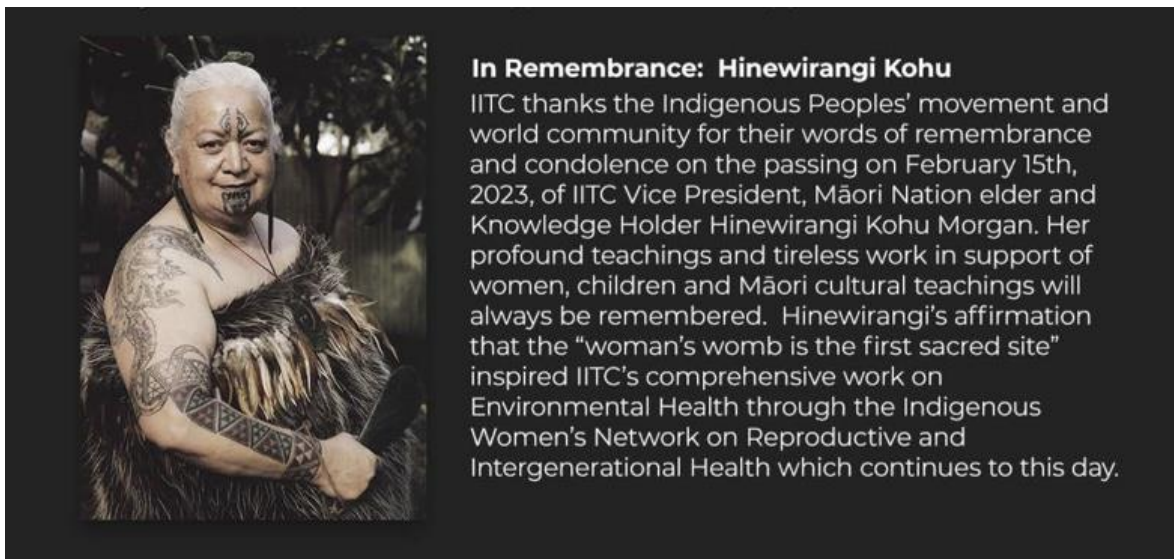
dump station, and a playground. Please reserve a campsite in advance if possible before June 1st via email to joseraphael@treatycouncil.org, or call (520) 524-8706. After June 1st, reserve directly with Leah Rath via the Casino Hotel, (605) 845-7104 x 545.

THE SACRED FIRE AND SUNRISE CEREMONIES: The Sacred Fire will be kept burning during the four days of the Conference. You may offer prayers or tobacco at any time (ask the Fire Keeper on duty if you're not sure how to do this). Do not throw anything else such as trash, paper, cigarette butts, etc. in this fire. There will be no photographs, video or recordings permitted of the sweat lodges, sacred fire areas, or pipe ceremonies. Spiritual Leaders who offer songs or prayers may also request that no photos or recordings be taken during those times. We will provide information regarding the availability of sweat lodge ceremonies during the conference. Sweat leaders will be designated by the hosts for men's and women's sweats. Please respect the protocols and their instructions.

We ask that everyone conduct themselves respectfully, dress appropriately, and maintain an attitude of care for this place and for each other while we are here. No alcohol, drugs (except prescription medications) or weapons will be allowed at this conference. Anyone "under the influence" or exhibiting verbal or physical violent behavior will be asked to leave immediately by security.

If you would like to conduct any kind of ceremony please first get approval through Lakota protocol with the onsite designated Lakota ceremonial leaders. Please also review the Wolakota (Lakota Ways) document available in English and Spanish for guidance regarding respectful interpersonal communications and interactions.

SPECIAL SUNRISE CEREMONY IN HONOR OF IITC BOARD PRESIDENT HINEWIRANGI KOHU. On the 2nd morning of the Conference, Hinewirangi Kohu's family circle who will travel from Aotearoa (New Zealand) will offer a sunrise remembrance ceremony for her at the sacred fire area. Angel Valencia will also offer a Yaqui ceremonial dance in her honor, as she had requested.



