

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.

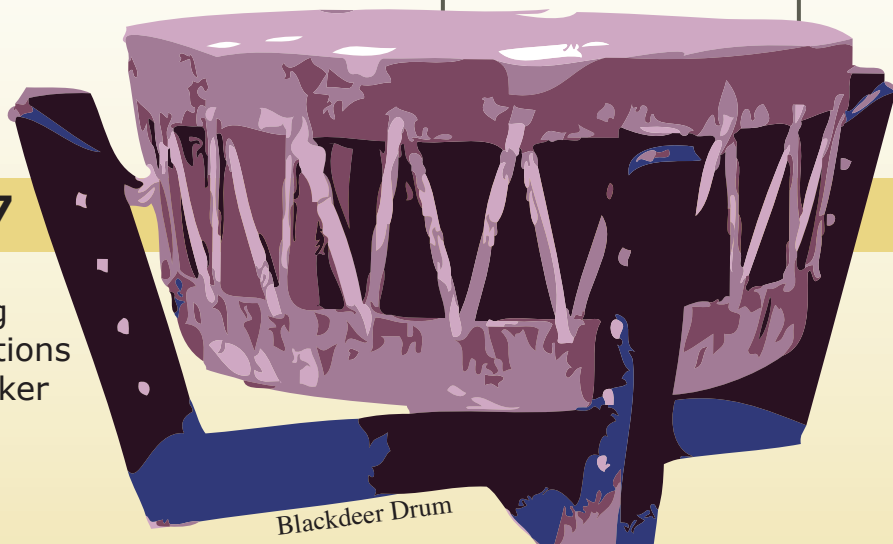
Prizes will be
awarded for dance
Specials.

Day money is
available for all
dancers.

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

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Great Dakota Gathering, Homecoming & Powwow

September 9th - 10th, 2017

Past attendance is 1,000-1,500 guests.

The Winona Dakota Gathering, Homecoming & Powwow is an annual event for families of indigenous and local populations and around the region. Held in Unity Park which was created by the City of Winona as a powwow site for the annual Gathering, Homecoming & Powwow.

The WDUAA has been involved in a number of initiatives to facilitate friendships by promoting education and reconciliation of cultural misunderstandings among and between descendants of indigenous and non-indigenous populations. The annual Winona Dakota Gathering, Homecoming & Powwow is an important part of the WDUAA mission.

Winona's Great Dakota Gathering is unlike any other Powwow around. Enlightening, energizing, invigorating, and powerfully moving, the Great Dakota Gathering invites Native American families and descendants of settlers together to explore Native American culture, celebrate friendships, have fun together, nurture reconciliation, and enjoy the meaningful and energizing tradition of dancing. The event includes a Grand Entry Dance by talented Native American dancers, a learning tent where visitors can explore Native American culture, games and activities for kids to have fun together and build friendships, a unity feast, Sunrise and other ceremonies, and a talk circle in which a focus for the day is introduced along with historical background and participants are invited to join in honest heartfelt discussion.

Past Vendors

Non-Food Vendors:

1. Bear-Hawk
2. Nikoma Arts
3. Howling Wolf
4. Woodland
5. Indian Crafts
6. Creative Native Products
7. Dakota Nation Art store
8. Hawk Enterprise
9. Mah Zah Ska
10. Redwing Arts & Crafts
11. Sportswear and More
12. Whispering Thunder Gallery

Food Vendors:

1. Fry Bread Crossing
2. Rubio's
3. Gray's kettle Corn
4. Audrey's Kitchen
5. Corn roast
6. Doc's lemonade

Any participating vendors with websites
will be linked to via our own

Contact us at (507) 494-8849



Winona Dakota Gathering Homecoming & Powwow September 9-10, 2017

Unity Park (East Lake Winona) P.O. Box 393 Winona MN 55987
Winonadakotaunityalliance.org 507-494-8849

2017 THEME: The Drum: Heartbeat of Nations

Information for Vendors

Saturday: sunrise – sunset Sunday: sunrise – 3 pm

Dear Friends,

We are glad that you are interested in the Winona Dakota Gathering! Large tents, tipis, portable toilets, water and electrical hookups (not for campers) are set up on Thursday September 7. In past years we have had 1000-1500 visitors over the course of the whole weekend. About 70 % come from within 25 miles of Winona.

Following is an overview of the events that are being planned. 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.

