

INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (IEN)

15th PROTECTING MOTHER EARTH CONFERENCE

Sponsored by IEN and Hosted by

WESTERN SHOSHONE DEFENSE PROJECT

July 17-20, 2008

“Answering Mother Earth’s Call for Healing –Reaffirming Our Roots”

AGENDA

Camp Set-Up – Tuesday and Wednesday, July 15-16th

Day One – Thursday, July 17th (LAND)

5:30 Sunrise Ceremony – Lighting of the Sacred Fire

7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

9:00 Opening Ceremony of the Conference

Prayer

Grand Entry of Indigenous Participants

Welcome by IEN/WSDP leadership

Western Shoshone Traditional Leadership, Local Tribal Officials

10:00 Big Circle: Western Shoshone History of the Struggle

Raymond Yowell, Former Chief, Western Shoshone National Council (WSNC)

Carrie Dann, Western Shoshone Grandmother and WSNC

Mary McCloud, Western Shoshone Grandmother and WSDP Board Member

12:30-2:00 Lunch Break

2:00 Big Circle: History of the Indigenous Struggle of Turtle Island and Presentations on Original Instructions, Traditional Systems, Traditional Economies and Trade Routes

- Oren Lyons (*Onondaga Nation*), Faithkeeper of the Turtle Clan, Six Nations
- Louise Benally (*Dine'*), Traditional Dineh Sovereignty Nation Big Mountain, Struggle to Define Mother Earth
- Miguel Palacin, General Coordinator, CAOI (Association of Andean Indigenous Peoples' Organizations), Peru, South America
- Arthur Manual (*Secwepemc Nation*) Indigenous Network on Economics and Trade, Canada

4:30-6:30 Big Circle: History of Colonial Laws against Indigenous Peoples, Doctrine of Discovery

- Steven Newcomb (*Shawnee/Lenape*), Indigenous Law Institute/Columnist Indian Country Today, recently released book: “Pagans in the Promised Lands”.

- Tupac Enrique Acosta (*Xicano Peoples*), Tonatierra Institute and Tlahtokan Aztlan, speaking on the Confederacy of the Eagle and the Condor, liberation from colonial boundaries.
- Andrea Carmen (*Yaqui*), International Indian Treaty Council, speaking on the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

6:30 Evening Meal

6:45 Youth Orientation and Caucus Meeting

8:00 - Performer (Robby Romero (*Apache*)/Trinidad Goodshield (*Lakota*))

9:00 - Traditional Round Dance

Purification Ceremonies available in the evening

Day Two – Friday, July 18th (AIR)

5:30 Sunrise Ceremony

7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

9:00-9:30 Opening Ceremony (Traditional Teaching - North)

9:30-12:30 Big Circle: Indigenous Struggles on Extractive Industry: Mining the Sources of Life - Voices from the North and South - Moderated by Robert Shimek (*Anishinaabe*).

Speakers: Carrie Dann (*Western Shoshone*), WSDP; Samuel McKay, (*Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwu*) (Big Trout Lake) First Nations, Ontario, Canada; Gonzalo Guzmán Demetrio, Natural Resources Secretary, Ecuadorian Federation (ECUARUNARI) & CAOI (Association of Andean Indigenous Peoples' Organizations), Ecuador, South America; Charmaine Whiteface (*Lakota*), Defenders of the Black Hills, South Dakota (*invited*) and others TBA.

9:30-12:00 and 2:00-4:30 On-Going Demonstration/Training Projects

1. Composting Toilet Construction - Pennelys Goodshield (*Anishinaabe*), Sustainable Nations Development Project
2. Solar and Wind Power, Jeff Tobe Solar Energy International and John Shimek (*Anishinaabe Youth*), Honor The Earth organization and White Earth Land Recovery Project

12:30-2:00 Lunch Break

2:00-4:00 Small Circles (Workshops)

1. Water Healing and Protection with Virginia Sanchez (*Duckwater Shoshone*), Rick Spilsbury, (*Ely Shoshone*) and Felicia Bertin

2. Mineral Extraction – Strategies and Solutions (Part 1) for communities impacted by mining and mineral extraction
3. Beginning Steps in Organizing 101 (Part 1) - Trainers: Indigenous Peoples Project (IP3) - Ruckus Society
4. Climate Change 101 and Solutions: Trainers, Jihan Gearon (Dine') and Kandi Mossett (*Mandan, Arikira, Hidatsa*), IEN
5. Using CERD as a Human Rights Tool to Address our Issues with Alberto Saldamando (*Chicano/Zapoteca*), International Indian Treaty Council and Julie Fishel, WSDP
6. Youth Activity: Elder and youth discussion on history and spirituality
7. Traditional Food and Plant Discussion led by *Shoshone* elder

4:00-4:30 Afternoon Break – Music Stage

4:30-6:30 Small Circles (Workshops)

