

Dakota Iyuhenna Wanji

2009 Dakota Nation Wide

“We Are One” Free Conference

Friday October 2 – Sunday October 4, 2009

Fort Snelling History Center

**We invite Dakota people to come together to learn the old ways
that were lost as a result of assimilation policies
and our forced removal from Minnesota after the 1862 Dakota War.**

Speakers Include:

Caleb Shields – Dakota History & Spirituality

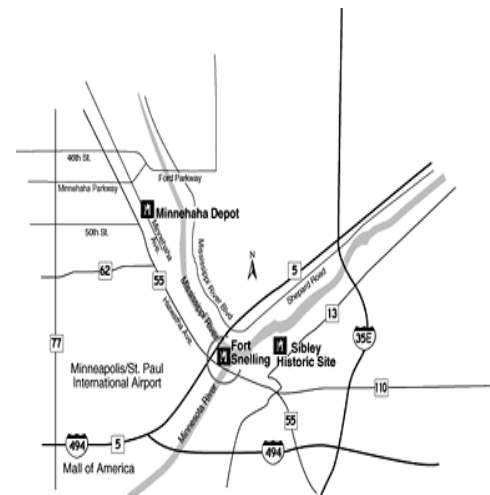
Leland Spotted Bird – Dakota Spirituality & Culture

Del First – Dakota Language & Oral History

Darlene Johnson & Helmina Makes Him First -- Nakota/Dakota Traditional Food

Where? Fort Snelling History Center is located at the junction of Minnesota Highways 5 and 55, one mile east of the Twin Cities International Airport. For additional directions, call Fort Snelling History Center at 612-726-1171.

Contact Info: Alameda Rocha, Fort Peck Dakota (651) 291-8775
Naida Medicine Crow, Crow Creek Dakota (612) 259-7712
Diane Wilson, Mdewakanton Dakota (651) 442-2168



12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch provided by sponsors
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Language Presentation by Del First, Fort Peck Dakota

During and after the presentations there will be time for questions/answers/suggestions.
Please see the Head Conference Host: Fran Smith for evaluation forms or questions.

2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Refreshment break
2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Listening Circle: Truth-Telling in the 21st Century
Panel of Dakota Leaders discuss the spiritual, historical, and political challenges of truth-telling about Minnesota's genocidal past in the 21st century. Includes group conversation about recommendations for next steps.
6:00 p.m. Feast provided by community sponsors

Sunday, October 4th, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Meet at the Dakota concentration camp at Fort Snelling.
Morning Prayer by Art Owen, Prairie Island Dakota
Tours and information will be given out regarding sacred sites.
Noon Pilot Knob Ceremony by Arvol Looking Horse,
Keeper of the White Buffalo Pipe

At this time, we would like to recognize all the sacred sites and our sacred homeland of our people.

Feast and give away

The conference will be documented by the youth of First Person Productions of Migizi Communications of Minneapolis and directed by Mona Smith.

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Bios for Saturday Speakers:

Dr. Caleb Shields, former Chairman and Council Member of the Fort Peck Tribes, is co-author of the book, *The History of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, 1600-2000*. He practices traditional ways and ceremonies.

Leland Spotted Bird is a spiritual leader on the Fort Peck Reservation. In addition to being a leader in traditional ceremonies, Leland mentors his young relatives in learning their language and culture from an early age. Leland is a retired prosecutor in the tribal court system.

Del First is an historian from the Fort Peck Reservation and a fluent speaker of the Dakota language. He has attended and participated in many Dakota language symposiums outside of Minnesota.

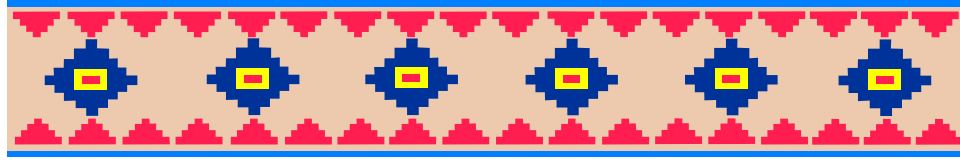
Darlene Johnson has worked as a traditional cook since she was trained as a child, often providing foods used in ceremony and for large community events. Darlene works harder and faster than anyone we know.

Helmina Makes Him First is a traditional cook and carries the right to run sweats. She has been teaching the traditional ways for many years. She has traveled and participated in conferences to share traditional values around the country.

Listening Circle Panelists for Saturday 10/9/09 at 2:30 pm:

- Gabrielle Strong, Moderator (confirmed)
- Caleb Shields (confirmed)
- Gabby Tateyuskanskan (confirmed)
- LeMoine LaPointe (invited)
- Representative, Minnesota American Indian Affairs Council (invited)
- Dakota Representative, Minnesota Historical Society Indian Advisory Council (invited)
- Representative, St. Paul Indian Education Program
- Representative, Minneapolis Indian Education Program

Sponsorship Form



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YES, we would like to co-sponsor the *Dakota Iyuhenna Wanji* 2009 Dakota Nation Wide “We Are One” Conference!

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Deadline: **September 18, 2009**

Questions? Call Nora Murphy (651) 698.4546 or (651) 523.2594

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