

**INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (IEN)
15th PROTECTING MOTHER EARTH CONFERENCE**

Sponsored by IEN and Hosted by

WESTERN SHOSHONE DEFENSE PROJECT

“Answering Mother Earth’s Call for Healing –Reaffirming Our Roots”

AGENDA [Working Agenda as of June 11, 2008]

Camp Set-Up – Tuesday and Wednesday, July 15-16th

Day One – Thursday, July 17th (LAND)

5:30 Sunrise Ceremony – Lighting of the Sacred Fire

7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

9:00 Opening Ceremony of the Conference

Prayer

Grand Entry of Indigenous Participants

Welcome by IEN/WSDP leadership

Western Shoshone Traditional Leadership, Local Tribal Officials

10:00 Big Circle: Western Shoshone History of the Struggle

Raymond Yowell, Former Chief, Western Shoshone National Council (WSNC)

Carrie Dann, Western Shoshone Grandmother and WSNC

12:30-2:00 Lunch Break

2:00 Big Circle: History of the Indigenous Struggle of Turtle Island and Presentations on Original Instructions, Traditional Systems, Traditional Economies and Trade Routes

- ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Jeanne Shenandoah, Granddaughter of Tracy Shenandoah, Haudanosaunee Confederacy (Six Nations/Iroquois)
- ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Louise Benally (Dine'), Traditional Dineh Sovereignty Nation Big Mountain, Struggle to Define Mother Earth
- ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Miguel Palacin, General Coordinator, CAOI (Association of Andean Indigenous Peoples' Organizations), Peru, South America
- ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Arthur Manual (Secwepemc Nation) Indigenous Network on Economics and Trade, Canada

4:30-6:30 Big Circle: History of Colonial Laws against Indigenous Peoples, Doctrine of Discovery

- ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Oren Lyons, Traditional Faithkeeper of the Turtle Clan, Seneca Nation and of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy, (Haudenosaunee).
- ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Steven Newcomb (Shawnee/Lenape), Indigenous Law Institute/Columnist Indian Country Today
- ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Tupac Enrique Acosta (Xicano Peoples), Tonatierra Institute and Tlahtokan Aztlan

6:30 Evening Meal

6:45 Youth Caucus Meeting

8:00 - Performer (Robby Romero (Apache/Chicano)/Trinidad Goodshield (Lakota))

9:00 - Traditional Round Dance

Purification Ceremonies available in the evening

Day Two – Friday, July 18th (AIR)

5:30 Sunrise Ceremony

7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

9:00-9:30 Opening Ceremony (Traditional Teaching - North)

9:30-12:30 Big Circle: Indigenous Thoughts on Extractive Industry: Mining the Sources of Life - Voices from the North and South - Moderated by Robert Shimek (Anishinaabe). Speakers: Carrie Dann (Western Shoshone), WSDP; Representatives of the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (Big Trout Lake) First Nations, Ontario, Canada; Miguel Palacin, General Coordinator, CAOI (Association of Andean Indigenous Peoples' Organizations), Peru, South America; Charmaine Whiteface (Lakota), Defenders of the Black Hills, South Dakota and others TBA.

9:30-12:00 and 2:00-4:30 On-Going Demonstration/Training Projects

1. Composting Toilet Construction - Pennelys Goodshield (Anishinaabe), Sustainable Nations Development Project
2. Solar and Wind Power, Jeff Tobe Solar Energy International and John Shimek (Anishinaabe Youth)

12:30-2:00 Lunch Break

2:00-4:00 Small Circles (Workshops)

1. Water Healing and Protection with Virginia Sanchez, Duckwater Shoshone and Rick Spilsbury, Ely Shoshone
2. Mineral Extraction – Strategies and Solutions (Part 1) for communities impacted by mining and mineral extraction
3. Beginning Steps in Organizing 101 (Part 1) - Trainers: Indigenous Peoples Project (IP3) - Ruckus Society
4. Climate Change 101 and Solutions: Trainers, Jihan Gearon (Dine) and Kandi Mossett (Mandan, Arikira, Hidatsa), IEN
5. Youth Activity: Elder and youth discussion on history and spirituality
6. Traditional Food and Plant Discussion led by Shoshone elder

4:00-4:30 Afternoon Break – Music Stage

4:30-6:30 Small Circles (Workshops)

