



5TH ANNUAL



SOUTH OF THE RIVER POW WOW

SATURDAY MAY 21, 2022, BURNSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

MC: Jerry Dearly

Arena Director: Chaske LeBlanc

**Head Dancers: Shane Mitchell, Mahpiya Mousseau,
Sheyenne Menyard, Elizabeth Francis**

Drum: Little Earth, Midnight Express, LCO, Southern Boyz

Agenda

10 – 12:30pm Lacrosse Clinic with Twin Cities Native Lacrosse (Football Field)

11 – 12:30pm Dancer Registration Opens

1:00pm Grand Entry

2:00pm Student Recognition for Art Contest & Graduation Honoring

3:00pm Jr/Teen Boys Woodland Special

3:30pm Old Style Jingle Special

4:00pm SOTR Royalty Contest

4:30 – 5:30pm FREE Feast – Trickster Tacos

6:00pm Jackie Bird Performance

7:00pm Grand Entry

*MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED BUT OPTIONAL



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WHAT IS A POWWOW?

Pow Wows are organized by committees that work for weeks before the event. At the Pow Wow, the MC and Arena Director run the event. The MC works with the Arena Director to keep the Pow Wow organized and running smoothly. These two individuals along with the committee work hard to bring the people together to dance and fellowship together in the circle.

The Powwow begin with the Grand Entry. This is the entry of all the dancers entering the arena. During the Grand Entry, everyone is asked to stand as the flags are brought into the arena. The flags carried generally include the U.S. Flag, Tribal Flags, the POW Flag, and Eagle Staffs of various Native Nations present. These are usually carried by veterans.

Following the veterans are other important guests of the powwow including Tribal Chiefs, Royalty and invited guests. Next in line are the men dancers: traditional, fancy & grass dancers. The men are followed by the women dancers: traditional, fancy and jingle dancers. Last are the youth dancers. Once everyone is in the arena, the song ends and a song is sung to honor the flags and the veterans. After a prayer, the dancing resumes, intertribal dancing songs are sung and everyone is invited to dance.

Credit: powwows.com

INTERTRIBAL DANCE

Everyone is welcome to dance in the Intertribal Dance. It is not so much a particular type of dance, as it is a dance in which everyone can participate. You don't need to be in regalia. You can dance in your street clothes.

POW WOW PRINCESS/BRAVE CONTESTS (Royalty Contest)

Royalty Contests allow young ladies and gentlemen to represent their tribes, communities or cultural groups. They are judged on their knowledge of culture & customs, communication skills, poise and some sort of cultural talent. Winners are usually given an honored place at the powwow, as well as considerable respect in their schools and communities.

DROPPED EAGLE FEATHER

During the Eagle Feather Ceremony, regardless of the tradition in which it is being performed, spectators should stand and remove their hats. Picture taking, with still or video cameras, is not permitted. To most Native Americans the eagle feather is sacred. So, when a feather falls from a dancer's outfit, the powwow must stop and a special ceremony must be performed.

POWWOW DO'S AND DON'TS

- It is permissible to take pictures during much of the powwow. If you are not sure, always ask, since taking pictures of some activities is not allowed.
- Be careful about getting out on the floor unless invited to do so. Although there are special times when the audience is invited to participate, there are certain activities in which only registered contestants are allowed to participate.
- Check out the vendor stands, food trucks, arts and crafts displays. Powwows use rental money from these activities to help defray the cost of the powwow. Your participation is always appreciated.
- You need to be patient when the events do not start exactly at the time that is indicated in the program. It is sometimes difficult to get all the powwow people and activities synchronized to all begin at the same time.

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