



**NCAI's 2023 Mid Year Convention & Marketplace**  
**Full Agenda — Subject to Change**  
*Updated: June 3, 2023*

| <p align="center"><b>Sunday</b><br/><b>June 4, 2023</b></p> |   |  |
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| <p align="center"><b>TIME</b><br/>(CDT)</p>                 | <p align="center"><b>EVENT</b></p>  | <p align="center"><b>LOCATION</b></p>          |
| <p>7:30 a.m. -<br/>4:00 p.m.</p>                            | <p><b>NCAI Golf Tournament</b><br/> <i>Hosted by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community at the Meadows, on site at the Mystic Lake Casino Hotel and Center complex, the 2023 Mid Year Golf Tournament features a 4-Person Team Scramble format with five placement trophies and prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive to be awarded. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m., tournament play starts at 9:00 a.m. and concludes with an awards reception scheduled from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Separate registration is required; registration includes food and beverages, along with a deluxe swag backpack and other prizes.</i></p> <p>Registration: <a href="https://golfersofalltribes.com/event-registration">https://golfersofalltribes.com/event-registration</a></p> | <p>The Meadows</p>                             |
| <p>9:00 a.m. -<br/>5:00 p.m.</p>                            | <p><b>VAWA Task Force</b><br/> <i>The Task Force on Violence Against Women (VAWA) serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against American Indian and Alaska Native women. Today task force members will highlight tribal programs that prevent and address violence against women in Indian Country, examine national and international violence against women policy work, and coordinate efforts to strengthen future reauthorizations of the Violence Against Women Act.</i></p>   | <p>Isanti 1<br/>Closed to Press</p>            |
| <p>10:00 a.m. -<br/>2:00 p.m.</p>                           | <p><b>Prairie Island Indian Community Buffalo Tour</b><br/> <i>Join us for the Prairie Island Dakota Tribe's Buffalo Tour. Tour via the specially created flatbed truck that will safely drive into the pasture that is owned and managed by the Tribe for a view from the middle of the herd. Learn about the significance of the buffalo to the Dakota Tribe.</i></p> <p><i>Drive time is one hour with a two-hour tour. Limited to the</i></p>   | <p>Prairie Island<br/>Indian<br/>Community</p> |



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|                                  | <p><i>first 40 who sign-up at the INFO Desk. All tour buses/shuttles will be located in the Mystic Lake Events Center's North bus entrance at the North Parking lot.</i></p>   |  |
| <p>1:00 p.m. -<br/>3:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Owámniyomni and Wíta Wanáǵi (St. Anthony Falls) Tour</b><br/> <i>The Falls Initiative is transforming Owámniyomni (St. Anthony Falls) to create a place of healing, restoration, learning, and connection at the site of the Upper Lock on the Central Riverfront of Minneapolis. This session will include a visit to Owámniyomni and Wíta Wanáǵi (Spirit Island)—sites heavily desecrated and transformed through colonization and industrialization. We'll discuss The Falls Initiative's Native-led process and consider: What is this place and how did it come to be what we see today? What don't we see today? How did these truths shape The Falls Initiative and the approach currently underway?</i></p> <p><i>Drive time is 35 minutes with a two-hour tour. Limited to 30 registrants with Eventbrite registration tickets, see INFO Desk. All tour buses/shuttles will be located in the Mystic Lake Events Center's North bus entrance at the North Parking lot.</i></p> <p><i>Registration:</i><br/> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/visit-to-owamniyomni-and-wita-wanagi-tickets-630110947807">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/visit-to-owamniyomni-and-wita-wanagi-tickets-630110947807</a></p> | <p>Owámniyomni and Wíta Wanáǵi (St. Anthony Falls)</p> |
| <p>1:00 p.m. -<br/>2:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community</b> will host a tour to learn about their environmental projects: Organics Recycling Facility and Water Reclamation Facility.</p> <p><i>Limited to first 14 to meet the tour bus located in the Mystic Lake Events Center's North bus entrance at the North Parking lot.</i></p> <p><i>*A second tour will run from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</i></p>  | <p>SMSC Property</p>                                   |
| <p>1:00 p.m. -<br/>2:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Youth Session</b><br/> <b>Lily Joy Winder: Environmental Justice</b></p>   | <p>Winona</p>  |
| <p>2:30 p.m. -</p>               | <p><b>Youth Culture Camp</b></p>   | <p>Hotel Lobby</p>                                     |

| 5:00 p.m.                      |   | Fireplace                                   |
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| <b>Monday<br/>June 5, 2023</b> |   |   |
| <b>TIME<br/>(CDT)</b>          | <b>EVENT</b>  | <b>LOCATION</b>                             |
| 7:00 a.m. -<br>7:30 a.m.       | <b>Morning Sunrise Gathering</b>  | Patio                                       |
| 7:30 a.m. -<br>8:30 a.m.       | <b>Continental Breakfast</b>  | Pre-Function/<br>Lobby                      |
| 7:30 a.m. -<br>5:00 p.m.       | <b>Registration Open<br/>Rules &amp; Credentials Open</b>   | Chaske                                      |
| 8:00 a.m. -<br>5:00 p.m.       | <b>Youth Sessions</b>   |   |
|                                | 8:30 a.m. -<br>12:00 p.m.   | 1st General Assembly                        |
|                                | 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:15 p.m.  | Resolutions 101                             |
|                                | 2:15 p.m. -<br>3:00 p.m.  | UN Global Solutions with Native Voices      |
|                                | 4:00 p.m. -<br>5:00 p.m.  | Paris Wise: ICT Producer — <i>Tentative</i> |
|                                | 7:00 p.m. -<br>7:45 p.m.  | Youth Reception<br>(at Marketplace Opening) |
| 8:30 a.m. -<br>12:00 p.m.      | <b>1st General Assembly</b>   | <b>Minnetonka<br/>Ballroom</b>              |
| 8:30                           | <b>Procession and Call to Order</b><br>Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i>        |   |
| 8:40                           | <b>Invocation</b><br>Leonard Wabasha, <i>Director of Cultural Resources, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community</i> |   |



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| 8:45  | <p><b>Honoring of Head Councilman Joe Garcia</b><br/> <i>J. Michael Chavarria, Governor, Pueblo of Santa Clara</i></p>   |  |
| 8:55  | <p><b>Welcome from the Local Planning Committee</b><br/> <i>Rebecca Crooks-Stratton, Secretary/Treasurer, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community</i></p> <p><i>Shelley Buck, Vice President, Prairie Island Indian Community</i></p>   |  |
| 9:00  | <p><b>Rules of the Convention</b><br/> <i>Rules and Credentials Committee</i></p> <p><b>Approval of the Agenda</b><br/> <i>Fawn Sharp, President, National Congress of American Indians</i></p> <p><b>Resolutions Committee Report</b><br/> <i>Resolutions Committee</i></p>                   |  |
| 9:10  | <p><b>President’s Report</b><br/> <i>Fawn Sharp, President, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>  |  |
| 9:25  | <p><b>Executive Director’s Report</b><br/> <i>Larry Wright, Jr., Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>   |  |
| 9:40  | <p><b>U.S. Senate Update</b><br/> <i>Amy Klobuchar, U.S. Senator (MN) — Video remarks</i></p> <p><i>Tina Smith, U.S. Senator (MN)</i></p>  |  |
| 9:55  | <p><b>Veterans Administration Update</b><br/> <i>Peter Vicaire, Tribal Government Relations Specialist for the Central Region, Department of Veterans Affairs</i></p>  |  |
| 10:30 | <p><b>Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Update</b><br/> <i>Brian Schatz, U.S. Senator (HI) &amp; Chairman, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs — Video remarks</i></p> <p><i>Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator (AK) &amp; Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs — Video Remarks</i></p> |  |