Sincerely,

Winona Dakota Unity Alliance Board of Directors

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

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"

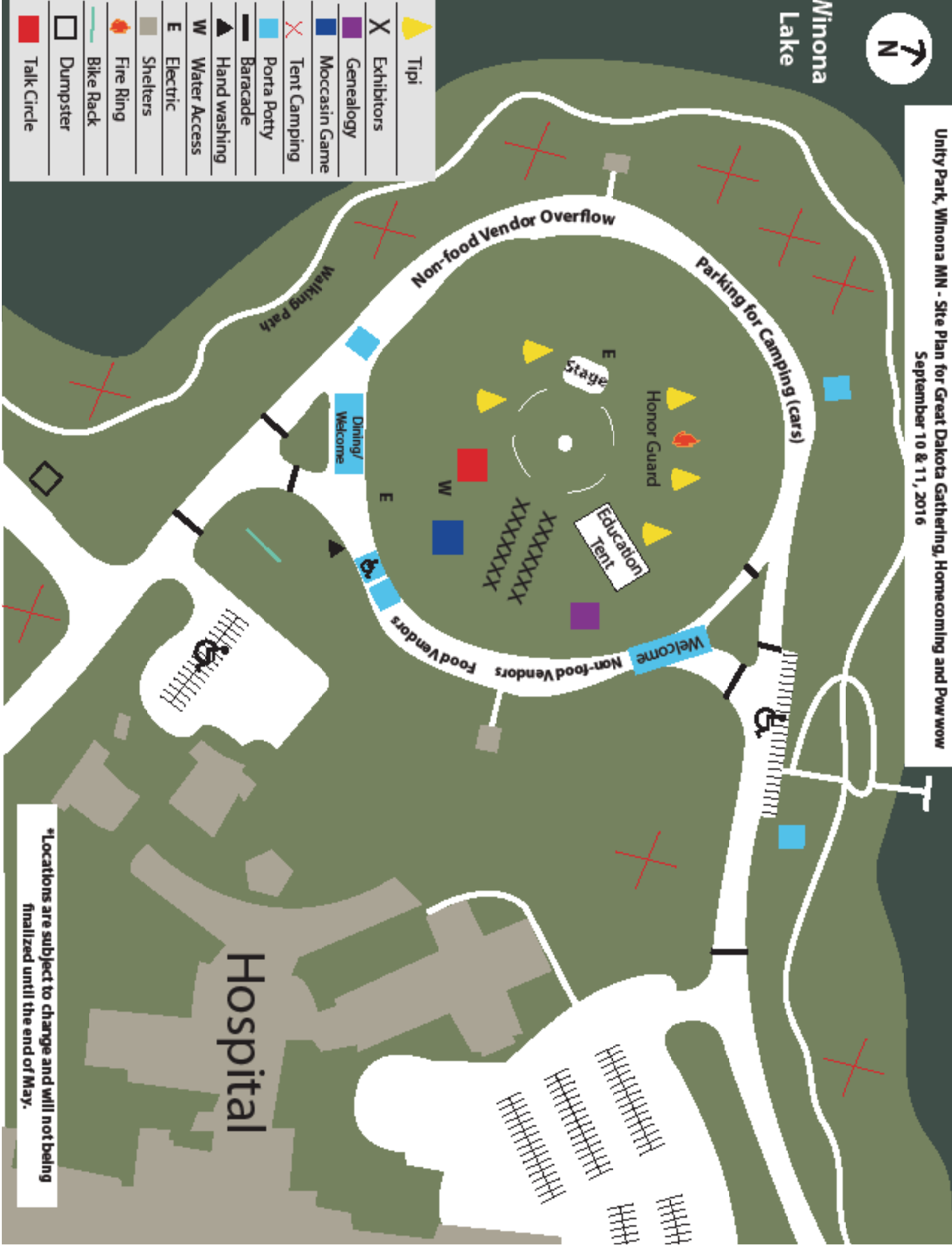
12 noon A Unity Feast (free) for all attendees

1:30-3 PM Dance demonstration and closing ceremony



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 Lake

-  Tipi
-  Exhibitors
-  Genealogy
-  Moccasin Game
-  Tent Camping
-  Porta Potty
-  Baracade
-  Hand washing
-  Water Access
-  Electric
-  Shelters
-  Fire Ring
-  Bike Rack
-  Dumpster
-  Talk Circle



*Locations are subject to change and will not being finalized until the end of May.

Winona-Dakota Unity Alliance

Application for a Vendor Invitation to the Great Dakota Gathering Homecoming & Powwow

CONTACT INFORMATION: Print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned.

Stand Name _____ Owner's Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell/Alternate Phone _____
Email Address _____
Website http:// _____
Tribal Enrollment/Affiliation _____

PRODUCT INFORMATION

_____ Food Vendor (\$50) _____ Craft Vendor (\$50) Spaces Needed _____

Do you have special requests for your vendor stand?

Description of Products to be sold/Menu (Be very specific, use additional paper as necessary):

REFERENCES

Please list two events (other than WDUA) where you have been a vendor.

Event #1

Event Name: _____ Dates you were a Vendor _____
Contact Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City, State Zip _____

Event #2

Event Name: _____ Dates you were a Vendor _____
Contact Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City, State Zip _____

Have you been a Vendor at the Dakota Gathering? If yes, when _____ Yes ___ No

Please explain any issues you have had as a vendor at an event _____

Dated: _____
Owner's Signature _____ Vendor Stand Name _____



Return to:
Winona Dakota Unity Alliance
P.O. Box 393
Winona MN 55987
Or call 507-494-8849

Thank you for your interest, We will respond to your application within a couple weeks.