FOR WOMEN: With respect for the traditions of the host Nation, women on or near their “time of the month” should not participate in the pipe or sweat lodge ceremonies, go near the sacred fire, drum or sweat lodge areas, or work in the kitchen. This is a sacred purification time for women, no disrespect is intended. There will be signs posted for Women’s and Men’s restrooms. Please respect these postings. If you have any questions, ask an elder woman from the area to speak with you.

WEATHER: June sees an average high of 78° with a low of 51°. It is predicted to be warm and sunny during the day with mild winds. It will be cooler at night, and there is a possibility of summer rain so please dress accordingly.

TRANSPORTATION AND DIRECTIONS: Transportation will be provided for participants from the airport to the campsite on June 20th (before 4 PM) and from the campsite to the airport on June 25th before noon. Please submit your travel itinerary as soon as possible to joseraphael@treatycouncil.org so that you can be included in our pick-up list. For driving directions go to: <https://grandrivercasino.com/the-bay/>

THE CAMP AND FACILITIES: Camping areas will be designated and pointed out to you at registration. Please remain within the vicinity of the campsite as it is situated in close proximity to historic villages and campsite grounds. Further details will be available at the session.

There will be many campers in a fairly small area and camps may need to be close together, so we ask that everyone is respectful of their “neighbors”. KEEP TRACK OF YOUR OWN CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES, and try to keep the noise level down at the camp, especially during sleeping hours. Let security know if there are children who are lost or unsupervised so we can help locate their parents. Please be respectful of the land, pick up your trash and keep your campsite tidy. The campground has an area where people can access the river to swim. Swimming is permitted, but you are responsible for any potential dangers or hazards that may arise. There is no lifeguard on duty. Please watch your kids!

SHOWERS AND MOTELS: There are limited shower facilities on site. Water is not abundant in this area and there are many campers so please limit the number and length of your showers. Phone numbers for motels in Mobridge (6 miles away from the campgrounds) and at Standing Rock are included in the following list if you want to make a reservation at your own expense (except by prior arrangements with IITC): Grand River Casino Hotel (probably full already), 605- 845-7104, Prairie Knights Casino Hotel in Standing Rock (about 60 minutes from the site) and in Mobridge: 701-854-7777, Kountry Inn: 605-845-7215, East Side Motel: 605-845-7867, Mo-Rest Motel: 605-845-3668, Wrangler Inn: 605-845-3641, and Selby Motel: 605-649-7979. We will not provide daily shuttles from Mobridge or the Prairie Knights Casino Hotel, so arrange your own rides if you are staying off site. We will have limited shuttles from the Grand River Casino Hotel.

CAMP FIRES: At the request of the facility hosts, for safety reasons , there will be no individual campfires permitted during the conference. Please be vigilant regarding other fires (kitchen and

sweat lodge) and use extreme caution with your own matches, cigarettes, etc. THIS IS A HIGH FIRE HAZARD AREA. Smoking areas will be designated and containers for butts provided.

ANIMALS, INSECTS AND PLANTS: Large wild animals are now almost non-existent in this area, but please report any signs or sightings. Snakes, including rattlesnakes, do live here, although they are not usually found near well-used human habitations. Please avoid the high grass and rocky areas. Let us know if you hear or see a rattlesnake so we can warn others. There are ticks, also concentrated in the high grass. If you get a tick under your skin, don't panic. The "locals" will know what to do to get rid of it. You can also visit the medical tent on site to help you with ticks or other insect bites. There is also poison ivy in the area. Ask a "local" what it looks like and avoid it if you can. And please, don't pick any of the plants. Protect the biodiversity of this sacred place!

MEALS: Meals will be provided for participants during the conference starting the afternoon of the 20th and ending with lunch on the 24th. If you have special food needs or preferences we suggest you bring your own food supplies to supplement what is being served. Drinking water will be provided on site and coffee and tea water will be available at all times.

