



# WELCOME 2024 NNYG PARTICIPANTS



**WEDNESDAY APRIL 17, 2024**  
**WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM CST  
A Hybrid Event



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# NEBRASKA NATIVE YOUTH GATHERING 2024

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17

## COVER ART

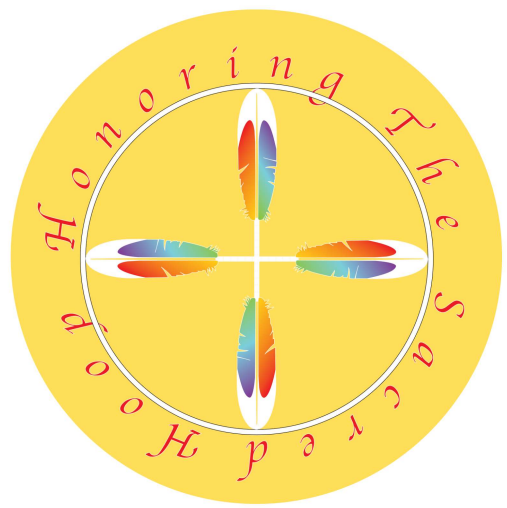


### MICHELLE PARKER

*Michelle Parker*

Michelle is one of the original founding planning team members to conceptualize the Nebraska Native Youth Gathering. She created the art on our program and name tag.

**Love art? We encourage you to design an image or logo for the 2025 NNYG and email it to [jessie.coffey@nebraska.gov](mailto:jessie.coffey@nebraska.gov)**



## EXHIBITORS

*Thanks Exhibitors*

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SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION





# Get-to-know-you Scavenger Hunt

For each of the categories below, find a person at the event who fits the description.

- Introduce yourself before asking the question to a person you do not know.
- Write the person's name on the item that fits them.
- You can only use each person three times. The individual who gets the most matches wins!

1. Was born in April \_\_\_\_\_
2. Is an only child \_\_\_\_\_
3. Loves Pow-wow/Round Dance music \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has been to Gathering of Nations Pow-wow in Albuquerque, NM. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Speaks their indigenous language \_\_\_\_\_
6. Likes to participate in sweat lodge \_\_\_\_\_
7. Likes art \_\_\_\_\_
8. Is from a different ethnic group other than Indigenous \_\_\_\_\_
9. Has 5 or more brothers and sisters \_\_\_\_\_
10. Owns a car \_\_\_\_\_
11. Likes to sing at Pow-wows/Round Dance/NAC \_\_\_\_\_
12. Loves purple \_\_\_\_\_
13. Has gone white water rafting \_\_\_\_\_
14. Plays sports \_\_\_\_\_
15. Likes Mexican food \_\_\_\_\_
16. Dislikes Indian Tacos \_\_\_\_\_
17. Has been to an art museum \_\_\_\_\_
18. Has had braces \_\_\_\_\_
19. Has met a movie star \_\_\_\_\_
20. Was born in the state where you are located \_\_\_\_\_
21. Was born outside the state where you are located \_\_\_\_\_
22. Recycles \_\_\_\_\_



# NNYG MAP

CAREER FAIR LOCATED IN THE PRACTICE GYM

**MAIN GYM FOR ALL  
LARGE GROUP  
SESSIONS**

See Pages 4- 12 for Breakout  
Session Information

Building Entrance- North

**A B C D**

Breakout Sessions  
2nd floor

**Main Gym-**  
All large group sessions & breakout E

Career Fair & Exhibitor Gym

**F G H**

WINNEBAGO

**WELCOME TO WPS!**

- EMERGENCY EXITS
- MAIN HALLWAY
- STAIRS
- NURSES OFFICE
- WATER STATIONS
- RESTROOMS

**NATIVE AMERICAN  
YOUTH GATHERING  
2024**

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# NEBRASKA NATIVE YOUTH GATHERING 2024

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17 AGENDA

**PRAYER &  
WELCOME**

*Main Gym*

*9:30– 10:15*

**PRAYER**

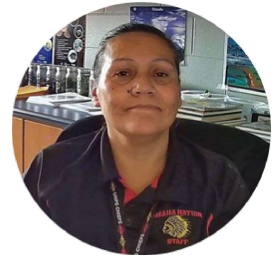
**WELCOME**

*Winnebago Public Schools Staff*

**MEDICINE POUCH PRESENTATION AND BLESSING**

**Delberta Frizer**

Youth will receive a hand-crafted medicine pouch, and learn the cultural significance, uses, care, as well as a blessing for their medicine pouch.



**KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER**

*<https://educationne.zoom.us/j/92955342966>*

*10:15–10:45*

**LIFE LESSONS AND YOU**

*Trey Blackhawk*



Trey Blackhawk is first and foremost a husband and a father to three beautiful children. He graduated from the Little Priest Tribal College and is currently attending the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. A first-generation farmer and college student, Trey sees the need for education and a movement towards being food sovereign. He currently manages the Winnebago Tribe's Farm which specializes in food production. When he isn't farming, you can still find him outdoors enjoying nature around his home with his wife and children. He is an avid outdoorsman who hunts, fishes, and forages.

