

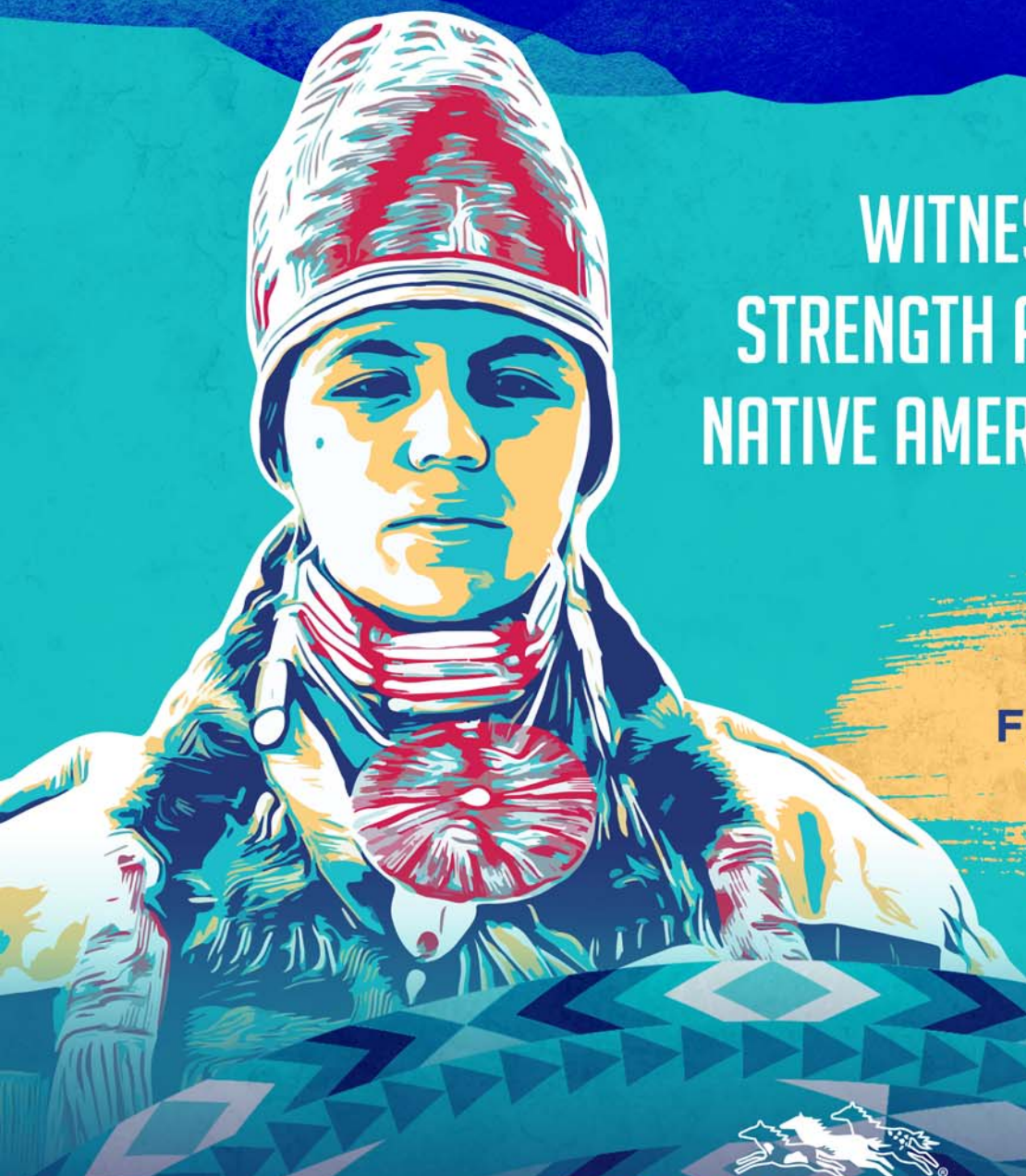
# Power Now



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# WELCOME

On behalf of Wildhorse Resort & Casino and our staff, I would like to welcome you back to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildhorse Pow Wow!

This Pow Wow provides spectators with an opportunity to witness some of Indian Country's finest dancers and drummers.



This amazing event surely presents a challenge to the top dancers and drummers who travel from the western United States and Canada. They compete to become this year's champion.

The success of hosting the Annual Wildhorse Pow Wow rests on the committee, volunteers, the employees of Wildhorse, as well as members of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) and their employees. Without these individuals and their support, this Pow Wow would not be possible. We offer them our special thanks!