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|                                    | <p>Jennifer Romero, <i>Majority Staff Director and Chief Counsel, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs</i></p> <p>Amber Ebarb, <i>Minority Staff Director, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs</i></p>  |                       |
| 10:55                              | <p><b>Department of the Treasury Update</b><br/> Marilynn Malerba, <i>U.S. Treasurer</i></p>   |                       |
| 11:10                              | <p><b>Department of the Interior Update</b><br/> Bryan Newland, <i>Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs</i></p>  |                       |
| 11:45                              | <p><b>Update on Leonard Peltier’s Clemency Efforts</b><br/> Judge Kevin H. Sharp, <i>Co-Vice Chairman, Sanford, Heisler, Sharp, LLP</i></p>  |                       |
| 11:55                              | <p><b>Closing Remarks</b><br/> Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>   |                       |
| 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.             | <p><b>Lunch Speaker Series — Day One</b><br/> <i>Join us for a buffet lunch and a presentation from a special guest speaker. Lunch is free to all registered attendees.</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretary Deb Haaland, Department of the Interior</li> <li>Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, State of Minnesota</li> </ul> | Minnetonka Ballroom   |
| <b>Regional Caucuses — Day One</b> |  |                       |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.              | <b>Alaska Region</b>   | Minnetonka Ballroom   |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.              | <b>Eastern Oklahoma Region</b>   | Mahkato               |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.              | <b>Great Plains Region</b>   | Meet Outside Showroom |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.              | <b>Midwest Region</b>  | Shakopee Room         |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.              | <b>Northeast Region</b>  | Owatonna 2            |



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| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m.   | <b>Northwest Region</b>   | Isanti 1   |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m.   | <b>Pacific Region</b>   | Owatonna 3 |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m.   | <b>Rocky Mountain Region</b>  | Anoka 1    |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m.   | <b>Southeast Region</b>   | Isanti 2   |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m.   | <b>Southern Plains Region</b>   | Anoka 2    |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m.   | <b>Southwest Region</b>   | Owatonna 1 |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m.   | <b>Western Region</b>   | Isanti 3   |
| 2:30 p.m. -<br>3:00 p.m.   | <b>BREAK*</b><br><br><i>*Note: ACF Consultation begins at 2:30 p.m., see below.</i>   |            |
| 3:00 p.m. -<br>9:00 p.m.   | <b>Marketplace Open</b>   | Waconia    |
| <b>Concurrent Sessions</b><br><i>Please note that Concurrent Sessions marked with an asterisks (*) are open to the public and do <u>not</u> require registration for NCAI's Mid Year Convention.</i><br><br><i>Additionally, while NCAI assists in the coordination of Concurrent Sessions, NCAI is not involved in the specific subject matter covered in these sessions.</i> |   |            |
| 2:30 p.m. -<br>5:00 p.m.   | <p><b>*Tribal Consultation: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)</b></p> <p><i>ACF will host an annual Tribal consultation in recognition of the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian Tribes. ACF leadership is looking forward to engaging in meaningful dialogue with Tribal leaders to improve programs and services offered by the Administration for Children and Families. Please visit</i></p> | Isanti 1   |

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|                                  | <p><a href="http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ana/news/2023-acf-tribal-consultation">www.acf.hhs.gov/ana/news/2023-acf-tribal-consultation</a> for registration and agenda information. The meeting is open, and pre-registration is preferred, but not required.</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January Contreras, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families</li> <li>• Patrice H. Kunesh, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans</li> <li>• Loni Greninger, Vice Chair, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Tribal Moderator</li> </ul>  |                 |
| <p>3:00 p.m. -<br/>4:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>USDA Informational Session</b></p> <p><i>Join USDA Rural Development (RD) in this session to learn about a portfolio of programs that can address your housing, economic development, energy, and infrastructure related priorities. Participants will receive an overview of RD’s housing, water, environmental, community facilities, broadband, energy, business, and economic development programs. Additional information will be shared about four new energy programs funded through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). These new programs will fund activities that support long-term resiliency and innovative methods to expand reliable clean energy, which will transform rural power production, create jobs, and spur economic growth in rural America. The new Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Processing Grant Program will also be featured.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Josiah Griffin, Policy Advisor for Economic Development &amp; Food Systems, USDA Office of Tribal Relations</li> <li>• Colleen Landkamer, State Director, USDA Rural Development-Minnesota</li> <li>• Chris McLean, Assistant Administrator, Electric Programs, Rural Utilities Service, USDA Rural Development</li> <li>• Lacy Stephens, Agricultural Marketing Specialist for USDA Agricultural Marketing Service will</li> </ul> | <p>Isanti 2</p> |



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| <p>3:00 p.m. -<br/>4:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Microgrid Energy Servers for Energy Sovereignty, Cost Savings, and Decarbonization on Tribal Lands</b></p> <p><i>The reliance of Tribal Nations on a dated, unreliable, and unsustainable electrical grid impedes their ability to serve and protect their communities and to make progress in preserving the health of their land through decarbonization efforts. As the climate changes, extreme hot and cold temperatures are adding stress to the grid and exacerbating pollution, while major weather events are increasing the frequency and severity of power outages that can devastate vulnerable rural communities. In this session, attendees will learn that, by generating their own electricity through microgrid energy servers, Tribal Nations can become independent of an outdated external power source and polluting back-up diesel generators, provide highly-reliable energy to their communities, save or even make money, and shrink their carbon footprint. This is a pathway to meaningful energy sovereignty.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer Colosimo, <i>Midi Enterprises, LLC</i></li> <li>• Blair Gallagher, <i>Midi Enterprises, LLC</i></li> <li>• David Baugh, <i>Bloom Energy, Corp.</i></li> </ul> | <p>Isanti 3</p>   |
| <p>3:00 p.m. -<br/>4:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>New Opportunities for Tribal Tax Parity in the New Republican-Controlled Congress</b></p> <p><i>Join us for a discussion on tribal tax parity that will focus on opportunities to move Tribal Nation priorities forward in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives. Topics will include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Administration and tax treatment of tribal general welfare programs and payments;</i></li> <li>• <i>Tribal Treasury Advisory Committee (TTAC) General Welfare Program Regulations;</i></li> <li>• <i>Tribal tax-exempt bonds;</i></li> <li>• <i>Tribal pension plans;</i></li> <li>• <i>Adoption tax credits for tribal courts, and to continue other tribal tax credits; and</i></li> <li>• <i>Treasury guidance on tribally chartered corporations.</i></li> </ul>   | <p>Owatonna 1</p> |