BE SUSTAINABLE! Please bring your own cups, plates and utensils if possible, including those staying in the cabins. The hosts and the environment will be very appreciative. Water for washing your dishes will be provided. Please bring your own towels unless you are staying at the hotel or the cabins on site.

TRASH and WASTE: We will provide two large dumpsters for emptying your trash. **NO Littering Allowed.** Please clean up your own area as you use it, and empty trash in the dumpsters and trash cans on site. We want this place to stay beautiful during the time we are here and be clean when we leave. Please help us with the final clean up.

COME PREPARED: For everyone who can do so, please bring your own tents or tipis and bedrolls/sleeping bags. Limited numbers of tipis, cots and sleeping bags will be provided to those who need them, especially those arriving by air from other countries. Those who are camping or staying in tipis should bring their own towels and toiletries. We also recommend that everyone bring a flashlight and mosquito repellent since we are near the water. Herbal/natural/non-toxic varieties are strongly encouraged!

PARKING: To keep everyone safe and the camping area open for more campers there will be designated parking areas. Everything within the conference is walking distance. Registration, security staff and signs will indicate where vehicles can be parked. An on site housing coordinator will help you find your tipi or campsite.

PHONES AND INTERNET: Cell phone service (ATT, Verizon, and T-mobile) should be available onsite. We will provide a limited number of outlets for charging phones, laptops, etc. Internet connection will probably not be available, but you can use your "personal hotspot" on your cell phone if you need to access email or internet.

COPIES: Bring your own copies of information that you want to distribute. We are aiming for an almost “paper free” event. Invited panelists, please be aware that we will not have power point capacity on site for presentations, due to an abundance of light during daytime hours. Please plan accordingly!

PHOTOS AND MEDIA: Everyone taking photos, recordings or videos, including with your cell phone for personal use, or conducting interviews, will need to register as media and get your media badge to display at the registration table. Please be respectful and ask for permission before you take photos or videos of participants, and ask parents in the case of children. Ceremonies and ceremonial areas are off limits for picture-taking, recording or videos. The moderators will announce if any of the presenters do not want to be photographed or recorded. Please also plan to share your photos or videos with IITC for our record of the event, much appreciated. For those doing pre-approved web casts (radio and video) please provide your own wireless connectivity/hotspot.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: Emergency Medical Provides and Technicians will be on site to provide first aid. Notify security or conference staff immediately if there is a medical problem. For an ambulance or serious medical needs, call 911. Those without insurance will need to cover their own medical costs if transported to a hospital or clinic. Tell staff if you need to go to a clinic or hospital.

VENDING AND TRADING: Arts, crafts and other items can be sold or exchanged only if they are produced personally. No commercial vending or food sales are permitted. Bring your own tables and canopies for sales.

PETS: There will be no pets allowed, except seeing-eye or other designated service dogs. You are responsible for cleaning up after your service animals.

VOLUNTEERING: Please commit some time during the conference to volunteer (meals preparation, serving and clean-up, registration, security, set up and breakdown, etc.). Ask one of the staff or coordinators if you would like to be of assistance. Announcements will also be made when help is needed.

MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Provide announcements in writing to the program coordinator or MC. We will make announcements (lost and found, rides etc.) at the end of each program. Emergency messages will be announced immediately.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES: There will be no daycare or childcare provided on-site. You are responsible for your own children. Youth are encouraged to participate in the conference as well as the youth programs and commissions listed in the conference agenda.

HORSES: Accommodations are not available on-site for horses.

If you have any questions, problems or suggestions about anything at this conference, please contact one of the Conference Coordinating Committee members, registration or security on-duty. The Conference Coordinating Committee will meet every evening. Any concerns that cannot be dealt with immediately will be discussed at that time. Our sincere wish is that you have an enjoyable, safe and positive experience at this conference. For all our Relations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Phil Two Eagle at phil.twoeagle@rst-nsn.gov, cell: (605) 319-1596 (for information regarding the Oceti Sakowin preparatory meeting the afternoon of June 20th)

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