We encourage our guests to relax and enjoy the Pow Wow and all that the resort has to offer. I would like to thank everyone for attending this event. Without the support of the competitors and spectators, the 28<sup>th</sup> annual celebration would not be possible.

Sincerely,



**Gary E. George**  
Chief Executive Officer

# SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, JULY 5

- Registration for Dancers and Drum groups opens at 4pm
- Grand Entry 7pm (*Grand Entry points awarded*)
- All dance and drum categories contest
- Honoring Our Veterans Special

## SATURDAY, JULY 6

- Registration for Dancers and Drum groups open at 11am
- Hand Drum Contest 11am
- Grand Entry 1pm (*Grand Entry points awarded*)
- All dance and drum categories contest
- Afternoon Southern Style Special (*Men/Women*)
- Dinner break at approximately 5pm
- Semi-Finals of Hand Drum contest at start of dinner break
- Pow Wow resumes at 7pm, no grand entry, inter-tribal
- Evening War Bonnet Special (*Men/Women*)

## SUNDAY, JULY 7

- Grand Entry 1pm
- Final contest for all Teen/Adult and drum categories
- Hand Drum Finals
- Traditional Youth Special (*13 and under Boys/Girls*)
- Presentation of Prizes, winners receive cash and a custom Champion prize

# CONTEST ORDER

## TINY TOTS (6 years and under)

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY

*Sponsored by the family of Myrna W. Tovey*

## GOLDEN AGE (60 +)

1. Womens Golden Age
2. Mens Golden Age

## JUNIOR CATEGORIES (7-12 years)

*Friday & Saturday only*

- |                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3. Junior Girls Jingle | 6. Junior Boys Fancy        |
| 4. Junior Boys Grass   | 7. Junior Girls Traditional |
| 5. Junior Girls Fancy  | 8. Junior Boys Traditional  |

## TEEN CATEGORIES (13-17 years)

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 9. Teen Girls Jingle | 12. Teen Boys Fancy        |
| 10. Teen Boys Grass  | 13. Teen Girls Traditional |
| 11. Teen Girls Fancy | 14. Teen Boys Traditional  |

## JUNIOR ADULT CATEGORIES (18-39 years)

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 15. Junior Womens Jingle | 18. Junior Mens Fancy         |
| 16. Junior Mens Grass    | 19. Junior Womens Traditional |
| 17. Junior Womens Fancy  | 20. Junior Mens Traditional   |

## SENIOR ADULT CATEGORIES (40-59 years)

- |                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 21. Senior Womens Jingle | 24. Senior Mens Fancy         |
| 22. Senior Mens Grass    | 25. Senior Womens Traditional |
| 23. Senior Womens Fancy  | 26. Senior Mens Traditional   |





# 2023 POW WOW CONTEST WINNERS

## JUNIOR BOYS FANCY (7-12)

4th Johnson Meninick Jr Lenore, ID  
3rd Hoody Walsey Toppenish, WA  
2nd Moses Walsey Toppenish, WA  
1st Jeremiah Wahchumwah Tacoma, WA

## JUNIOR BOYS GRASS (7-12)

4th Rylan Caye Toppenish, WA  
3rd Jayden Walsey Toppenish, WA  
2nd AveryNewHoly+MountainSheep Pocatello, ID  
1st Kenston Chief Island Lake, Sask.

## JUNIOR BOYS TRADITIONAL (7-12)

4th John Moses Yakima, WA  
3rd Jayden Walsey Toppenish, WA  
2nd Darius Walsey Wapato, WA  
1st Seton Powaukee Lapawi, ID

## JUNIOR GIRLS FANCY (7-12)

4th Abi Ford Kordatzky Pendleton, OR  
3rd Emma Eagle Speaker Yelm, WA  
2nd Vera Johnson Salem, OR  
1st Jocelynn Phoenix Los Angeles, CA

## JUNIOR GIRLS JINGLE (7-12)

4th Tiara Price Harrah, WA  
3rd Alexis Payer Goldendale, WA  
2nd Imani Benson Brownstown, WA  
1st Lilyana Johnson Salem, OR

## JUNIOR GIRLS TRADITIONAL (7-12)

4th Hazel Quaempts Pendleton, OR  
3rd Tiara Price Harrah, WA  
2nd Abi Ford-Kordatzky Pendleton, OR  
1st Brees Van Pelt Pendleton, OR