**TRANSITION  
/BREAK**

*Move to breakout session*

*10:45–10:55*

# NEBRASKA NATIVE YOUTH GATHERING 2024

## BREAKOUT SESSION OPTIONS

CAREER  
SESSIONS

10:55-11:30

### WINNEBAGO YOUTH SHOULD ATTEND THE CAREER FAIR & EXHIBITORS DURING THIS BREAKOUT SESSION

#### TOOLKIT FOR NATIVE ENTREPRENEURS

*Biagio Arobba*

*Room A*

This presentation will cover three types of businesses available to young entrepreneurs: high-growth startups, local circular economy businesses, and Federal contracting. It will also incorporate opportunities specific to tribes and Nebraska-based businesses and go over the steps you can take to get your business started, no matter which path you choose to take.

#### SET FOR SUCCESS: SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING SKILLS

*Lily DeFrank Glantz*

*Room B*

Lily's session will explore Social Emotional Learning Skills and how these skills benefit young people. Discover how these skills can be found in our traditional cultures and values.

#### HOPE SQUADS

*Donna Wolff*

*Room C*

Hope Squad are a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program. Hope Squad members are nominated by their classmates as trustworthy peers and trained by advisors. The program reduces youth suicide through education, training, and peer intervention. I have seen the positive impact our Hope Squad has on the youth population at the school and in the community. Come join me to learn more about what a Hope Squad is and how it can make a huge difference as youth voices are on the front line in your school.



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## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROJECT

*LaTeasha Bass*

*Room D*

The CTE Project provides direct financial assistance to their enrolled students to help them along their educational journey in receiving their certificates/licensure in trade/vocational programs within our partner schools. Youth will gain knowledge on the benefits of our program and understanding the difference between traditional style classes, and hands on learning.

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## ENGAGING YOUTH VOICE IN PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION- CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE MENTAL HEALTH FOR YOUTH

*Mona Zuffante*

Main Gym- Room E

Virtual option:

<https://educationne.zoom.us/j/92955342966>

**Meeting ID:929 5534 2966**

Learn how your voice can be included in public health collaborations in your communities.

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## TRADITIONAL FOODWAYS: HUNTING & GATHERING

*Steve Tamayo*

*Room F*

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## TEACHINGS OF THE CIRCLE

*Echohawk Lefthand- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services*

*Room G*

The presentation will focus on natural law and how wellness flows from within and outwardly through family and communities. Core messages of the presentation embrace the concept of respecting and honoring the fire within which can lead to a holistic balance and lifelong commitment to a healthy life.



# NEBRASKA NATIVE YOUTH GATHERING 2024

MID-DAY  
SESSIONS  
AND LUNCH

11:35 to 12:30

**PARTICIPANTS WILL CYCLE THROUGH THREE STATIONS  
DURING THIS TIME FRAME BY WRISTBAND COLOR**

## 1. CAREER FAIR & EXHIBITORS

*Practice Gym*

Visit the career fair (LPS, OPS, Norfolk, or any youth that will need to leave early).

- Blue wristbands 11:35 to 12:00

**Exhibitors on lunch from 12:30 to 1:15**

## 2. MOCCASIN GAMES

*Oscar Earth and Team- Main Gym*

Learn about traditional games, meet peers, connect with culture, and have fun!

- Green wristbands 11:35 to 11:50
- Orange wristbands 11:55 to 12:10
- Blue wristbands 12:15 to 12:30

## 3. LUNCH

*Follow directions from Winnebago Public Schools staff announcement*

Re-charge with a delicious lunch sponsored by Winnebago Public Schools.

- Orange wristbands 11:35 to 11:50
- Blue wristbands 11:55 to 12:10
- Green wristbands 12:15 to 12:30





# NEBRASKA NATIVE YOUTH GATHERING 2024

YOUTH  
ENGAGEMENT

12:35- 1:10

## YOUTH ACHEIVEMENT SPOTLIGHT

*All Participating Schools*  
*Main gym*

## STEALING BACK OUR WAYS INTERACTIVE SESSION

*Echohawk Lefthand*  
*Main gym*

Join us in he main gym for instructions on how to participate in the activity

CULTURE  
SESSIONS

1:20-1:55

## YOUTH WITH GREEN WRISTBANDS SHOULD ATTEND THE CAREER FAIR & EXHIBITS DURING THIS BREAKOUT SESSION

## FOOD IS MEDICINE: UMO<sup>n</sup>HO<sup>n</sup> NATION HISTORIC MEMORY

*Ricardo Ariza*  
*Room A*

Imagine growing your own food and learning to change your diet. Through a partnership between JAG Nebraska and Umo<sup>n</sup>ho<sup>n</sup> Nation Public School, we have taken successful steps toward our future. This session will provide an overview of how we have created a program to improve food security, develop employment opportunities, promote advancement to higher education, teach employability skills through work-based learning, and provide career exploration. Students earn \$10.00 per hour farming seven acres of Tribal land, organizing farmer's markets, and learning life skills.

