



Guilford Native American Association Cultural Festival and Pow-Wow in Greensboro, NC

Native Americans from across the country will join GNAA as they celebrate their 29th **Annual Cultural Festival and Pow-Wow; Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 16 - 18, 2005**; at **Greensboro Country Park in Greensboro, North Carolina**. The Cultural Festival, for school children grades K-5, will begin at 9:00 am on Friday, September 16, Festival ending at 1:30 pm. Pow-Wow Grand Entry will be at 7:00 pm. Grounds open at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, with Grand Entry at 12:00 noon. Sunday hours are 12:00-6:00 p.m., with Gospel Singing at 11:30 am and Grand Entry at 1:00 p.m. The festival/Pow-Wow will feature American Indian dancers,

drummers, singers, storytelling and crafters.

The GNAA Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and I invite you to be a part of this special annual event. We are celebrating this year the 30th Anniversary of our Agency and will commemorate this milestone during our Pow Wow and Cultural Festival. Please share in this special celebration of our cultural heritage with us at beautiful Greensboro Country Park. (Rick Oxendine, Executive Director)

All veterans will be honored during the Grand Entry ceremonies each day with special recognition to soldiers currently serving in the Middle East. Native American crafters will have jewelry, pottery, beadwork, leather crafts, and other Native American arts and crafts for sale. Historical and cultural demonstrations, including backwoods survival demonstrations are planned.

Special dance exhibitions will take place at various times each day. Food will be available and will feature Indian fry bread/tacos, hamburgers and hot dogs, fish and chips and plenty of cold beverages.

Sandon Jacobs, Waccamaw-Siouan, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for this year's Gathering. The featured host drum will be **Kau-Ta-Noh, Jrs.**, from Pembroke, North Carolina. Several drums have been invited. Lead male dancer is **Frank Lowry**, Lumbee. **Carmen Deese**, Lumbee, *Miss Indian North Carolina*, will serve as the lead female dancer. **Dalton Lynch**, Haliwa-Saponi, will be the Arena Director. Jr. Head Dancers are Courtney Baxter, Lumbee and Harrison Revels, Lumbee.

The festival is open to the public. Transportation to and from the parking lot and seating will be available for senior adults and visitors with special needs. Tribal officials recommend that attendees bring their own lawn chairs and blankets. Due to health and safety regulations, pets are not permitted on Pow-Wow grounds.

For further information about the 29th Annual Cultural Festival and Pow-Wow, including directions to Greensboro Country Park, please visit our website at www.guilfordnative.org or call (336) 273-8686 for directions and other event information.