## TEEN BOYS FANCY (13-17)

4th Kaizer Selam Wapato, WA  
3rd Garian McDonald Pendleton, OR  
2nd Julius Phoenix Los Angeles, CA  
1st Apollo Johnson Warm Springs, OR

## TEEN BOYS GRASS (13-17)

4th Michael Bahi Pocatello, ID  
3rd SunHawk Barney Portland, OR  
2nd Elijah Denny Warm Springs, OR  
1st Rising Sun Chief Billings, MT

## TEEN BOYS TRADITIONAL (13-17)

4th Lakoya Honani Flagstaff, AZ  
3rd Sky Smith Pendleton, OR  
2nd Elias Nelson Toppenish, WA  
1st Jayden Esquiro Warm Springs, OR

## TEEN GIRLS FANCY (13-17)

4th Katelyn Tanewasha Warm Springs, OR  
3rd Virgilena Walsey-Begay Satus, WA  
2nd MorningRain Honani Flagstaff, AZ  
1st Claudia Suarez Montgomery Creek, CA

## TEEN GIRLS JINGLE (13-17)

4th MorningRain Honani Flagstaff, AZ  
3rd Jareen Hines Culdesac, ID  
2nd Leona Slimjohn-Smith Lapawi, ID  
1st Jewel Nobel JointBase Lewis McCord, WA

## TEEN GIRLS TRADITIONAL (13-17)

4th Ceara Vera Fort Hall, ID  
3rd Vivian Winter Toppenish, WA  
2nd Allyana Totus Toppenish, WA  
1st Dymond Say Pendleton, OR

## JUNIOR MENS FANCY (18-39)

4th JJ Meninick Sr. Lenore, ID  
3rd Manny Totus Tacoma, WA  
2nd Derrick Wesley Toppenish, WA  
1st Gary Olney White Swan, WA

## JUNIOR MENS GRASS (18-39)

4th Eric Broncheau Pendleton, OR  
3rd Marcos Conteras Seattle, WA  
2nd Jordan Yazzie Tacoma, WA  
1st Gary Villa Warm Springs, OR

## JUNIOR MENS TRADITIONAL (18-39)

4th Jordan Yazzie Tacoma, WA  
3rd Buck Wallahee Toppenish, WA  
2nd Cory Williams White Swan, WA  
1st Saul Jurado Sr. Salem, OR

## JUNIOR WOMENS FANCY (18-39)

4th Summer Dawn Olney Flagstaff, AZ  
3rd Aurelia Johnson Salem, OR  
2nd Keenas Limon Grand Ronde, OR  
1st Arianne Sheka White Swan, WA

## JUNIOR WOMENS JINGLE (18-39)

4th Josephine Penney Tillamook, OR  
3rd Cecillie Rose Butler Siletz, OR  
2nd Arianne Sheka White Swan, WA  
1st Natalie LaFontaine Lynwood, WA

## JUNIOR WOMENS TRADITIONAL (18-39)

4th Lauren Gould Lenore, ID  
3rd Layla Sohappy Pendleton, OR  
2nd Sonja Jim Goldendale, WA  
1st Teata Ellenwood Pendleton, OR

## SENIOR MENS FANCY (40-59)

4th Anthony Smith Lapwai, ID  
3rd Rod Begay Satus, WA  
2nd Douglas Scholfield Mayetta, KS  
1st Gary Smith Granger, WA

## SENIOR MENS GRASS (40-59)

4th William Wesley Toppenish, WA  
3rd Martin Montgomery Gardenville, NV  
2nd Jeremy Barney Portland, OR  
1st Jimmy Olney White Swan, WA

## SENIOR MENS TRADITIONAL (40-59)

4th Francis Dion Boise, ID  
3rd Nakia Williamson Lapwai, ID  
2nd Colin Chief Warm Springs, OR  
1st George Meninick Jr. Toppenish, WA

## SENIOR WOMENS FANCY (40-59)

4th Fern SlimJohn Smith Lapwai, ID  
3rd Cece Walsey-Begay Satus, WA  
2nd Josette Scholfield Mayetta, KS  
1st Denay Honani Flagstaff, AZ

## SENIOR WOMENS JINGLE (40-59)

4th Julie Johnson Salem, OR  
3rd Michelle Jim Sacramento, CA  
2nd Violet Olney White Swan, WA  
1st Bridget EagleSpeaker Yelm, WA

