

“THANKS” Volunteers

The 1983 Nesika Illahee Pow Wow turned out to be a great success. The attendance exceeded the previous year Pow Wows by far. The buffalo and salmon dinners were appreciated and delicious. There is so much hard work that goes on to put together a three day Pow Wow. This three day event cost the Tribe \$10,796.45; the Committee received \$4,000.00 from Revenue Sharing and Pow Wow trust and Pow Wow income made up the difference. The cost of a three day Pow Wow is a lot, not only in money, but in man hours. The Committee was so busy before, during, and after all the events that we missed a lot of it. We truly apologize to our families for not being home. We thank them for being so understanding. Getting involved in something like this can be very rewarding. The Pow Wow Committee would like to take this time to thank the many people who participated in the Pow Wow this year: the Security Guards worked very hard and long hours; the Kitchen Help which were 80% volunteered by Tribal and non-Tribal members; the Clean-up crews which picked up trash until the late morning hours, and many other people volunteered their time and energy and we wish we had the space to mention every one of you. Please remember we did appreciate your help. Without wonderful people like you we would not be able to put this Pow Wow together. The sweat, blood and tears we all gave made it all worthwhile, although at times we did wonder if we would make it. When our feet hurt so bad from being on them for hours on end, when we didn't stop to eat, when tempers got short, but you bit your tongue, when you were so tired, anything funny got hysterical, when some of your family or friends from out of town came to see you and all you could say was "catch you later", and later all you had time to say was "goodbye, call you next week". When your back hurt so bad all you wanted to do was go home to your "mother", but she's not talking to you now because you told her, "catch you later". Your husband still isn't talking to you a week later, because you didn't even see him to tell him "catch you later"! You gave 100% of yourself, your family sacrificed, your friends stood by you and it all becomes memories — the good out-weigh the bad. Was it worth it? Yes, when people, Tribal and non-Tribal gave you a handshake, a pat on the back, or a big smile and thank you. So we — Kristi Martin, Shirley Strickler, Judy John and Sharon Butler — the Pow Wow Committee say thank you again to everyone who supported us and stood by us through thick and thin.



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