***Dakota Iyuhennapi Wanji***

**“We Gather Together As One”**

**DAKOTA NATION WIDE Conference**

**September 29 – October 1, 2011**

 **Agenda**

**Thursday, September 29th**

**8:30 -11:30 a.m. Registration and Check-in at Holiday Inn River Centre**

**11:30 a.m. - Noon Bus to St. Anthony Falls, via Minneapolis American**

1530 E. Franklin Ave. **Indian Center (MAIC), box lunches on bus**

**Noon-12:45 p.m. Opening Conference Prayer: St. Anthony Falls**

St. Anthony Falls **Honor Song, Drum Group**

**Welcome and introductions**

**12:45 - 5:00 p.m. Bus to East River Flats for**

360 East River Rd **Canoe Trip to Sacred Sites Trip ending at B’ Dote**

**5:00 - 6:15 p.m. Bus to MAIC for Dinner Presentation**

1530 E. Franklin Ave. **Cochise Anderson, Artist and Flute player**

**6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Presentation by Juanita Espinosa, Curator of Two Rivers Gallery, and Bobby Wilson, contemporary artist**

**7:00 – 9:15 p.m. Bus to Mill City Museum**

704 S. 2nd St. ***Cloudy Waters* installation, other exhibits**

 **Music by Cantemaza (Neil McKay), Dakota artist**

 ***Presence: Dakota Multi-Media Performance Piece***

**Mona Smith, Sisseton Dakota**

 **9:30 p.m. Bus to hotel via MAIC**

**Friday, September 30, 2011**

**8:00 a.m. Walk (4 blocks) or drive to Minnesota History Center**

**8:45 a.m. Welcome by Steve Elliott**

345 W. Kellogg Blvd. **Director of Minnesota Historical Society (MHS)**

**9:00 – 11:00 a.m. *Treaties, Land and our History***

**Terry Janis and Native Lawyers**

 **11:15 – 12:00 p.m. *Dakota Prison Letters***

 **Dr. Clifford Canku, Dakota Language Instructor**

\*\*there will be (2) two 15-minute breaks with refreshments: 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Lunch in Education Rooms**

**12:45-1:30 p.m. *Dakota Star Knowledge***

**Jim Rock, Science Educator**

**1:45 - 2:30 p.m. *Our Indian Affairs and Commitments***

 **(Tentative presenters):**

**Gerard Baker, Former Indian Affairs Coordinator NPS**

**Al Franken, U.S. Senator, Minnesota**

 **Peter McLaughlin, Hennepin County Commissioner**

 **Dean Urdahl, Minnesota State Legislature**

**Paul Labovitz, Superintendent, Mississippi National River and Recreation Area**

**2:45 - 5:00 p.m. *Dakota Historical Perspective***

**Ray Owen, Dakota Spiritual Leader**

**Viewing of Artifacts by**

**Dan Spock, Director of Exhibits, MHS**

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 **5:00 p.m. Return to respective lodging**

**Dinner and the rest of the evening on your own**

**Enjoy the Twin Cities!**

**Saturday, October 1st, 2011**

**8:30 a.m. Board Bus at MAIC for Dream of Wild Health in Hugo, MN**

1530 E. Franklin Ave.

**9:00 a.m. Bus picks up participants at Hotel**

**10:00 a.m. *Youth Traditional Healthy Living Program***

16085 Jeffrey Ave., Hugo **Diane Wilson, Darlene Johnson and staff**

**11:30 a.m. Lunch by Dream of Wild Health,**

**From traditional foods grown on site**

**12:30 p.m. Bus to 1862-63 Dakota Prison Camp**

 **Fort Snelling State Park**

**1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Tour of Prison Camp site**

**2:30 p.m. Honoring Song for Yvonne Leith**

**Yellow Medicine Dakota Band**

**Closing Prayer of Conference**

**Drum Group**

**3:00 p.m. Feast and Giveaway, Fort Snelling State Park**

**Conference Hotel: Holiday Inn River Centre**

**175 West 7th St. St. Paul, Hotel Front Desk (651) 225-1515**

**Limited Rooms are available at no charge for out-of-town conference participants on a first come, first served basis. These rooms are for (2) nights only, Thursday and Friday.**

**Participants are encouraged to register early.**

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