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El Camino College to Sponsor All-Nations Pow Wow

Native American music, dancing, art, crafts, shopping, and food will be featured at the Ninth Annual All Nations Pow Wow at El Camino College, scheduled from noon to 8 p.m. March 31 and from noon to 7 p.m. April 1 at the track field. Admission is free.

The El Camino College History Club, Anthropology Club and Native American Club will sponsor the event. More than 2,000 people are expected to attend this daylong festival, representing tribes from all over the country.

“Native American Pow Wow is both a celebration of Native American culture and an expression of pride in that culture,” said Celso Jaquez, student chairman of the Pow Wow, who traces his ancestry to Tongva-Yucatec Maya. “It is a means for gathering together brothers and sisters of all our Red Nations. It also serves as a reminder to the greater community that Native American culture is not something only to be found in history books or as part of this country's past.”

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; Host Southern Drum: Hale & Company; Head Man Dancer: Robert Silent Thunder, Gros Ventre/Tsalagi; Head Woman Dancer: Ann Abeyta, Eastern Shoshone; and Head Gourd Dancer: Ben Wolf, Kiowa.

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.

Admission is free and parking on campus costs \$2. For more information, call 310-891-1941.

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