

# Great Dakota Gathering, Homecoming & Powwow

(Welcoming All Nations)

## Drum: The Heartbeat of Nations

**Winona, Minnesota September 9-10, 2017**

**Unity Park located at East-end of Lake Park**

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

- Sunrise Ceremony followed by a Continental Breakfast & Flag Raising.
- Kids Events: Relay Races, Storytelling, & Scavenger Hunt
- Native Lacrosse Games (Original Creator's game) & Clinics - beginners & all ages welcome
- Talk Circle
- Indigenous Learning Tent
- Community Organization Exhibitors
- Moccasin Tournament
- Genealogy Tent
- Dakota Language Bingo
- 1PM Grand Entry
- Traditional Powwow & Specials for:
  - Tiny tots
  - Youth
  - Teens
  - Adults
  - (Including Applique Special)
- Soup Supper



#### **Everyone Welcome!**

Free Camping on site.  
No RV hook-ups.

No drugs, alcohol or  
firearms allowed.

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Prizes will be  
awarded for dance  
Specials.

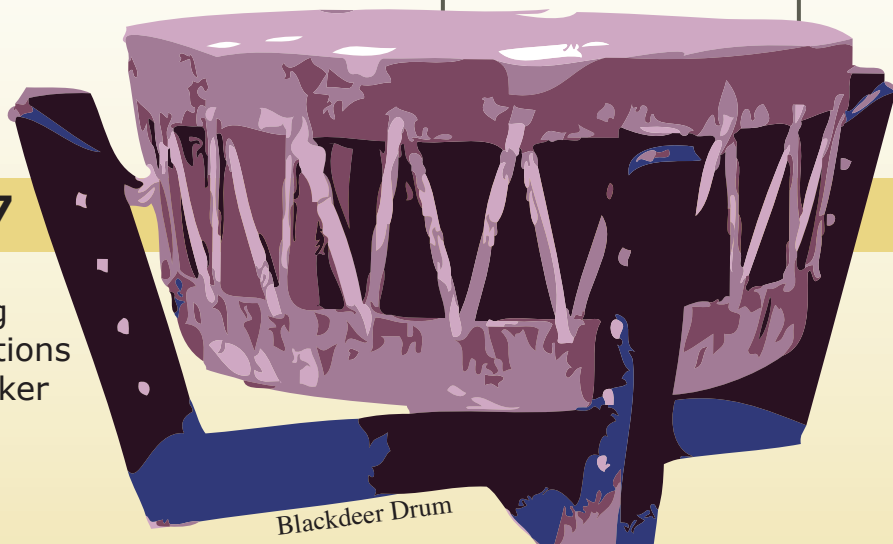
Day money is  
available for all  
dancers.

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Vendors call  
(507) 494-8849

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

- Sunrise Ceremony followed by a Continental Breakfast & Flag Raising
- Native American Symbols and Traditions
- Spiritual Service with Keynote Speaker
- Unity Feast for all attendees
- Original Creator's game of Lacrosse
- Closing Ceremony



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Events subject to change. Complete details online at: [www.winonadakotaunityalliance.org](http://www.winonadakotaunityalliance.org)

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Unity Park (East Lake Winona) P.O. Box 393 Winona MN 55987  
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### 2017 THEME: The Drum: Heartbeat of Nations

#### Information for Community Organizations Exhibits

Saturday, September 9, 2017 11 am – 3 pm

Extended hours are welcome as you are able and available. (Saturday: sunrise-sunset Saturday: sunrise–3 pm)

Dear Friends,

We are glad that you are interested in the Winona Dakota Gathering! You may begin setting up your exhibit as early as Thursday evening, September 7, 2017 when tents, tipis and portable toilets will be installed, but please be sure it is ready well before 11 AM Saturday morning. In past years we have had about 1000 visitors over the course of the whole weekend. We expect more this year. About 70 % come from within 25 miles of Winona.

Following is an overview of the events that are being planned for the Gathering. The times indicated here are subject to change as details of the events become known or confirmed. We invite your participation in any of the events whenever you are free to do so.

Sincerely,

Winona Dakota Unity Alliance Board of Directors Contact: jean1948@hbc.com.

#### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

9 AM – 1:30 PM Youth Education Day for area schools. Several hundred third graders, their teachers and chaperones will be engaged in learning events in and around the arena.

#### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

Sunrise ceremony at the Fire Ring followed by a continental breakfast and flag raising.

9:30 AM, Kids events. Activities help native and non-native children interact by playing games and working on projects together.

10 AM – 12:30 PM Talk Circle (enclosed tent) in which a focus for the day is introduced along with historical background and participants are invited to join in honest heartfelt discussion

10 – 11 AM & 3 – 4 PM Two Spirits program (tipi)

11 AM – 3 PM -- Indigenous Learning Tent with 17-20 presenters.

11 AM – 3 PM Exhibitors from local groups as well as from various tribal nations.

11:30 AM: Dancer registration

1 – 6 PM Grand Entry & powwow

6 PM: soup supper (free)

Other activities throughout the day include Native American craft and food vendors, Language Bingo, genealogy and possibly Lake Winona programs and lacrosse games.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Sunrise ceremony continental breakfast and flag raising

9:15 AM Native American symbols and traditions (enclosed tent)

10 AM Spiritual service with keynote speaker: "The Drum: Heartbeat of Nations"

12 noon A Unity Feast (free) for all attendees

1:30-3 PM Dance demonstration and closing ceremony

The Winona Dakota Gathering, Homecoming & Powwow is an annual event for families of indigenous and local populations and around the region. Unity Park was created by the City of Winona as a powwow site for the event. The Winona Gathering is unlike any other Powwow around. Enlightening, energizing, invigorating, and powerfully moving, Native American families and descendants of settlers together, are invited to explore Native American culture, celebrate friendships, have fun together, learn, nurture reconciliation, and enjoy meaningful and energizing traditions.



# Winona Dakota Unity Alliance

## Community Organizations Exhibits

Invitation to the Great Dakota Gathering Homecoming and Powwow  
September 9-10 2017 Unity Park, East Lake Winona

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization representative \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

### EXHIBIT INFORMATION

Please describe your exhibit (kinds of information and type of display)

Do you need WDUU to provide:

Canopy? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Table? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ How many (8 ft?) \_\_\_\_\_

Chairs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have special requests?

EXHIBITOR HOURS: 11 am – 3 PM Saturday Sept. 9, 2017

Are you interested in extended hours?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Additional hours are sunrise to sunset Saturday, Sept. 9 and sunrise to 3 Pm Sunday.

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Exhibitor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return to:

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