## SENIOR WOMENS TRADITIONAL (40-59)

4th Cece Walsey-Begay Satus, WA  
3rd Zelma Nelson-Walsey Toppenish, WA  
2nd Katrina Miller Pendleton, OR  
1st Violet Olney White Swan, WA

## WOMENS GOLDEN AGE (60+)

4th Audrey Olney White Swan, WA  
3rd Pat Heemsah Toppenish, WA  
2nd Edith Walsey Toppenish, WA  
1st Wilma Buck White Swan, WA

## MENS GOLDEN AGE (60+)

4th John Meninick Lenore, ID  
3rd Les Wahsise Toppenish, WA  
2nd Reggie Walsey Toppenish, WA  
1st Peter Joe Olney White Swan, WA

## PRAIRIE CHICKEN DANCE SPECIAL

3rd Logan Quaempts Pendleton, OR  
2nd Jeremy Barney Portland, OR  
1st Jordan Yazzie Tacoma, WA

## WAR BONNET SPECIAL

3rd Nakia Williamson Lapwai, ID  
2nd Carlos Calica Warm Springs, OR  
1st George Meninick Sr. Toppenish, WA

## COWBOY/COWGIRL COMBINED SPECIAL

3rd Edwina Morning Owl Pendleton, OR  
2nd Arianne Sheka White Swan, WA  
1st Jordan Yazzie Tacoma, WA

## HAND DRUM

3rd Manny Totus Tacoma, WA  
2nd Charles Woods III Pendleton, OR  
1st Hillside Jemez Pueblo, NM

## DRUMMING CONTEST

7th Bright Play Pendleton, OR  
6th 4 Bands Wapato, WA  
5th Eagle Spirit Toppenish, WA  
4th Indian Nation Granger, WA  
3rd Red Hoop Gardenville, NV  
2nd Tha Cree Warm Springs, OR  
1st Sharpshooter St. Paul, MN

**Many Thanks to our  
Wildhorse Pow Wow  
Committee!**

*Juliana Luke,*

*Ernestine Morning Owl,*

*Arlyn Garcia, Dusty Minthorn,*

*Mike Fitzgerald, Thad Jackson,*

*Jacob Cree, Jessica Ellis,*

*Kathy Barkley, Jessica Munoz,*

*Jamie Munoz, Josh Brown,*

*Jordan Dove, Brooke Steidl,*

*Chris Weissenfluh, Junior Van Pelt,*

*and Dawn Aby*



# WELCOME

On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) and everyone at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, we're thrilled to welcome you to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildhorse Pow Wow!



We're honored to share our traditional plateau hospitality with dancers, drummers, judges, spectators, and Pow Wow enthusiasts from across the country. The energy and talent you bring make this event truly special.

Wildhorse Resort & Casino takes great pride in hosting this annual celebration. Our team has been working hard to ensure a fantastic experience for everyone. If you're new to the Pow Wow scene, we're especially excited to have you! We know you'll be amazed by the pageantry of the dancers and the electrifying sounds of the drums.

Beyond the Pow Wow, Wildhorse Resort & Casino offers a world-class resort experience. We encourage you to explore our exciting casino, delicious restaurants, beautiful golf course, convenient RV Park, the Arrowhead Travel Plaza, Hamley Steakhouse and Western Store, and the Tamááststlikt Cultural Institute to learn more about the rich history of the CTUIR.

Whether you're a seasoned Pow Wow attendee or a curious newcomer, we invite you to immerse yourself in the beauty of American Indian culture and traditions. We hope you make lasting memories and enjoy this unforgettable weekend.

Thank you for joining us!