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|                                  | <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sam Cohen, <i>Government Affairs and Legal Officer, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians</i></li> <li>• Scott Dacey, <i>Managing Partner, PACE LLP</i></li> <li>• Peter Larson, <i>Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP</i></li> <li>• Telly Meier, <i>Attorney, Hobbs Straus Dean and Walker</i></li> </ul>  |                   |
| <p>3:00 p.m. -<br/>4:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b><i>HIMDAG: An Indigenous Community Rebrands Its Schools and Shows Progress</i></b></p> <p><i>Learn how the Tohono O'odham community has transformed its school environment and climate by embracing Native values, customs, traditions, history, and language. The combination of a Three-Year Plan—designed to turn the district around has clarified goals, expectations, and best practices—and efforts to embrace the value of culture and original language, has resulted in increases in reading, math, attendance, and a dual language program in O'odham. Participants will walk away with a blueprint of our plan, our data, and information from our panel that will provide you with ideas, directions, and points of comparison for your own district.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katherine Vance, <i>Board Member, Baboquivari Unified School District (BUSD)</i></li> <li>• Anamarie Stevens, <i>Board Member, BUSD</i></li> <li>• Ruben Diaz, <i>Superintendent, BUSD</i></li> <li>• Margie Juan, <i>Teacher, BUSD</i></li> <li>• Tanya Suydam, <i>Principal, BUSD</i></li> </ul> | <p>Owatonna 2</p> |
| <p>3:00 p.m. -<br/>4:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>2023 Farm Bill Reauthorization</b></p> <p><i>The 2023 reauthorization of the U.S. Farm Bill presents a key legislative opportunity to address Native food, forestry, conservation, energy, and rural development needs in the 118th Congress. Bipartisan staff from the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will provide an overview and discuss key areas of opportunity for including Native priorities in the Bill. Staff will be available to receive comments and recommendations to help guide the</i></p>  | <p>Owatonna 3</p> |



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|                                  | <p><i>Committee's ongoing work.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer Romero, <i>Majority Staff Director and Chief Counsel</i></li> <li>• Amber Ebarb, <i>Minority Staff Director</i></li> <li>• Breann Nu'uhiwa, <i>Majority Deputy Staff Director</i></li> </ul>   |                |
| <p>3:00 p.m. -<br/>4:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b><i>Apache Stronghold v. United States: Environmental Impacts</i></b></p> <p><i>The Apache Stronghold is currently in a lawsuit against the United States government to protect their ancestral homelands of Chi'chil bildagoteel (Oak Flat) located in southeast Arizona, from the foreign mining corporation Resolution Copper. This court case impacts Indigenous peoples' inherit rights to the land, the water and the freedom of religion. We are fighting to protect Mother Earth for future generations to come.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Lian BigHorse, MBGPH, Ph.D., <i>Circles of Care Project Director, San Carlos Wellness Center</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Wendsler Nosie Sr., <i>Former Tribal Chairman, San Carlos Apache Tribe and Leader of the Apache Stronghold</i></li> <li>• Vanessa Nosie, <i>Archaeology-Aide, San Carlos Apache Tribe Archaeology Department and Tribal Historic Preservation Office</i></li> <li>• Naelyn Pike, <i>Executive Assistant, Office of the San Carlos Apache Tribal Chairman</i></li> </ul> | <p>Anoka 1</p> |
| <p>3:00 p.m. -<br/>4:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b><i>Ensuring that Natives Count</i></b></p> <p><i>Federal surveys, including Census Bureau surveys like the decennial count and the ongoing American Community Survey, play a vital role in securing resources for American Indians and Alaska Natives. Federal agencies use data from those surveys to identify the amount of funding for a wide</i></p>  | <p>Anoka 2</p> |



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|   | <p>range of tribal programs including housing, health care, education, and social services. Unfortunately, American Indians and Alaska Natives who live on tribal lands were reported to have experienced an undercount of 5.64 percent, the highest of any population group in the 2020 Census. This breakout session offers an update on efforts undertaken by Native organizations to improve the accuracy of census and other federal survey data. It will include a discussion of proposed changes to the federal standards for identifying “American Indians and Alaska Natives,” balancing privacy protections against the need for accurate data, and initiatives undertaken to address the continuing undercounts of urban Natives and those living on tribal lands. The breakout session will provide information on how you can get involved with the census working group and help preparations as we begin to get ready for the 2030 Census and make sure that Natives Count.</p> |                   |
| <p>4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p>  | <p><b>Meeting for NCAI Committee &amp; Subcommittee Chairs</b><br/> <i>This meeting will be hosted by the Resolutions Committee and is intended <u>only</u> for Committee and Subcommittee Chairs to orient them on the resolutions that have been submitted and how the meetings will take place over the course of the week.</i></p>   | <p>Anoka 2</p>    |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Concurrent Sessions</b></p> <p><i>Please note that Concurrent Sessions marked with an asterisks (*) are open to the public and do <u>not</u> require registration for NCAI’s Mid Year Convention.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, while NCAI assists in the coordination of Concurrent Sessions, NCAI is not involved in the specific subject matter covered in these sessions.</i></p> |  |                   |
| <p>5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>  | <p><b>*Listening Session: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding and Technical Assistance for Rural/Tribal Communities at U.S. Department of Transportation</b></p> <p><i>The Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) Initiative works to address disparities in rural and tribal transportation infrastructure by developing user-friendly tools and information, aggregating USDOT resources, and providing technical assistance. The ROUTES Initiative is also working on EV charging for rural/tribal communities and will be publishing an update to our toolkit,</i></p>  | <p>Owatonna 3</p> |



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|                                  | <p><i>the Rural EV Infrastructure Toolkit before this conference. This Rural EV toolkit is the main focus for this presentation/listening session.</i></p> <p><i>In addition to the Rural EV toolkit, our session will include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Introduction to the ROUTES Initiative</i></li> <li>• <i>The Rural Grant Applicant Toolkit</i></li> <li>• <i>Discussion of BIL/IIJA USDOT Funding Opportunities (with a focus on tribal specific funding programs)</i></li> <li>• <i>USDOT Navigator Technical Assistance</i></li> <li>• <i>Tribal-specific technical assistance and contacts</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Alex Clegg, Transportation Specialist, U.S. DOT</i></li> <li>• <i>Misty Klann, Transportation Specialist, U.S. DOT</i></li> </ul>  |                 |
| <p>5:00 p.m. -<br/>6:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>*Listening Session: Department of the Interior’s Office of Strategic Partnerships and Native Americans in Philanthropy Update and Listening Session</b></p> <p><i>The Department of the Interior (DOI) and Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) will provide a follow-up to NCAI’s 2022 Mid Year Convention’s Public &amp; Private Partnerships Listening Session, updates to NAP’s Conservation Pledge and Funding Collaborative &amp; Tribal Nation’s Listening Session National Findings and will seek input from tribal leaders on the best way to support Tribal Nations in the areas of language revitalization and economic development.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Estakio Beltran, Partnership Advisor, NAP</i></li> <li>• <i>Joel Moffett, Director of Environmental &amp; Special Projects, NAP</i></li> <li>• <i>Kelly Dennis, Partnership Strategist, NAP</i></li> <li>• <i>Rachel Brown, Senior Advisor, Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management, and Budget, DOI</i></li> </ul> | <p>Isanti 2</p> |
| <p>5:00 p.m. -<br/>6:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Briefings on Federal Rulemaking for Protections on Public Lands: Mature and Old Growth Forests and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern</b></p>  | <p>Isanti 3</p> |

