

Festival of the Americas Pow Wow

Honoring Indigenous Cultures from North, Central, and South America

October 4-5, 2014, El Dorado County Fairgrounds

the Foothill Indian Education Alliance, Inc. & The El Dorado County Indian Council, Inc.





The Festival of the Americas Pow Wow is a spectacular two day cultural event designed to provide Native Americans an opportunity to embrace their culture through music, dance, ceremony, and tradition, reinforcing the connection between the person, tribe, and Indian community

The weekend is highlighted by spectacular Native regalia, dance and drum contests, inspirational singing and drumming, incredible arts and crafts, and a social kinship unique to Native Americans.





The drum is the heart beat of the pow wow.

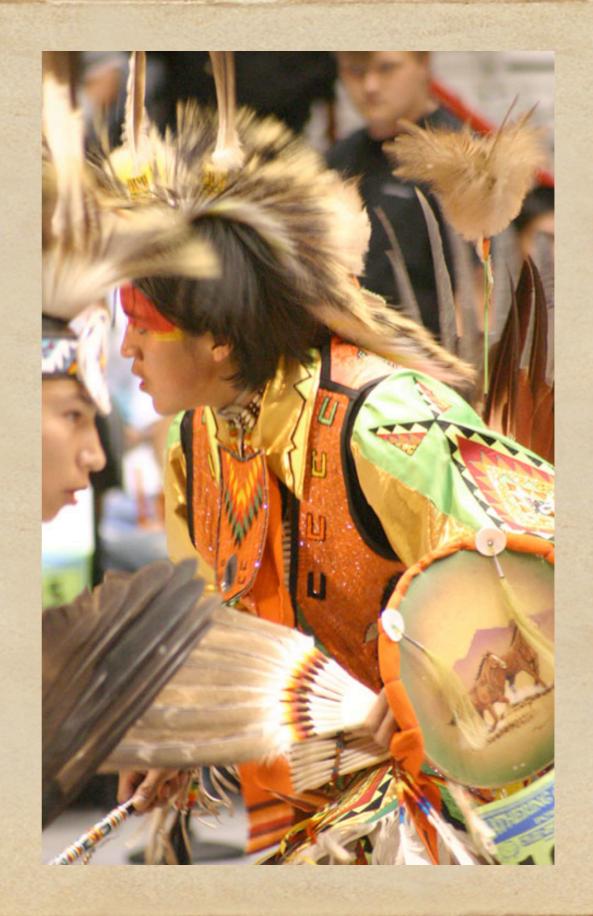


The singers lift the dancers with their voices and the pounding beat of their drum.



For non-Native people the event offers a glimpse into significant ceremonies and traditions based on reciprocity, respect, and reverence for all things and all people.

The Festival will increase awareness of the variety of indigenous cultures within North, Central and South America, and further the understanding of Native American cultures.



Throughout the pow wow, the master of ceremonies announces and explains the importance of all activities during the Pow Wow. During certain times, non-Native people are invited to participate in friendship and intertribal dances.





Purpose of the Festival Committee is to honor and acknowledge the gifts Creator has given to us by offering the Festival of the Americas as our gift to the community.



Our Pow Wow is open to the public and welcomes participants of all ages, Native or non-Native.

Hospitality - Food and refreshments will be offered freely and in abundance to all dancers, drums, Elders, head staff and honored guests. All participants, whether Indian or non-Indian, are our guests.





With the help of many generous monetary and in-kind donations from local businesses, organizations, and community members, this event is offered free to the general public.



The Festival of the Americas Pow Wow is a testament to the enduring strength of Native people as well as the survival of Native values and traditions.