

PARENT LETTER & PERMISSION SLIP

The **2017 Youth Leadership Workshop** will be at the Seven Feathers Casino Resort in Canyonville, OR from July 18th - July 20. **The Workshop is open to Native youth ages 13-19.** The workshop is being hosted by Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) and California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) Bi-annual Joint Quarterly Board Meeting.

Participants will learn about building coalitions and alliances, diversity in leadership styles, LGBTQ Two-spirit identify and community acceptance, consent and permission in relationships, and strengthening healthy behaviors.

The Tribal Youth Leadership Workshop will strengthen youth leadership skills and empower them to be active agents of change in their communities (local, regional, national, and global). Through an exploration of interpersonal and group relationship building, appropriate and equal communication, diversity of Native youth identities, and healthy behaviors, participants will gain a greater and more nuanced understanding of the complexities of what a "leader" is, and how they can strengthen their current skill sets to implement positive changes in their communities and beyond. Meals will be provided during the workshop and Wednesday night Board of Directors dinner.

Topics include:

- Stick games and an evening tournament
- Leadership Styles
- Traditional Arts
- Participants Choose One Breakout Session Track:
 - Making a public service announcement (PSA)
 - Traditional foods preparation and demonstration & Youth in action fitness leadership
 - Oral Storytelling/Poetry (including visual arts, dance, and drawing)

All participants will have the opportunity to exchange ideas with California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Tribal Leaders as well as attend a Cultural Sharing Event Dinner with Board of Directors.

Registration for the conference is FREE! While the conference is free (including meals and snacks during the workshop and dinner on Wednesday night), travel to and from Canyonville, OR and lodging are the responsibilities of the youth, families, &/or Tribe. Each group of youth that attends must be accompanied by at least one chaperone from their community.

Parent/guardian written permission *and* the youth's signatures are both required *before* he/she can attend. If you have no objections to the following statements, please sign and return the attached permission slip. It will remain on file throughout the workshop. If at any time, you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding the *Youth Leadership Workshop*, please feel free to contact Nanette Star Yandell at nyandell@npaihb.org or (503) 416-3254. Please return the signature page by **June 17, 2016**, fax Attn: Nanette Star Yandell at 503.228.4801 or email to nyandell@npaihb.org.

PERMISSION SLIP AND PARTICIPANT CONTRACT

2017 July NPAIHB & CRIHB Joint Quarterly Board Meeting

Youth Leadership Workshop

July 18 – July 20, 2017

Teen Rules & Expectations (Please initial each box):

- I will not leave the assigned program area at any time, without permission of my chaperone and my workshop facilitator. I will stay for the duration of the conference unless negotiated with workshop staff.
- I will observe established hours set forth by the workshop agenda and my chaperone.
- I will not bring or use tobacco, alcohol, drugs (except those prescribed by my doctor), fireworks, firearms, pocket knives, or weapons of any kind. If I see anyone breaking this rule I will report it immediately.
- I understand that public displays of affection can be distracting to the group and it is not appropriate and I will refrain from them.
- I will dress appropriately to the occasion. My language will be appropriate and respectful of others.
- I will be responsible for all my personal property.
- I will respect other’s personal property and personal space.
- I understand that bullying, belittling, disrespecting and putting down others is not allowed at any time.
- I will use personal electronics including cell phones at appropriate times and be respectful of conference workshops, speakers, and activities.
- As a workshop participant, I give permission to projects at the NPAIHB & CRIHB and any of the facilitating organizations to use my image (photographs, videos, audio) and any quotes I may provide for positive program publicity and other educational purposes. I understand that these may be used in the newspaper, TV and radio announcements, reports/publications, and educational films.
 - **Please list any allergies.** Include medicine, food, etc.: _____
 - Other Health Concerns: _____
 - In case of an emergency, I give permission for my child to receive medical treatment.
In case of such an emergency, please contact: _____ Phone: _____

Please check boxes if they apply:

- My child is in foster care
- I do not give permission for my child to be filmed or photographed.

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that all of my statements and answers are true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. Please complete the following and sign.

(For parent/guardian):

I, _____, give my permission for _____
Print Name (Parent/ Legal Guardian) Print Teen's Name

to participate in the July 2017 Youth Leadership Workshop in Canyonville, Oregon.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Please return signature page by Friday June 17 to:

Fax – Attn: Nanette Star Yandell at 503-228-4801 OR Scan and Email to: nyandell@npaihb.org