*In 2022, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) adopted resolutions requesting that the Department of Agriculture and Department of the Interior initiate a rulemaking process to conserve mature and old-growth forests and trees on ancestral land managed by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Both resolutions urged the protection of mature and old-growth federal forests and trees from avoidable logging, subject to limited exceptions. Both recognized the overriding importance of these forests and trees to traditional ways of life, the extraordinary carbon storage and sequestration role they play, their central position in fighting the climate crisis that threatens tribal communities, their widespread loss since colonization and settlement, and the continuing threat to these forests and trees from forest management activities approved by USFS and BLM. On May 21, 2023, the USFS issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) focused on “climate resilience.” The ANPR contains a series of questions and issues about which the agency solicits feedback, including how to best retain and expand mature and old-growth forests and trees. In this session, we will discuss how we can support Tribal Nations interested in providing comments to the agencies, particularly on mature forest and tree protection.*

*Update on the “Conservation and Landscape Health Rule,” which is intended to better balance conservation with other uses on BLM lands and establishes a framework for managing lands to ensure balanced decision-making. The draft rule clarifies that conservation is a “use” within the Federal Land Policy Management Act’s (FLPMA’s) “multiple use” framework and revises existing regulations to better meet the requirement that BLM prioritizes designating and protecting Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) where special management is required to protect important lands. In addition, the rule creates a new series of tools to promote ecosystem resilience that includes conservation leasing and compensatory mitigation. The draft rule allows Tribal Nations to provide comments on how BLM provides effective stewardship in the face of the twin challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss and is a generational*



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|                                  | <p><i>opportunity to improve how the largest land manager in the nation addresses conservation, restoration, and resilience.</i></p> <p><i>Both comment periods close on June 20, 2023.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eddie Sherman, <i>Against the Current Consulting</i></li> <li>• Garrett Rose, <i>Natural Resources Defense Council</i></li> <li>• Chairman Eugene Paul, <i>Bering Sea Interior Tribal Commission — Tentative</i></li> </ul>   |                   |
| <p>5:00 p.m. -<br/>6:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Introduction to StrongHearts Native Helpline: Taking a Native-Centered Approach to Victims Advocacy When Addressing Domestic and Sexual Violence</b></p> <p><i>StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 safe, confidential, and anonymous domestic and sexual violence helpline for American Indians and Alaska Natives, offering culturally appropriate support and advocacy. In this session, panelists will cover:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What it means to be Native-centered, empowerment-based, and trauma-informed</i></li> <li>• <i>Services offered by the helpline</i></li> <li>• <i>Overview of available data and accomplishments</i></li> <li>• <i>Spreading Awareness: Media packets and promotional items</i></li> <li>• <i>How you can help to end DV/SV</i></li> <li>• <i>Q&amp;A</i></li> </ul> | <p>Owatonna 1</p> |
| <p>5:00 p.m. -<br/>6:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Indigenous Dementia Data Sovereignty: Introducing Initiatives on Dementia Data and Tribal Nations</b></p> <p><i>Join our session to learn about a draft policy and recommendations from a working group of Nativescholars committed to data sovereignty in the context of Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia (ADRD) national datasets, specifically data sets where tribal affiliation is unknown. Participants will receive an overview of the working policy and the set of guidelines for researchers seeking to use ADRD data collected from AI/AN populations. This session will provide opportunities for feedback, input, and comments from</i></p>  | <p>Owatonna 2</p> |

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|                                  | <p><i>Tribal leaders about ADRD research happening in Indian Country. This ongoing work centers Indigenous rights to define research participation, appropriate engagement of community, control of data collected and methods of housing, rights to publication definitions, and supports Indigenous capacity building.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Lauren McLester-Davis (<i>Oneida Nation of Wisconsin</i>), <i>Neuroscientist, Tulane University</i></li> <li>• Dr. JordanP. Lewis (<i>Aleut, Naive Village of Naknek</i>), <i>Associate Director, Memory Keepers Medical Discovery Team on Health Disparities, University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth Campus</i></li> </ul>  |                 |
| <p>5:00 p.m. -<br/>6:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Cybersecurity and Your Small Business</b></p> <p><i>Cybersecurity is an important issue for businesses of all sizes. In this workshop, Grow with Google will introduce the basics of online security and how it applies to your business and customers. You'll learn ways you can identify common digital threats and steps you can take to protect your business.</i></p>  | <p>Isanti 1</p> |
| <p>5:00 p.m. -<br/>6:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Reducing Flood Risk through a National Levee Safety Program</b></p> <p><i>Join representatives from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to hear about the development of a new National Levee Safety Program that will help reduce flood risk to communities living behind levees. Flooding can have lasting, negative impacts on tribal communities in particular—significantly affecting plants, animals, and historic and culturally significant resources. Attendees will learn about and provide feedback on the key components of the National Levee Safety Program, potential resources that will support program implementation, and what tribal involvement in the program might look like. USACE representatives are eager to learn about how best to identify and engage tribal nations that would be most interested in levee safety topics.</i></p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> | <p>Anoka 1</p>  |



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa Morales, <i>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Senior Tribal Liaison and Tribal Nations Program Manager</i></li> <li>• Jennifer Laux, <i>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lead Communications Analyst</i></li> </ul>  |                |
| <p>5:00 p.m. -<br/>6:30 p.m.</p>       | <p><b>*SBA Tribal Listening Session on Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)</b></p> <p><i>The Small Business Administration (SBA) seeks tribal and Native entrepreneur input on proposed revisions to the Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) Program regulations. The draft revisions seek to modernize the SBDC’s regulations to deliver business development services more efficiently and effectively to underserved communities in Indian Country. Among other proposals, SBA is considering alternative service-delivery models, as well as partnerships or co-locating service providers with Native Institutions to expand access to business development services in Indian Country. SBA is seeking comments and input on these approaches. The SBA also welcomes comments on other approaches to improve access to SBDC Program Services in Native communities.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bruce Purdy, <i>Associate Administrator, Office of Small Business Development Centers, SBA</i></li> <li>• John Klein, <i>Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, SBA</i></li> </ul> | <p>Anoka 2</p> |
| <p>7:00 p.m. -<br/>9:00 p.m.</p>       | <p><b>Welcome Reception (Marketplace Open)</b></p> <p><i>The National Congress of American Indians welcomes you to the 2023 Mid Year Convention &amp; Marketplace. To begin our event focused on environmental sustainability, the evening spotlight will focus on messages shared by the Youth Council. Entertainment to be provided by MCI. Make time to walk through the Marketplace and visit our vendors.</i></p>  | <p>Waconia</p> |
| <p><b>Tuesday<br/>June 6, 2023</b></p> |   |                |





