

Native Americans to share Thanksgiving celebration

As Americans prepare for Thanksgiving festivities, thousands of families will gather this November to experience a cultural feast in celebration of our first Americans. The Pow Wow, a spiritual gathering of nations, is one of the few remaining traditions that Native American people have maintained throughout history.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, several American Indian nations will meet to share their heritage and traditions at the fourth annual Native American Festival and Mini Pow Wow, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center.

Families will experience a day of entertainment and education as they witness a celebration of Native American drumming,

dancing and singing. Dancers in different styles of regalia will depict distinctions among tribes, yet demonstrate many similarities with their movement and dance inside a circle.

"The circle is a sacred symbol of native American dancing," says Laughing Bear, also known as Jerry Kuykendall, a Native American. "Native Americans believe that the creator made everything in a circle," says Kuykendall. "When dancers enter the circle, there's no negativity allowed. It's a positive place."

Festival goers will be encouraged to participate in the dancing during the intertribal or friendship dances. Native American food featured at the Pow

Wow will include: fry bread, corn soup, buffalo burgers and buffalo stew.

Trader tables, offering authentic American Indian arts and crafts, will surround the dance arena. A display featuring an authentic teepee will showcase a typical Native American dwelling and artisans will demonstrate various traditions, such as basket weaving and wood carving.

Children can also make free Native American crafts. This year, new native crafts will include kachina dolls, sand and hand painting, face masks and earring loops. Native American stories and folklore will be told throughout the day.

Free Native American keep-

sakes will be given to the first 1,000 kids, ages 12 and younger. Special patches commemorating the Native American Festival & Mini Pow Wow, ideal for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, will be available for purchase.

Doors will open at 10 a.m. with two ceremonial processions at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. All festivities, including dancing and storytelling, will be ongoing. Admission is \$5 (under 1-year-old, free). The Novi Expo Center is south of I-96 at the Novi Wall Lake exit (No. 162).

Last year's Pow Wow attracted 6,000 attendees from across southeastern Michigan. This festival is produced by Metro Parent Magazine in cooperation with

Southeastern Michigan Indians, Inc. and North American Indian Association of Detroit. The fourth annual Native American Festival & Mini Pow Wow is sponsored by Selectcare, Comerica, Southfield-based television

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For more information, contact Metro Parent Magazine at (810) 352-0950.

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