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El Camino College to Celebrate 11th Annual All Nations Pow Wow

Native American music, dancing, art, crafts, shopping, and food will be featured at the 11th Annual All Nations Pow Wow at El Camino College, scheduled from noon to 7 p.m. April 4 and from noon to 6 p.m. April 5 at the track field. Admission is free.

The El Camino College Native American Club and the Circle K International Club will sponsor the event that is a celebration of Native American traditions featuring ceremonies and regional regalia. More than 2,000 people are expected to attend this two-day festival, representing tribes from all over the country.

"This event is a great way to get in touch with Native Americans and their culture – dance, song, and trade," said Lori Tamiko Weinkauf, Circle K vice president of service. "Through this event, we all can really appreciate who the Native Americans are and what they can teach us."

Visitors will have the opportunity to check out the annual dance contests, featuring a variety of traditional dance styles. More than 100 colorful dancers will participate and dance prizes will be awarded.

The master of ceremonies will be Michael Reifel, San Carlos Apache; Arena Director: Victor Chavez, Diné Nation; Host Northern Drum: Wildhorse Singers; Head Man Dancer: Julian Phoenix, Tohono Oodham/Paiute; Head Woman Dancer: Kathy Peltier, Lakota/Oiibwa/Navajo; and Head Gourd Dancer, Saginaw Grant, Sac and Fox Nation

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 and Hawaiian arts and crafts, jewelry, clothes, and instruments. Door prizes will also be handed out throughout the event.

Admission is free and parking on campus costs \$2. For more information, call 310-660-3593 ext. 3757.