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| 6:30 a.m. -<br>7:30 a.m.   | <b>Health Walk</b><br><i>Co-sponsored by Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center (GLITEC) and NCAI's Movement is Medicine Program, this event is an opportunity to enjoy a beautiful morning walk following the designated golf cart path of The Meadows Golf Course. Participants will sign up outside the Golf Proshop and receive t-shirts. This will be a "rain or shine" event, a light grab-and-go-breakfast will give you time to come join us!</i> | Meadows   |                            |                      |
| 7:30 a.m. -<br>8:30 a.m.   | <b>Continental Breakfast</b>  | Pre-Function/<br>Lobby  |                            |                      |
| 7:45 a.m. -<br>8:30 a.m.   | <b>New Member Orientation</b>   | Anoka 1   |                            |                      |
| 7:30 a.m. -<br>5:00 p.m.   | <b>Registration Open</b><br><b>Rules &amp; Credentials Open</b>   | Chaske  |                            |                      |
| 8:00 a.m. -<br>5:00 p.m.   | <b>Youth Sessions</b>   | Winona  |                            |                      |
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|                               | <p><i>network; and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How to answer the common interview question “tell me about yourself” to make a strong first impression.</i></li> </ul>   |                            |
|                               | <p>4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>College Prep</p>  |                            |
| <b>8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>2nd General Assembly</b>   | <b>Minnetonka Ballroom</b> |
| 8:30                          | <p><b>Call to Order</b><br/> Mark Macarro, <i>First Vice President, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>   |                            |
| 8:35                          | <p><b>Invocation</b><br/> Margo Prescott, <i>Curatorial Assistant, Hočokata Ti, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community</i></p>  |                            |
| 8:40                          | <p><b>International Climate Issues and Indigenous Peoples</b><br/> <i>A round table discussion examining the impacts of climate change on Indigenous peoples across the globe and how Indigenous peoples are responding. Join us for a conversation featuring Indigenous leaders, federal officials, and principals from international conservation and climate action organizations that will look at climate change from a global perspective and will consider the critical role Indigenous peoples are playing and will continue to play in healing our planet.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keith Harper, <i>Member, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</i></li> <li>• Anthony Morgan Rodman, <i>Executive Director for the White House Council on Native American Affairs, Department of the Interior</i></li> </ul> |                            |



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|  | <i>Additional panelists forthcoming.</i>   |            |
| 9:30   | <b>NCAI Update on Offshore Wind Energy</b><br>Lance Gumbs, <i>Regional Vice President—Northeast Region, National Congress of American Indians</i>  |            |
| 9:45   | <b>NCAI Youth Commission Update</b><br>Charli Earth, <i>Co-Vice President, NCAI Youth Commission</i><br><br>Sharon Bassette, <i>Public Relations Representative, NCAI Youth Commission</i>   |            |
| 9:55   | <b>Closing Remarks</b><br>Mark Macarro, <i>First Vice President, National Congress of American Indians</i>   |            |
| 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  | <b>Marketplace Open</b>  | Waconia    |
| 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  | <b>BREAK</b>   |            |
| <b>Task Forces</b>   |  |            |
| <i>Attendance at Task Force meetings does <u>not</u> require registration for NCAI's Mid Year Convention. Please note that additional Task Force meetings are taking place on Wednesday, June 7th, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. See Wednesday's agenda for more information.</i> |  |            |
| 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  | <b>Climate Action Task Force</b><br><i>The working mission of the Climate Action Task Force is to document, inform, and support the climate action efforts of Tribal Nations and native organizations, and identify and advocate for policies and funding designed to empower their ability to engage in effective, sustainable climate action. This task force meeting will provide an overview of administrative and congressional updates to improve and expand federal support for tribal climate actions.</i> | Isanti 2   |
| 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  | <b>Federal Recognition Task Force</b><br><i>The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all Tribal Nations, both federally and non-federally recognized, regarding changes to the tribal acknowledgement process.</i>   | Isanti 3   |
| 10:30 a.m. -   | <b>Native Languages Task Force</b>   | Owatonna 1 |



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| <p>12:00 p.m.</p>              | <p><i>Developments in Native languages have taken place at the tribal, state, and federal policy levels. Tribal Nations are taking innovative approaches to revitalizing their languages, and states are adopting Native languages as official state languages. This is an open session of the Native Languages Task Force to discuss Native American language protection and revitalization from tribal leaders' perspectives.</i></p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b> The Native Languages Task Force will be a time to honor and celebrate the life of its long-time co-chair, Joe Garcia, who Indian Country lost on May 11, 2023. All are welcome to attend and pay their respects</p> |                            |
| <p>10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Tax and Finance Task Force</b><br/> <i>Tax revenue is essential to help build healthy rural and regional economies. Join the NCAI Tax and Finance Task Force for an open meeting to discuss work in the fields of tax and finance in Indian Country. This Task Force has been charged with advancing tribal priorities on legislative and administrative tax and finance policy, developing solutions to dual taxation, facilitating tribal engagement with the U.S. Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee (TTAC), and sharing information regarding tribal-state tax agreements.</i></p>  | <p>Owatonna 2</p>          |
| <p>10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Transportation Task Force</b><br/> <i>The NCAI-Inter-tribal Transportation Association (ITA) Joint Transportation Task Force is focused on building a unified advocacy approach to tribal transportation development and legislative reauthorization to promote safety and prosperity in tribal communities and to ensure the United States upholds its government-to-government relationship with Tribal Nations.</i></p>  | <p>Owatonna 3</p>          |
| <p>10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Joint IGA-NCAI Task Force</b><br/> <i>The Indian Gaming Association-NCAI Task Force was reinstated this year to discuss the current legal threats to tribal sovereignty and formulate responses to defend against continued attacks on sovereignty, particularly in the courts.</i></p>   | <p>Anoka 1</p>             |
| <p>12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.</p>  | <p><b>Lunch Speaker Series — Day Two</b><br/> <i>Join us for a buffet lunch and a presentation from a special guest speaker. Lunch is free to all registered attendees.</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p>   | <p>Minnetonka Ballroom</p> |



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|                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patrice Kunesh, <i>Commissioner, Administration for Native American Affairs (ANA)</i></li> <li>• Elizabeth Carr, <i>Tribal Advisor to the Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)</i></li> </ul> |                     |
|                          | <b>Regional Caucuses — Day Two</b>  |                     |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m. | <b>Alaska Region</b>  | Minnetonka Ballroom |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m. | <b>Eastern Oklahoma Region</b>  | Mahkato             |
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| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m. | <b>Northeast Region</b>   | Owatonna 2          |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m. | <b>Northwest Region</b>   | Isanti 1            |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m. | <b>Pacific Region</b>   | Owatonna 3          |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m. | <b>Rocky Mountain Region</b>  | Anoka 1             |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m. | <b>Southeast Region</b>   | Isanti 2            |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m. | <b>Southern Plains Region</b>   | Anoka 2             |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m. | <b>Southwest Region</b>   | Owatonna 1          |
| 1:30 p.m. -<br>2:30 p.m. | <b>Western Region</b>   | Isanti 3            |
| 2:30 p.m. -              | <b>BREAK</b>  |                     |



