



YOUTH AGENDA



Disclaimer this is a draft agenda. All times and titles are subject to change in the final agenda

Sunday, June 12

9:00 – 12:00 **Field Trip to Anchorage Museum: Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center**

Students will be led on a tour of the museum and its collections. All costs included in registration.

We will be walking from the Dena'ina Center to the Museum. It is approximately .03 miles. We will depart from the main lobby of the Dena'ina Center at 9:15 a.m.

4:00 – 6:00 **Meet and Greet**

The NCAI Youth Commission will host a welcome event. Come meet other Native youth from across Indian Country and get an overview of the Conference. All youth in attendance are invited.

Monday, June 13

7:30 – 9:00 **Movement as Medicine: Obstacle Course**

In this session, we will have a variety of presenters from health, sports, and wellness organizations leading participants through a series of movement activities. Please dress in comfortable clothing that will allow movement, wear closed toe shoes, and bring a water bottle.

Free Breakfast to follow, provided by Nike N7 (Dena'ina Center in NCAI Youth Room, 3rd Floor, Ballroom A).

9:00 – 11:30 (Pre-Conference) **Voice Your Vote: A Training to Engage and Change Your Nation in 2022 and Beyond**

In this session, we will have a workshop to provide a walk-through on how individuals and organizations can prepare a Get-Out-the-Vote (GOTV) plan of action for their communities. Participants will engage in discussion about election protection, how to become a poll worker, and successfully increase voter registration and participation in various local, county, state, and general elections. At the completion of the workshop, all participants will receive a GOTV toolkit to utilize in their respective community.

Facilitator: Saundra Mitrovich

Speaker(s): Alaska GOTV

This workshop is free and open to the public. All participants will be provided lunch following this workshop.

11:35 – 12:35 **Helping our Communities through Data**

This session is for AI/AN students interested in research careers and how research and data inform policy for Indian Country. The Policy Research Center and AI/AN researchers will discuss their career paths and answer questions from the audience about AI/AN research.

Speaker(s): Research Team at Southcentral Foundation in Anchorage

11:30 – 1:00 Let's Get Coding Luncheon

In this working lunch session, the NCAI IT team will discuss how to get started coding in a virtual environment, run a live coding session introducing the JavaScript framework, Nextjs, and show you how to join us by contributing to a project on NCAI's Github repository.

Speaker(s): Paul Beccio and Doug Powless, NCAI IT Team

12:30 – 3:00 Concurrent Task Force & Work Groups – Select a Session of Interest

Refer to the Main Agenda.

3:15 – 4:15 Mental Health and Indigenous Healing

This session will center around a question and answer session with Yaari Walker on her 2014 book, *Behind the Dark Walls*. Written for those who have struggled with confounding traumas such as those that Yaari has lived through and showing that things do indeed get better. This book follows Yaari's journey of healing and resilience.

Speaker(s): Yaari Walker

4:20 – 5:00 Health and Indigenous Healing Resource Panel

This session provides resources that implement traditional connection, as well as resources in the local region.

Speaker(s): Jackie Engebretson, Behavioral Health Department, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; Angela Michaud, Cook Inlet Tribal Council; Amy Carlough, Aleutian Pribilof Island Association; Brian Walker, World Eskimo Indian Olympics

5:00 – 7:00 Mascots Documentary Screening

Monday evening screening of 'Fighting Indians' documentary; runtime of 1:57:35, in addition to a panel discussion on tribal sovereignty as it relates to Native representation in public schools and popular culture.

7:15 – 7:30 Youth Commission Daily Recap

At the end of each day, all youth will participate in an activity to reflect on knowledge gathered at sessions attended.

Moderator(s): NCAI Youth Commission.

Tuesday, June 14

8:00 – 8:20 Youth Morning Gathering

Get prepared for the day and say good morning to other Youth Attendees.

8:30 – 12:00 First General Assembly

Refer to the Main Agenda.

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch/Marketplace Entertainment

1:45 – 3:00 Environmental Conservation and the Tongass National Forest

This session is a discussion with Native projects and discuss how Native youth can effectively use political activism as an effective means to advocate for our Tribes, homelands, and sovereignty.

Speaker(s): Marina Anderson

6:10 – 6:25 Youth Commission Daily Recap

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Wednesday, June 15

6:45 Morning Ceremony

Refer to Main Agenda.

8:00 – 8:20 Youth Morning Gathering

Ask questions about yesterday's agenda and discuss the upcoming day.

8:30 – 12:00 Second General Assembly

Refer to the Main Agenda.

12:00 – 1:20 Networking Luncheon for Youth

The Youth Commission will be hosting a lunch with team building, networking, and Movement as Medicine exercises.

1:25 – 2:25 Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Select a Session of Interest

Refer to the Main Agenda.

4:00 – 5:00 Decolonizing Data in Alaska

Data for Indigenous Justice is an Indigenous womxn led non-profit that reclaims missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) data in Alaska. This session will engage youth and attendees on the practices of data reclamation, data systems advocacy, and healing centered community work.

Presenter(s): Charlene Aqpik Apok and Maka Monture Paki from Native Movement

5:10 – 6:15 Setting the Table Film Screening

Setting the Table was created to activate the public and increase public comments during the most recent Alaska Roadless Rule Public Comment Period. Opening dialogue around sustainable economy that shifts extractive methods to create regeneration.

Thursday, June 16

12:00 – 12:20 Youth Conference Wrap-Up

In this final gathering, all youth will debrief their experience from the conference and discuss community action items as part of their next steps.

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