Sincerely,

Gary I. Burke, Chairman  
CTUIR Board of Trustees

# ARENA STAFF



Master of Ceremonies  
**Jerry Meninick**



Master of Ceremonies  
**Fred Hill**  
*Tautaliiks*



Master of Ceremonies  
**Thomas Morning Owl**  
*Kakinash*



Drum Group Coordinator  
**Ernestine Morning Owl**



Whipman  
**Alan Crawford**



Whipwoman  
**Judy Farrow**



Arena Director  
**Jesse "Red Sky" Bevis, Sr.**



Arena Director  
**Kellen Joseph**



Judge Coordinator  
**Kathy Barkley**



# CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. Registration for Dancers and Drummers opens at 4pm on Friday, July 5 and closes at 11pm. Registration opens again at 11am on Saturday and closes at 5pm on Saturday, except for non-contest drummers who register with Drum Coordinator daily.
2. Contestants must have full regalia during Grand Entry. They must wear suitable and appropriate attire for the contest which they are competing.
3. **Contestants are eligible to register in up to two (2) categories and any Dance Special for which they qualify.**
4. If the contestant has any major component of their regalia fall/drop off or falls/drops off during a contest, they are disqualified for that session voluntarily or by Judge/Arena Director. Items not considered major are one bell or one hackle feather. Sportsmanlike conduct is appreciated.
5. Contestants must wear the number issued by the registrar during his/her category. The number(s) must be visible during Grand Entries and to the judges during the contest. Please display number(s) on right side if possible.
6. Contestants observed holding up the Grand Entry procession or leaving the dance arena before flags are posted will not be granted Grand Entry points. Contestants must comply with the directions from the Arena Director and/or Whipman/Whipwoman at all times or may be subject to disqualification from event and/or competition.
7. Points awarded as follows:
  - Grand Entry = 50 points
  - Participation = 20 Points (any dance requested by Arena Director such as Owl Dance)
  - First Place Judged Points = 30 points
  - Second Place Judged Points = 25 points
  - Third Place Judged Points = 20 points
  - Fourth Place Judged Points = 15 points
  - Contest Drums = rated on a scale of 1-10 for Response, Rhythm, Pick-Up, Beat, Singing and Timing
8. The Pow Wow Committee, contest judges or the Arena Director may disqualify contestants suspected of consuming or being under the influence of alcohol/drugs at any time for remainder of that day.
9. The Pow Wow Committee asks that no whistles are blown until after the announcer has stated the contest is over. If blown prior to, contestant is subject to a ten (10) point deduction from point total for each offense.
10. The Pow Wow Committee reserves all rights to alter, suspend, withdraw offer/promotion at any time.

## HOW ARE DANCERS JUDGED?

- Judges look for mastery of the particular style, keeping good time with the song and ending on the last beat of the drum.

# ETIQUETTE

- Show honor and respect at all times but especially during grand entry, when flags are present, and during dance specials. Grand Entry is held at the beginning of the Pow Wow where everyone rises to their feet as flag bearers and arena staff lead a parade of dancers into the arena.
- Listen to the Master of Ceremonies, or emcees, for event information. They will inform you of what is happening and give necessary instructions.
- Do not touch regalia or refer to as “costumes” as often times regalia is considered sacred.
- Do not cross the arena to get to the other side.
- Sit in appropriate areas. Seating closest to arena is reserved for dancers/elders. Grand stands are open to all.
- Ask permission before taking individual dancer photos. Event photos are allowed unless otherwise specified by emcee.
- The Inter-Tribal dance is for all tribes of all nations and ages, this is often a good time for first-time dancers or non-tribal members to participate.
- No drugs, alcohol, firearms or pets.

### **Most importantly, have fun!**

*We hope you enjoy celebrating our culture by participating in and enjoying our Pow Wow.*

## INTERMISSION

### **Saturday • 5pm**

During our two-hour break, we encourage you to visit all the vendors selling unique products and enjoy some authentic Native American frybread!

# SAVE THE DATE

# Pow Wow

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# TRIBAL CHIEFS

## PEO PEO MOX MOX OF THE WALLA WALLA CHIEF DONALD SAMPSON

Donald is the former Chairman and Executive Director of the Umatilla Tribe. Today the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, Walla Walla, and Cayuse carry on the traditional leadership of our people long before the United States and the constitutional government of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, Walla Walla, and Cayuse. Traditionally the Tribes had selected "headmen" or Meyocht, which were often hereditary descendants of former chiefs. Their responsibilities were to care for the wellbeing of the people, to protect and provide for them, to listen to their wishes and be a spokesman on their behalf. In November, 2018 Donald Sampson took the name of his late father Peo Peo Mox Mox (Yellow Bird) who passed away in 2017. He also became the headman of the Wallulapum (Walla Wallas) people. Donald's father, atway Walla Walla Chief Carl Sampson was given his Indian name Peo Peo Mox Mox when he was a young man and he was "stood up" by his elders of the Wallulapum people in 1990 as the Headman.



**Peo-Peo-Mox-Mox**  
(Walla Walla Chief Donald Sampson)

## TUK LU KEY OF THE UMATILLA CHIEF GARY I. BURKE

Chief Gary I. Burke is enrolled Umatilla and resides on the Umatilla Indian Reservation at Springhollow with his wife Kathryn Quaempts Burke. They have six children and ten grandchildren. Gary is the son of the late Chief Wish-Lau-Tu-La-Tin, Raymond T. Burke and Velma Patrick Burke. He descends from grandparents, Isaac B. Patrick and Ada J. Patrick, Richard T. Burke, Sr. and Ester Pond Johnson.