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| 3:00 p.m.   |  |            |
| <b>NCAI Subcommittee Meetings</b><br><i>All NCAI Subcommittees are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, June 6th, but due to a limited number of rooms, the exact times / rooms for each subcommittee may change contingent on the number of resolutions being addressed in each subcommittee.</i> |  |            |
| 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.   | <b>Elders Subcommittee</b>   | Isanti 1   |
| 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.   | <b>Human, Religious, and Cultural Concerns Subcommittee</b><br><b>Jurisdiction &amp; Tribal Government Subcommittee</b><br><b>Public Safety &amp; Justice Subcommittee</b> | Isanti 2   |
| 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.   | <b>Energy &amp; Mineral Policy Subcommittee</b><br><b>Environmental Protection &amp; Land Use Subcommittee</b><br><b>Natural Resources &amp; Agriculture Subcommittee</b>  | Isanti 3   |
| 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.   | <b>Disabilities Subcommittee</b><br><b>Health Subcommittee</b>   | Anoka 1    |
| 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.   | <b>Taxation Subcommittee</b><br><b>Tribal Gaming Subcommittee</b>  | Anoka 2    |
| 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.   | <b>Economic Development, Finance, and Employment Subcommittee</b><br><b>Housing Subcommittee</b>   | Owatonna 1 |
| 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.   | <b>Education Subcommittee</b><br><b>Indian Child &amp; Family Welfare Subcommittee</b>   | Owatonna 2 |
| 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.   | <b>Transportation &amp; Infrastructure Subcommittee</b><br><b>Telecommunications Subcommittee</b>  | Owatonna 3 |



| 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.             | <b>Comedy Night</b><br><i>The Local Planning Committee is preparing an evening of entertainment and laughter—our best medicine! Comedians Rob Fairbanks, Mylo Smith and Don Burnstick are confirmed. For mature audiences, 21 and older recommended.</i> | Minnetonka Ballroom   |
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| <b>Wednesday<br/>June 7, 2023</b> |  |   |
| TIME (CDT)                        | EVENT  | LOCATION  |
| 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.             | <b>Continental Breakfast</b>   | Pre-Function/<br>Lobby  |
| 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.             | <b>Registration Open<br/>Rules &amp; Credentials Open</b>  | Chaske  |
| 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.             | <b>Youth Sessions</b>  |   |
|                                   | 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.   | Food Sovereignty: Four Sister Urban Farm (Field Trip) — Hotel Lobby Fireplace               |
|                                   | 1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  | Becoming Financially Savvy  |
|                                   | 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  | Street Civics: Building a Strong Roadmap for Native Youth Leadership in Civic Participation |
| 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.            | <b>3rd General Assembly</b>  |   |
| 8:30                              | <b>Call to Order</b>   |   |
| 8:35                              | <b>Invocation</b><br><i>Caitlyn Welch, Dakota Language Support Specialist, Hočokata Ti, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community</i>   |   |
| 8:40                              | <b>Water Scarcity and Conservation</b>   |   |
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|   | <p><i>A roundtable discussion to talk about water issues with a focus on water scarcity and conservation efforts. Join us for an open and honest discussion with federal officials, tribal leaders, and legal experts that will look at existing and future challenges related to water, as well as how Tribal Nations are already taking action to safeguard the water that sustains their people and the communities.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jamie Pinkham, <i>Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army</i></li> <li>● Sarah LeFlore, <i>Policy Analyst, Secretary’s Indian Water Rights Office (SIWRO), Department of the Interior</i></li> <li>● Bobby Page, <i>Councilmember, Colorado River Indian Tribes</i></li> <li>● Doug Crow Ghost Jr., <i>Chairman, Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance</i></li> </ul> |          |
| 9:35  | <p><b>White House Update</b><br/>PaaWee Rivera, <i>Senior Advisor and Tribal Affairs Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs</i></p>   |          |
| 9:55  | <p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>  |          |
| 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.   | <p><b>Marketplace Open</b></p>   |          |
| 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.   | <p><b>BREAK</b></p>  |          |
| <p><b>Task Forces</b></p> <p><i>Attendance at Task Force meetings does <u>not</u> require registration for NCAI’s Mid Year Convention. Please note that additional Task Force meetings are taking place on Tuesday, June 6th, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. See Tuesday’s agenda for more information.</i></p> |  |          |
| 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.   | <p><b>Addiction Task Force</b><br/><i>Join the NCAI Addiction Task Force to discuss administrative and legislative priorities to increase access and improve the function of behavioral health and addiction programs at the tribal level. The Addiction Task Force continues to support efforts to advance education, treatment, preventative services, and public safety in tribal communities</i></p>   | Isanti 2 |





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| <p>10:30 a.m. -<br/>12:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Peyote Working Group</b><br/> <i>The NCAI Peyote Working Group will discuss the current landscape of peyote conservation and preservation. This task force will focus on barriers to Native religious freedom and challenges the Native American Church faces.</i></p>   | <p>Isanti 3</p>                               |
| <p>10:30 a.m. -<br/>12:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>TANF Task Force</b><br/> <i>The NCAI Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Task Force will discuss current tribal, Administrative, and Congressional priorities with the goal of improving the function of TANF programs for Tribal Nations across Indian Country. The TANF task force was established to support efforts to increase tribal authority to administer family support and work readiness programs to serve tribal children and families.</i></p>   | <p>Owatonna 1</p>                             |
| <p>10:30 a.m. -<br/>12:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Tribal Border Caucus</b><br/> <i>Tribal citizen crossing of the United States–Canada and United States–Mexico borders for traditional, cultural, or religious purposes has been a paramount concern for Tribal Nations split by the invisible lines that divided their homelands and relatives. The Tribal Border Caucus invites all northern, southern, and Alaska border Tribal Nations to provide updates and discuss ongoing issues such as navigating the opening of the borders during the COVID-19 pandemic, travel visas, treaty rights, and searches of tribal regalia or cultural items.</i></p>   | <p>Owatonna 3<br/> <i>Closed to Press</i></p> |
| <p>12:00 p.m. -<br/>1:30 p.m.</p>  | <p><b>Lunch Speaker Series — Day Three</b><br/> <i>Join us for a buffet lunch and a presentation from a special guest speaker. Lunch is free to all registered attendees.</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Panel Discussion: The Emerging Importance of Tribal Data Sovereignty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Larry Wright, Jr., <i>Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Dawson Her Many Horses, <i>Senior Vice President &amp; Head of Native American Banking, Wells Fargo</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>Minnetonka Ballroom</p>                    |



