

Indian Country photographers: A national contest

A national photography contest, sponsored by the National Indian Gaming Association, Coca-Cola and SODAK Gaming is underway. Below is a listing of the different categories in which photographers can enter their works. An overall Grand Prize of \$2,500 will be awarded, in addition to the 1st Place and Runner-up awards in each category.

"Our Treaty Rights Fulfilled"

Indian gaming provides revenue for community infrastructure such as schools, health clinics, Elder care facilities, roads, water treatment plants and most importantly proper homes for our people.

1st Place: \$1,000
Runner-up: \$500

"Our Traditions Are Strong"

We are proud of our Nation and keep sacred the ways of our Elders.

1st Place: \$1,000
Runner-up: \$500

"Our Children Are Proud"

Our sovereign rights are hard won; we do this for the next generations.

1st Place: \$1,000
Runner-up: \$500

"Our Nation is Whole"

Indian gaming brings our people home to support our economic success.

1st Prize: \$1,000
Runner-up: \$500

Call the National Indian Gaming Association at (202) 546-7711 for an entry kit or go to the website at www.indiangaming.org for contest information. The entry deadline is March 1, 1999.

Grand Ronde Veterans' Royalty requirements

In addition to Grand Ronde Royalty, girls may also apply to be involved in the Veterans' Royalty. The Veterans' Royalty also appears at the Grand Ronde pow-wow, other Grand Ronde tribal events, and travel to different veterans' events, pow-wows, and cultural gatherings that the Color Guard also attend. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in a Royalty Court for the upcoming year, now is the time to start thinking about it. Royalty Court is an excellent chance for young members to represent their Tribe with pride and dignity. It is an obligation which requires a lot of time and commitment, but it's also a tremendous honor. Girls cannot participate in both the Veterans' Royalty and the Grand Ronde Royalty, so please choose the Royalty Court you are most interested in.

All interested girls must be able to meet the following guidelines in order to be eligible for the Veterans' Royalty Court:

- Girls must be enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde.
- Participants should have never been married and have no children.
- All girls must be enrolled in and currently attending a public or private school.
- All girls participating must be drug and alcohol free.
- They must have one year pow-wow experience.
- They must have their own regalia, or be able to make their own regalia before the application deadline. Participants must be willing and able to attend all Veterans' events, and be prepared to represent the Veterans and the Tribe.
- Must have a parent or sponsor willing to participate and attend activities with the girls and/or provide transportation.
- Royalty Court participants and their parent/sponsor must attend all required events (pow-wows, parades, fund-raisers, organizational meetings and others). Absences can be prearranged with the Royalty Com-

mittee Advisor. Three unexcused absences will result in disqualification from Royalty Court. Please note that all participants receive 1 point for every event. Royalty Court participants are expected to stay for the duration of the events. This includes helping setup for events such as meetings and parades, as well as dancing during Grand Entry and staying until the flags are retired unless pre-approved with the Royalty Advisor. Participants are expected to speak in front of large groups of people. Royalty Court participants must be willing and able to dance. *Remember: You are all part of a team and are expected to treat yourselves, running mates, and others with respect at all times.*

■ As of July 9, 1999 girls must be 9 to 13 years of age for **Junior Queen**; and 14 to 18 years of age for **Senior Queen**.

■ Entries must be received by **Tuesday, March 2, 1999**.

■ A mandatory meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2 at the Natural Resource Building.

Please call Marce or Sharon Norwest at (503) 879-5878 or 879-2387 for more information about Veterans' Royalty.

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

Please call phone numbers listed to verify exact dates and locations of these events to be held in Oregon, Washington, California, and Idaho. *Smoke Signals* has no further information on these events.

TBA = TO BE ANNOUNCED

FEB. 18-20: WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. Toppenish Longhouse. **TOPPENISH, WA.** (509) 865-5121, ext. 408.

FEB. 20: CHEMAWA BIRTHDAY POW-WOW. Chemawa Indian School. **SAL-LEM, OR.** (503) 399-5721.

FEB. 27: STANLEY PURSER POW-WOW. Port Gamble Tribal Center. (Little Boston) **PORT GAMBLE, WA.** Contact: Ellen Price at (360) 297-6646.

MAR. 6: NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROJECT POW-WOW. Irvington High School. **FREMONT, CA.** Contact: Gino Barichello at (510) 252-0575.

MAR. 12-13: ELDERS DAY DINNER. **TOPPENISH, WA.** (509) 865-5121, ext. 408 or (509) 865-7570.

MAR. 12-14: E-PEH-TES POW-WOW. **LAPWAI, ID.** (208) 843-2253.

MAR. 13: MUCKLESHOOT MINI POW-WOW. Muckleshoot Tribal School. **AU-BURN, WA.** Contact: Walter Pacheco at (253) 939-3311, ext. 153.

MAR. 13-14: SPEELYI MI ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR. Cultural Heritage Winter Lodge. **TOPPENISH, WA.** (509) 865-5121, ext. 408.

MAR. 24-27: YAKAMA NATION ALL-INDIAN MEN'S INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT. Wapato High School Gymnasium. **WAPATO, WA.** (509) 865-5121, ext. 408.



SPIRIT MOUNTAIN STAMPEDE

June 19 and 20

Contact: Ed Larsen at 879-2300 or
April Campbell at 879-3704

GRAND RONDE VETERANS' POW-WOW

July 9, 10, and 11

Contact: Marce or Sharon Norwest at 879-5878

GRAND RONDE ANNUAL POW-WOW

August 20, 21, and 22

Contact: Dana Leno at 879-2037

— OFFICIAL APPLICATION —

GRAND RONDE VETERANS' ROYALTY

Name: _____

Roll #: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____

Parents: _____

Sponsor: _____

Mail to: Marce Norwest

28000 Andy Riggs Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

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