He was a carpenter for 18 years and returned to college and graduated in 1995. Gary is a graduate of Pilot Rock High School where he played basketball and football. He also took part in boxing, traditional war dancing and horsemanship which he learned from his father. He is a strong leader who encourages younger generations to utilize their treaty and traditional rights in light of changing times that brings new responsibilities. He has great respect for the old ways that have been handed down and believes they need to be protected and preserved for the next generations. **"From the North, South, East and West I welcome you all to this year's Wildhorse Pow Wow."**

## WET YAT MUSS TILL LIE LA KOP PIT OF THE UMATILLA CHIEF WILLIAM BURKE

Chief William H. "Bill" Burke is enrolled Umatilla/Walla Walla and resides on the Umatilla Indian Reservation with his wife E. Lavonne. They have six children. His is a grandfather and great grandfather to several wonderful children. His mother is Susie K. Burke, who was enrolled Umatilla. His father is the late Chief Clarence Burke, Kup Luts Ilp Ilp, who was son to Poker Jim.

Bill was enrolled in the US Army and is an honorably discharged Veteran. He was stationed in Alaska and is a retired construction worker. He has taught children in all levels of schooling, Grammar (Elementary) to High School. Bill has volunteered much of this time to the tribal government and served on the Board of Trustees. **"My greatest accomplishment is that I know to enjoy living this day. I hope you can enjoy the Pow Wow in the same way."**



**Wet-Yat-Muss-Till-Lie-La-Kop-Pit**  
(Umatilla Chief William Burke)

# HAND DRUM CONTEST

**Hand Drum Contest begins at 11am on Saturday, July 6** and takes place in the dance arena. Teams of one to three (1-3) singers may compete. We allow one team per person (no drum hopping). Registered teams may participate on Saturday morning. The top four teams sing again at approximately 5pm that day and then in the finals on Sunday afternoon. Teams are open to all ages.

### Prizes are

1<sup>st</sup> - \$800    2<sup>nd</sup> - \$600    3<sup>rd</sup> - \$400

# DRUMMER'S GUIDE

1. Lead singer must register their drum group daily.
2. Each group must have a minimum of five (5) singers.
3. Groups must be ready when called upon and will not be called upon more than twice before moving on to next group.
4. Four starts on a contest song and four starts on an inter-tribal song.
5. Any group suspected of consuming or being under the influence of alcohol/drugs during the Pow Wow will be disqualified for that day and will forfeit day pay.
6. Day pay available to the first twenty (20) drum groups who register prior to each Grand Entry.
7. No drum hopping allowed.
8. Drum roll call is fifteen (15) minutes prior to each Grand Entry.
9. Drum groups must be set up in the location assigned and set up in the same location for each session.
10. Drum groups must follow the direction of Drum Group Coordinator or designee.
11. Please, only drummers allowed in drumming area/tent.

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# DANCE SPECIALS

## FRIDAY - Honoring Our Vets Special

Men/Women, regalia or uniform (no street clothes, please)

Evening session, must pre-register.

1<sup>st</sup> - \$800 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$600 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$400

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION - Southern Style Special

Men/Women

Must pre-register. 1<sup>st</sup> - \$800 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$600 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$400

## SATURDAY EVENING SESSION - War Bonnet Special

Men/Women

Must pre-register. 1<sup>st</sup> - \$800 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$600 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$400

## SUNDAY - Traditional Youth Special

13 and under Boys/Girls

Must pre-register. 1<sup>st</sup> - \$800 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$600 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$400

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

**ERICK SHEOSHIIPS** | CTUIR MEMBER FROM MISSION, OR.



Sergeant First Class Sheoships served in the United States Army for 21 years. His dedication exemplifies the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. Through his multiple years of service, he carried out various assignments both near and far. He is now a highly decorated Veteran with several awards, including five Army Commendation Medals, four Overseas Service Ribbons, and a National Defense Service Medal among many others. Sergeant Sheoships is a local to Mission and now resides in Fountain, Colorado. He has two kids and has been married to his wife for 21 years, her support and understanding helped make his service possible.

Thank you, Erick. We are eternally grateful to you and all tribal Veterans for your outstanding service to our nation.

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