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|                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Casey Lozar, <i>Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, and Director, Center for Indian Country Development</i></li> <li>● Resources for Tribal Nations from Grow With Google             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Henry Jake Foreman, <i>Indigenous Community Digital Coach, Grow With Google</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                       |
| <b>Regional Caucuses — Day Three</b> |   |                       |
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| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.                | <b>Great Plains Region</b>  | Meet Outside Showroom |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.                | <b>Midwest Region</b>   | Shakopee Room         |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.                | <b>Northeast Region</b>   | Owatonna 2            |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.                | <b>Northwest Region</b>   | Isanti 1              |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.                | <b>Pacific Region</b>   | Owatonna 3            |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.                | <b>Rocky Mountain Region</b>  | Anoka 1               |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.                | <b>Southeast Region</b>   | Isanti 2              |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.                | <b>Southern Plains Region</b>   | Anoka 2               |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.                | <b>Southwest Region</b>   | Owatonna 1            |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.                | <b>Western Region</b>   | Isanti 3              |



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| 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.   | <b>BREAK</b>   |          |
| <p><b>Concurrent Sessions</b></p> <p><i>Please note that Concurrent Sessions marked with an asterisks (*) are open to the public and do <u>not</u> require registration for NCAI's Mid Year Convention.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, while NCAI assists in the coordination of Concurrent Sessions, NCAI is not involved in the specific subject matter covered in these sessions.</i></p> |  |          |
| 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.   | <p><b>*FCC Technical Assistance / Training Session: National Broadband Map/Broadband Data Collection</b></p> <p><i>The FCC's National Broadband Map provides information about the internet services available to individual locations across the country, along with new maps of mobile coverage, as reported by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in the FCC's ongoing Broadband Data Collection (BDC). The FCC is on track to launch an updated version of the current maps in Spring 2023 based on updated location data and availability data as-of December 31, 2022.</i></p> <p><i>The BDC invites stakeholders to participate in efforts to verify and validate both the locations on the map and the broadband availability data submitted by ISPs in order to refine and improve the data shown on the maps. Along with the FCC's own verification efforts, stakeholders may file challenges to the data depicted on the maps. Participation in the challenge processes by governmental entities (and Tribal entities in particular), as well as consumers, service providers, and third parties will help ensure that each iteration of the map evolves to more accurately represent the facts on the ground.</i></p> <p><i>In this session on the BDC, FCC staff will review the ways that tribal governments and entities can participate in the BDC and, in doing so, help improve the accuracy of the maps. Staff will focus on the various challenge processes created as part of the BDC and demonstrate how to engage with the National Broadband Map.</i></p> | Isanti 1 |



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| <p>3:00 p.m. -<br/>4:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>How the Center for Indian Country Development at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Can Support Your Tribal Nation</b></p> <p><i>The mission of the Center for Indian Country Development (CICD) at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is to support the prosperity of Native nations and Indigenous communities through actionable data and research that make substantial contributions to public policy. Join members of the CICD team for a breakout session with two goals: introducing attendees to some recent data tools, and gathering input to shape the next set of data tools. This session is intended to bring together a broad audience: Anyone who uses data—or would like to use it—for planning, reporting, grant writing, economic development, or general knowledge purposes in Indian Country.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alene Tchourumoff, <i>Senior Vice President, Community Development and Engagement, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis</i></li> <li>• Vanessa Palmer, <i>Data Director, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis</i></li> <li>• Misha LaPlante, <i>Engagement Manager, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis</i></li> <li>• Phil Gover, <i>Policy Fellow, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis</i></li> </ul> | <p>Isanti 2</p> |
| <p>3:00 p.m. -<br/>4:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>The Positive Impacts of Relative Caregivers on Native Children</b></p> <p><i>Research affirms what American Indian/Alaska Native people have always known to be true: children do better when they are raised with family. Studies show that children who can't stay in their own homes have better educational, health, and social outcomes with relative caregivers than they do in foster care with strangers. This is especially important for Native children. One percent of children in the U.S. are American Indian or Alaska Native, yet 2% of children in foster care are Native, and 8% of children living with relative caregivers are</i></p>   | <p>Isanti 3</p> |

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|                                  | <p><i>Native.</i></p> <p><i>In this session, participants will learn about the newly-established Grandfamilies and Kinship Care Network, a federally funded national technical assistance center for Tribal Nations and states led by Generations United, and the National Indian Child Welfare Association’s role in it. Relative caregivers will share their experience raising relative children, including the joys and challenges. They will highlight their needs, including services and supports that would better assist them in caring for their relative children. Strategies for aligning tribal child welfare policy with the needs of relative caregivers will also be shared, as well as opportunities for technical assistance and resources to support Tribal Nations and states in better coordinating their services to support relative caregivers.</i></p>   |                   |
| <p>3:00 p.m. -<br/>4:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Uplifting Tribal Energy Sovereignty through a Just Transition</b></p> <p><i>Since 2010, GRID Alternatives has worked with tribal communities across the United States to support their renewable energy goals and visions for a sustainable future through tribally focused programs. Since 2018, the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund (TSAF), a tribal-led program, has partnered with over 65 Tribal Nations and 40 tribal individuals to support renewable energy development and leadership development goals. Over the last four years, the TSAF has provided Tribal Nations with access to philanthropic capital through competitive grantmaking and leadership development programs. At its core, TSAF is about more than just regranting; it’s about mobilizing and developing tribal solar projects and integrating workforce development and training, nation-building, and strengthening the energy resilience of tribal communities with visions for a clean energy outlook for generations to come. The upfront expenses to install and maintain solar systems are out of reach for many tribal communities, which is why TSAF funding has been critical to each grantee we have supported.</i></p> <p><i>Tribal leaders, tribal organizations and everyone in between will learn about the unique and innovative ways the TSAF</i></p> | <p>Owatonna 1</p> |



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|                                  | <p><i>tribal partners are building solar energy capacity in their communities.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tanksi Clairmont, <i>Tribal Development Director (TSAF Managing Director)</i></li> <li>• Talia Martin, <i>GRID Alternatives National Tribal Program Director</i></li> </ul>  |                   |
| <p>3:00 p.m. -<br/>4:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Water Over Nickel: Protecting Indigenous Communities and Environments from the Negative Impacts of Mining</b></p> <p><i>The push to electrify vehicles is critical to meeting national and international goals to reduce emissions and slow global warming. But the materials—like nickel—used to produce electric vehicle batteries are often mined from the earth using environmentally damaging practices. And 97% of nickel deposits in the U.S. are located within 35 miles of Native American reservations. While advancements in green technology are critical to protecting our planet from the effects of climate change, we must ensure these advancements do not endanger our natural resources or Indigenous communities.</i></p> <p><i>Water Over Nickel aims to raise collective awareness of the risks associated with the Tamarack Mine, a nickel mine proposed by Talon Metals Corp. The proposed mine is located just 1.3 miles from the homes of tribal members at Round Lake, and near cultural sites and resources, including Rice Lake and Sandy Lake. The discussion will focus on the risks nickel mines like the proposed Tamarack Mine pose to tribal communities and the Mille Lacs Band’s approach to holding Talon Metals accountable to protect their cultural resources, people, land, wild rice, and water.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melanie Benjamin, <i>Chief Executive / Chairwoman, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe</i></li> <li>• Kelly Applegate, <i>Commissioner of Natural Resources, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe</i></li> <li>• Esteban Chiriboga, <i>Environmental Scientist, Great Lakes Indian Fish &amp; Wildlife Commission</i></li> </ul> | <p>Owatonna 2</p> |