1. Mineral Extraction – Strategies and Solutions (Part 2) for communities impacted by mining and mineral extraction.
2. Organizing 101 (Part 2): IP3 Ruckus Society Trainers
3. Wisdom and knowledge of traditional teachings, understanding spirituality and mythology, with Walter Porter (*Tlingit*) mythologist
4. Toxics Policy: The Need for Aggressive Action, with Shawna Larson (*Ahtna Athabaskan/Sugpiaq*), Alaska Community Action on Toxics and IEN/REDOIL and Andrea Carmen (*Yaqui*), International Indian Treaty Council
5. Youth Activity: Archery
6. Traditional Food and Plants Discussion (*led by Shoshone elder*)

6:30 Evening Meal

6:45 Youth Caucus

8:00 Talent Show – Performances from the Struggle

Purification Ceremonies in the evening

Day Three – Saturday, July 19th (WATER)

5:30 Sunrise Ceremony & Water Ceremony

7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

9:00-9:30 Opening Ceremony (Traditional Teaching - East)

9:30-12:30 Big Circle: Energy Road of Destruction and Climate Change
 Moderated by Clayton Thomas-Muller (*Mathias Colomb Cree*), Canada, Speakers: Ian Zabarte (*Western Shoshone*), on Yucca Mountain, a proposed site for radioactive nuclear waste; Radley Davis (*Pitt River*) on geothermal energy; Casey Camp (*Ponca*)

on oil refinery; George Poitras (*Mikisew Cree*) on tar sands in Alberta Canada; Loren White Jr. (*Hidatsa*) on oil drilling and proposed refinery in North Dakota; Elouise Brown (*Dine'*), Dooda Desert Rock; Enei Begaye (*Dine' / Tohono O'Odham*) Black Mesa Water Coalition on fossil fuel energy development on the Navajo Nation; Faith Gemmill (*Gwichin Alaska*), REDOIL, oil drilling at the top of the Earth.

9:30-12:00 and 2:00-4:30 On-Going Demonstration/Training Projects

1. Straw Bale Wall (House) and Earth Plaster Construction - Pennelys Goodshield (*Anishinaabe*), Sustainable Nations Development Project
2. Solar and Wind Power, Jeff Tobe Solar Energy International and John Shimek (*Anishinaabe Youth*), White Earth Land Recovery Project and Honor The Earth organization

12:30-2:00 Lunch Break

2:00-4:00 Small Circles

1. Campaigning on Energy Issues (Part 1) – Strategies and Solutions with communities impacted by energy and climate policies and development.
2. Direct Action Training Part 1 with IP3 – Ruckus trainers
3. Corporate Campaign Development: Trainer, Miho Kim, Data Center, Oakland, California
4. Toxic Waste Burners and Gasifiers: Trainer, Bradley Angel, Greenaction
5. Youth Activity: Traditional Foods and Plants Walking Tour
6. Cultural Resources Research and Reporting for Environmental Assessments: Monique Sonoquie (*Chumash/Apache*). Ian Zabarte (*Western Shoshone*), WSNC and Micheal Nixon (*Seneca*)
7. Indigenous Sustainable Economies: Arthur Manual (*Secwepemc Nation*) Indigenous Network on Economics and Trade, Canada and others TBA

4:00-4:30 Afternoon Break – Music Stage

4:30-6:30 Small Circles

1. Campaigning on Energy Issues (Part 2) – Strategies and Solutions with communities impacted by energy and climate policies and development
2. Direct Action Training (Part 2): IPs Ruckus Society Trainers
3. Well-Being: Healing Our Mind and Bodies of Contaminants: Renee Gurneau (*Red Lake Anishinaabe*), Kathleen Tsosie (*Dine'*) and Jeanne Shenandoah, traditional midwife, (*Onondaga*)
4. Indigenous-Centered Education: Nurturing the Next Generation of Indigenous Leadership with Deb Harry (Paiute), Emerging Indigenous Leaders Institute
5. Youth Activity: Making Dream Catchers

6:30 Evening Meal

6:45 Youth Caucus

8:00 Drum and Dance Celebration – Grand Entry – Participants in Traditional Outfits – Honoring

Late Night Purification Lodge Ceremonies

Day Four – Sunday, July 20th (FIRE-SUN-SPIRIT)

[Field trip this morning to a mining impact zone. (Approximately 2 hour round trip) – People who sign up.]

5:30 Sunrise Ceremony

7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

8:00 Departure on Field Trip

9:00-9:30 Opening Ceremony (Traditional Teaching - South)

9:30-12:30 Big Circle: Ethno Stress, Internalized Oppression and Healing: Renee Gurneau, (*Red Lake Anishinaabe*) and Dr. Eduardo Duran (*invited*), co-writer of the publication, "Native American Postcolonial Psychology.

12:30-1:30 Lunch Break

1:30-3:30 Big Circle: Strategies for a Sustainable Indigenous Community and World Original Instructions

- Indigenous Based Laws in Environmental Protection - Speaker, TBA
- Food Sovereignty - Speaker, TBA
- Next Generation Leadership - Speaker, Evon Peter (*Gwichin*), Native Movement, Alaska

Statements for Commitment

4:00 Closing Ceremony – Putting the Fire to Rest

Camp Take-down

6:00 Evening Meal