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## CULTURE SESSIONS

1:20-1:55

### TRADITIONAL TOBACCO USE- KEEPING IT SACRED

*Mr and Mrs Snowball*  
Room B



### TEACHING OF SAKSANNIC'A DRESS- MAKING RIBBON SKIRTS

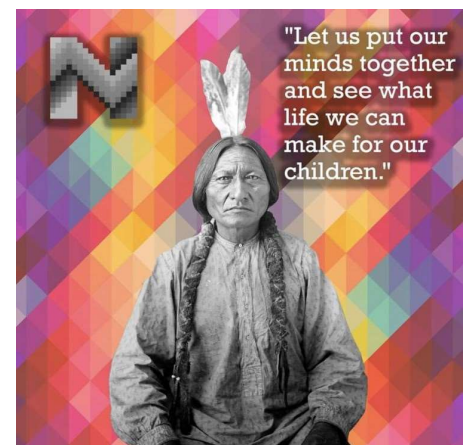
*Donna Pike*  
Room C

I will be speaking about the Saksannic'a (ribbon skirt/dress). I first took an interest in sewing at a young age, as I got older I wanted to make ribbon skirts and had my c'uwe (older sister teach me). Youth will learn a little about the history of the saksannic'a and they will be instructed and have that information on how to make one of their own.

### CULTURE IS PREVENTION

*Nichole Benegas*  
Room D

Join this session to learn how culture is a strong suicide prevention tool, learn about community connections and traditional practices, and develop programming that is culturally relevant that provides protective resources for Native American/Indigenous youth and their families.



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CULTURE  
SESSIONS

1:20-1:55

## TRADITIONAL TOBACCO USE- KEEPING IT SACRED

*Kenneth R Provost  
Room E- Main Gym*

**Virtual Option:**

<https://educationne.zoom.us/j/92955342966>

**Meeting ID:929 5534 2966**



Kenny will highlight his work as a cultural coordinator bringing cultural awareness and sensitivity to indigenous youth and young adults, teaching them how to walk with a Nike sneaker on one foot and a moccasin on the other foot (how to succeed in colonized spaces by preserving ancient traditions). Kenny is focused on the wellbeing of Native American youth. His goal is healthy and cultivated Native American adults.

## KEEPING IT REAL: THE LOWDOWN ON STI'S

*Tipi Means, Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board/Epidemiology Center  
Room F*

Join this session to learn about the importance of safe sex to prevent sexually transmitted disease.

## MY STORY: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

*Sandy "Macky" Scott  
Room G*

Join this session to learn how culture is a strong suicide prevention tool, learn about community connection and traditional practices, and developing programming that is culturally relevant and provide protective resources for Native American/Indigenous youth.

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## EVALUATION REMINDER

*Nebraska Department of Education Staff*

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE EVENT EVALUATIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A VARIETY OF PRIZES WORTH \$25 IN VALUE. SCAN TO COMPLETE THE EVALUATION ON YOUR PHONE OR USE THE PAPER COPIES ON YOUR TABLE.**

## CLOSING KEYNOTE

2:00-2:30



## NEW BREED SINGERS & ROUND DANCE

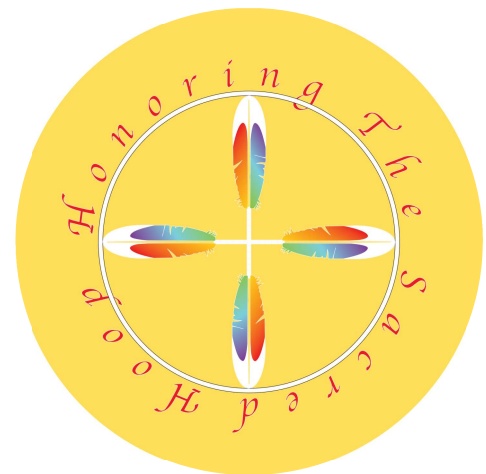
*Oscar Earth and Group*

Learn about the power of traditional drum groups and the cultural connections that are created between relatives near and far with music, song, and dance.

## WRAP UP

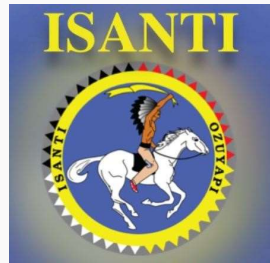
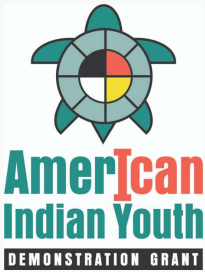
2:30

**BE SAFE AND UNTIL NEXT  
YEAR...  
HONOR THE SACRED HOOP-  
BODY, SPIRIT, HEART, AND  
MIND.**



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