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| 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | <p><b>Registration in Indian Country: Concrete Actions Tribes Can Take to Provide Voter Registration Opportunities to Their Members Prior to the 2024 Election</b></p> <p><i>With the 2024 election rapidly approaching now is the time to take action to make sure our communities are prepared to make an impact. Learn about the most common barriers to voter registration and how to overcome them, such as how lack of residential addressing and mail delivery can impact registration, how to request an on reservation polling place and registration services, and what to do if requests for additional access are denied. Learn about how voter registration can be offered at IHS facilities through National Voter Registration Act designation. Finally, learn about the importance of the Native American Voting Rights Act and what can be done to push this important legislation forward.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jacqueline De Leon, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund</li> <li>• Saundra Mitrovich, Director of External Engagement, National Congress of American Indians</li> <li>• Morgan Saunders, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund</li> </ul> | Owatonna 3 |
| 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | <p><b>Energy Sovereignty: Funding and STEM Resources to Address Climate Change</b></p> <p><i>Jasmine Anderson, M.S., Department of Energy, will be giving a high-level overview of current programs and resources available through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to enhance energy projects and climate resiliency for Tribes. Highlights of the discussion will include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current and future funding opportunities</li> <li>• Training sessions for TCUs and Non-Tribal Institutions</li> <li>• Opportunities for students and recent graduates</li> </ul>   | Anoka 1    |
| 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | <b>*HUD Tribal Consultation on Build America Buy America</b>   | Anoka 2    |

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|                                       | <p><i>You are invited to join HUD’s Office of Native American Programs for a consultation session on Build America Buy America (BABA) which was enacted as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. BABA established a domestic content procurement preference for all Federal financial assistance obligated for infrastructure projects. BABA requires that all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in covered infrastructure projects are produced in the United States. HUD Tribal grantees are exempt from these requirements until May 2024 while HUD consults with Tribes to better understand the impact that BABA requirements will have on future infrastructure development in Tribal communities and to determine how to implement BABA requirements applicable to Tribal grantees. Questions to consider:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• What are the impacts of BABA on construction and infrastructure development?</i></li> <li><i>• Where do Tribes and TDHEs currently source their iron, steel, construction materials, and manufactured goods?</i></li> <li><i>• Do you have access to viable American suppliers of iron, steel, construction materials, and manufactured goods?</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Your feedback on BABA is extremely important. During this session we’ll provide an overview of BABA, an update on HUD actions, and gather your feedback on the impacts of BABA on future infrastructure projects.</i></p> |                   |
| <p>4:30 p.m. -<br/>5:00 p.m.</p>      | <p><b>BREAK</b></p>   |                   |
| <p><b>NCAI Committee Meetings</b></p> |   |                   |
| <p>5:00 p.m. -<br/>7:00 p.m.</p>      | <p><b>Economic, Finance, &amp; Community Development Committee</b></p>  | <p>Isanti 2</p>   |
| <p>5:00 p.m. -<br/>7:00 p.m.</p>      | <p><b>Human Resources Committee</b></p>   | <p>Owatonna 1</p> |
| <p>5:00 p.m. -<br/>7:00 p.m.</p>      | <p><b>Land &amp; Natural Resources Committee</b></p>  | <p>Isanti 3</p>   |





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| 5:00 p.m. -<br>7:00 p.m          | <b>Litigation &amp; Governance Committee</b>  | Isanti 1                       |
| 5:00 p.m. -<br>7:00 p.m          | <b>Veterans Committee</b>   | Owatonna 2                     |
| 7:00 p.m. -<br>9:00 p.m          | <p><b>Cultural Night</b><br/> <i>The Local Planning Committee is preparing an evening to celebrate their traditions and cultural ways. We invite you to explore Hocokata Ti, tour the cultural exhibit, make an art project, learn a few Dakota words, enjoy some indigenous food made by SMSC enterprises, Mazopiya &amp; Playworks. Shuttle runs will transport attendees over and back, starting at 7 p.m. through 9 p.m. Shuttles will be located in the Mystic Lake Events Center's North bus entrance at the North Parking lot.</i></p> | Hocokata Ti                    |
| <b>Thursday<br/>June 8, 2023</b> |   |                                |
| <b>TIME<br/>(CDT)</b>            | <b>EVENT</b>  | <b>LOCATION</b>                |
| 7:30 a.m. -<br>8:30 a.m.         | <b>Continental Breakfast</b>  | Pre-Function/<br>Lobby         |
| 8:00 a.m. -<br>1:00 p.m.         | <b>Marketplace Open — Arts &amp; Crafts Only</b>  | Waconia                        |
| <b>8:30 a.m. -<br/>1:30 p.m.</b> | <b>4th General Assembly</b>   | <b>Minnetonka<br/>Ballroom</b> |
| 8:30                             | <p><b>Call to Order</b><br/>           Shannon Holsey, <i>Treasurer, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>  |                                |
| 8:35                             | <p><b>Invocation</b><br/>           Andrew Vig, <i>Cultural Center Director, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community</i></p>   |                                |
| 8:40                             | <p><b>Emerging Issues in the 2023 Farm Bill</b><br/> <i>A panel discussion looking at the Native Farm Bill Coalition's priorities for the 2023 Farm Bill. The panelists will also have</i></p>  |                                |



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|       | <p><i>an honest assessment of what challenges exist that might prevent tribal priorities in the Farm Bill and what steps tribal leaders can take to help get the 2023 Farm Bill passed with improved provisions for tribal communities.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists forthcoming.</i></p> |  |
| 9:40  | <p><b>Tribal Nations and Environmental Sustainability Update</b><br/> <i>Brenda Mallory, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality</i></p>   |  |
| 10:00 | <p><b>Tribal Supreme Court Project Update</b><br/> <i>Melody McCoy, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund</i></p>  |  |
| 10:15 | <p><b>Voting Rights Update</b><br/> <i>Jacqueline De León, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund</i></p>   |  |
| 10:30 | <p><b>National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition Update — <i>Tentative</i></b></p>   |  |
| 10:45 | <p><b>Resolutions Committee Report</b><br/> <i>Resolutions Committee</i></p>   |  |
| 10:50 | <p><b>NCAI Committee Reports</b></p>   |  |
| 11:50 | <p><b>Local Planning Committee Closing Remarks</b><br/> <i>Rebecca Crooks-Stratton, Secretary/Treasurer, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community</i></p>  |  |
| 11:55 | <p><b>Closing Remarks</b><br/> <i>Fawn Sharp, President, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>   |  |