



Powwow and Indian Market celebrates Native American Heritage

(Anderson, IN) Andersontown Powwow and Indian Market brings Native American music, dance, art, artists, and family fun to Athletic Park, Anderson IN September 10 and 11. Visitors can shop for authentic Native American art, paintings, jewelry, textiles, and cultural items in the Indian Market. Plus meet the artists and learn about contemporary Native American arts and culture.

Exhibition and Competitive Native American Dancing will be showcased in the arena during the weekend. Dancers from across the country will be competing for prize money to be awarded in the dance competitions for youth aged 8-17, Women, and Men aged 18 and older. The powwow and inter-tribal celebration opens with a grand entry or colorful parade of dancers dressed in full regalia. Grand Entries will be Saturday at 2pm and 7pm and Sunday at 2pm.

Douglas Blue Feather (Cherokee) an award-winning songwriter, recording artist and performer of contemporary and traditional Native American flute music will present three performances: Saturday September 10 at 12noon and 5p.m. and Sunday September 11 at 12noon. A two-time Native American Music Award winner, Blue Feather has released four CD's of original music which has been featured on radio stations around the world

Children of all ages can enjoy the Eagle Creek Birds of Prey, "Raptor Rhapsody". Come and meet some of Indiana's Native raptors and their amazing adaptations and find out the answers to your questions about these magnificent Birds of Prey. A Barred Owl, Turkey Vulture and Red-tailed Hawk can be viewed up close with two demonstrations on Saturday, September 10 at 11a.m. and 4 p.m. On Sunday the Archaeology Department of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources will be available for artifact identification from 1 – 4 p.m.

Herman Logan (Winnebago) of Milwaukee, WI will serve as master of ceremonies and Jerry Perdospfpy (Comanche-Kiowa) of Bartlesville, OK has been named head man singer. As many as four direct descendants of Chief Anderson are slated to attend this year's two-day event.

Delaware Indians Dee and Annette Ketchem and Michael Pace, all of Bartlesville, OK will participate in the cultural festivities. Annette has made Indian cultural presentations for more than 20 years at Conner Prairie Museum, National Cowboy Museum and the Cincinnati History Museum. Dee Ketchem served 17 years on the Delaware Tribal Council and Trust Board and served as chief of his tribe from 1998 - 2002. Michael Pace works to promote and educate tribal members and the public on the traditions, culture and history of the Lenape People. Michael is currently working at Conner Prairie Museum in Fishers, IN as an artist in residence at the Lenape Indian Camp

The Andersonstown Powwow & Indian Market has selected Native American artist Norris Chee, (Navajo) as the featured artist for the 2005 event. A nationally accomplished artist, Chee's work has been recognized at the Santa Fe Indian Market, Eiteljorg Indian Market in Indianapolis and the American Indian Arts Festival and Market, Dallas TX. His painting, *Defending His Home*, graces this year's official powwow poster. Born on the reservation in Mexican Hat, Utah, Norris currently resides in Lexington, Nebraska where he operates Blue Horse Studio. He also works as an Artist in Residence for the state of Nebraska. Visiting schools and communities, he teaches them about his artistic talents, methods and about the customs of his tribe.

The powwow will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Adult tickets are \$5 and children under age 8 are admitted free. Parking is free. For a complete schedule of events, maps and directions, visit www.andersontownpowwow.org. For more information call 765-643-5633, 1-800-533-6569 or by email: info@andersontownpowwow.org.