

INDIAN POW-WOW

Members of the Potawatomi Indian council, representatives of the Potawatomi Indians of Indiana and Michigan Inc., held a meeting the past Sunday afternoon July 9, at Mr. James Topash's residence in Buchanan, Michigan. Final plans were adopted for the second annual Pow-Wow. Dates for the Pow-Wow are set for July 10 - 11, and it will be held at the Berrien County Youth Fair Grounds, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

High-way routes to the site; People traveling from the south, follow U. S.-31 going north from South Bend, Indiana; People from the East traveling on the Indiana Toll road or on U. S.-12 and on M-60, turn off at the U. S.-31 intersection and go north; People from the north continue on U. S.-31 south from Benton Harbor, Michigan; People traveling on I-94 use interchange U. S.-31 south; People coming from the west intersect with U. S.-31 and continue north through Niles, Michigan.

Led by the American Flag, a grand march in the flag ceremony on the concourse green will take place and a drum in the middle of the field will roll out a rousing patriotic opener.

The M.C. will announce all to sing the National Anthem.

The opening ritual in Potawatomi language will be said by Paul Hamilton, full blood Potawatomi who resides in Niles, Mich.

The grounds will be blessed by John Shano an ordained Chippewa Medicine man. Hamilton will lead an Indian chant.

John R. Winchester, tribal director and a full blood Potawatomi Indian will be the M.C. voice heard over the P.A. system. He will introduce the Pow-Wow chairman, James Topash a full blood Potawatomi from Buchanan, Michigan; he will say a few words about the proceedings. The introduction of Joseph Winchester, Tribal Chairman will follow and he will say a few words whyfore we stage a Pow-Wow. The M.C. will give a short talk on the involvement of claims and Indian culture.

Featured will be Indian ceremonial dances. Indians representing various tribes from the west and the nearby regions of Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota and our own state of Michigan will take part. In this group there will be Winnebagos, Chippewas, Cherokees, Miamis, Ottowas, Sioux, Sac and Fox, Potawatomis and others.

Dance contest will be held by the Indians. Men, women, Youths and Tiny tots will take part and there will be three Indians selected to judge the winners in each group. First, second and third places will be awarded prizes. Awards will be presented by Paul Hamilton, tribal treasurer, assisted by James Topash, Pow-Wow chairman.

Featured on the grounds; Indian traders selling only Indian wares will be on hand; Basket weaving by the Potawatomi Indians will also be seen. There will be a display of Indian artifacts, treaty papers and pictures of many old Indians of Southwestern Michigan who have gone to the "Happy Hunting Grounds"

Refreshments, coffee and soft cold drinks will be available.

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No intoxicant beverage allowed on premises. Fried bread will be available, made and served by Clara Shaer, full blood Potawatomi lady from Dowagiac, Michigan.

Ceremonial time is set for Saturday July 10, 2:00 P.M. and 8:00 P. M.

Sunday July 11, 2:00 P.M. only (Final).

Plenty free parking space available. Plenty grand stand seats.

Please come, we need your support.