1. Mineral Extraction – Strategies and Solutions (Part 2) for communities impacted by mining and mineral extraction.
2. Organizing 101 (Part 2): IP3 Ruckus Society Trainers
3. Using CERD as a Human Rights Tool to Address our Issues with Alberto Saldamando, International Indian Treaty Council and Julie Fischel, WSDP
4. Wisdom and knowledge of traditional teachings, understanding spirituality and mythology, with Walter Porter (Tlingit) mythologist
5. Youth Activity: Archery
6. Traditional Food and Plants Discussion (led by Shoshone elder)

6:30 Evening Meal

6:45 Youth Caucus

8:00 Talent Show – Performances from the Struggle

Purification Ceremonies in the evening

Day Three – Saturday, July 19th (WATER)

5:30 Sunrise Ceremony & Water Ceremony

7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

9:00-9:30 Opening Ceremony (Traditional Teaching - East)

9:30-12:30 Big Circle: Energy Road of Destruction and Climate Change

Voices of the North and South - Moderated by Clayton Thomas-Muller (Cree), Canada, Speakers: Ian Zabarte (Western Shoshone), on Yucca Mountain, a proposed site for radioactive nuclear waste; Mark Lebeau (Pitt River) on geothermal energy; Casey Camp (Ponca) on oil refinery; George Poitras (Mikisew Cree) on tar sands in Alberta Canada; Loren White Jr. (Hidatsa) on oil drilling and proposed refinery in North Dakota; Enei Begaye (Dine') Black Mesa Water Coalition on fossil fuel energy development on the Navajo Nation; Faith Gemmill (Gwichin Alaska), REDOIL, oil drilling at the top of the Earth.

9:30-12:00 and 2:00-4:30 On-Going Demonstration/Training Projects

1. Straw Bale Wall (House) and Earth Plaster Construction - Pennelys Goodshield (Anishinaabe), Sustainable Nations Development Project
2. Solar and Wind Power, Jeff Tobe Solar Energy International and John Shimek (Anishinaabe Youth)

12:30-2:00 Lunch Break

2:00-4:00 Small Circles

1. Campaigning on Energy Issues (Part 1) – Strategies and Solutions with communities impacted by energy and climate policies and development.
2. Direct Action Training Part 1 with IP3 – Ruckus trainers
3. Corporate Campaign Development: Trainer, Miho Kim, Data Center, Oakland, California
4. Toxic Waste Burners and Gasifiers: Trainer, Bradley Angel, Greenaction
5. Youth Activity: Traditional Foods and Plants Walking Tour

4:00-4:30 Afternoon Break – Music Stage

4:30-6:30 Small Circles

1. Campaigning on Energy Issues (Part 2) – Strategies and Solutions with communities impacted by energy and climate policies and development
2. Direct Action Training (Part 2): IPs Ruckus Society Trainers

3. Healing Our Bodies of Contaminant: Renee Gurneau (Red Lake Anishinaabe)
4. Youth Activity: Making Dream Catchers

6:30 Evening Meal

6:45 Youth Caucus

8:00 Drum and Dance Celebration – Grand Entry – Participants in Traditional Outfits – Honoring

Late Night Purification Lodge Ceremonies

Day Four – Sunday, July 20th (*FIRE-SUN-SPIRIT*)

[Field trip this morning to Tenabo Mountain (2 hour trip) – People who sign up.]

5:30 Sunrise Ceremony

7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

8:00 Departure to Tenabo Mountain – Field Trip

9:00-9:30 Opening Ceremony (Traditional Teaching - South)

9:30-12:30 Big Circle: Ethno Stress, Internalized Oppression and Healing: Mike Meyers (Mohawk) and Renee Gurneau, (Red Lake Anishinaabe). Taking what we learned and making it work back home in our communities.

12:30-1:30 Lunch Break

1:30-3:30 Big Circle: Strategies for a Sustainable Indigenous Community and World

Original Instructions

- ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Indigenous Based Laws in Environmental Protection - Speaker, Jeanette Wolfley (Shoshone-Bannock), (to be confirmed)
- ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Food Sovereignty - Mike Meyers and Andrea Carmen (Yaqui), International Indian Treaty Council
- ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Next Generation Leadership - Speaker, Evon Peter, Native Movement, Alaska

Statements for Commitment

4:00 Closing Ceremony – Putting the Fire to Rest

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Camp Take-down

6:00 Evening Meal