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## **Native American Pow Wow Comes to El Camino College**

Native American music, dancing, art, crafts, shopping, and food will be featured at the Eighth Annual All Nations Pow Wow at El Camino College, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 8 and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 9 at the track field. Admission is free.

More than 2,000 people are expected to attend this day-long festival, representing tribes from all over the country.

"The El Camino College Eighth Annual All Nations Pow Wow is very important not only to us, the Indian community, but also the whole Los Angeles community because it brings us all together," said Steve Rosales, president of the El Camino College Native American Club, who traces his ancestry to the Huichol located in Nayarit, Mexico and the Yaqui of the Sonoran Desert.

"Regardless of what ethnic or cultural background a person may belong too, we all unite as one people to celebrate ancient customs and traditions that have been handed down for generations. It helps us Indians and non-Indians alike to better understand each other's cultures."

Visitors will have the opportunity to check out the annual dance contests, featuring a variety of traditional dance styles. Contest categories include: Tiny Tots 5 and Under; Male Youth (6-12) Traditional Combined, Grass, & Fancy; Female Youth (6-12) Traditional, Combined, Jingle, & Fancy Shawl; Teen Boys (13-18) Traditional, Combined, Grass, & Fancy; Teen Girls (13-18) Traditional, Combined, Jingle, & Fancy Shawl; Men's: Traditional, Southern Straight, Grass, & Fancy; Women's: No./So. Buckskin, No./So. Cloth, Jingle, & Fancy Shawl; Men's Golden Age (55+) No./So. Combined; and Women's Golden Age (55+) No./So. Combined.

More than 100 colorful dancers will participate and more than 70 dance prizes will be awarded.

The master of ceremonies will be Michael Reifel, San Carlos Apache; and Victor Chavez, Dine Nation, will serve as the arena director. Other drum groups will also add to the entertainment.

Food specialties such as fry bread tacos and traditional Hawaiian foods will be sold all day, and shoppers can check out a variety of wares such as Native American jewelry, clothes, and instruments. Door prizes will also be handed out throughout the event.

El Camino College Native American Club sponsors the event. Admission is free and parking on campus costs \$2.

For more information, call 310-891-1941.

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