

## **Native American Heritage Month**

### **November 2007**

November is designated as Native American Heritage Month. Special activities have been planned to recognize Native Americans whose contributions, culture and heritage are an integral part of the history of this country.

This year's observances are co-sponsored with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region V Office.

Our commemoration starts with an Indian taco lunch and cultural presentation, Wednesday, November 7, 2007. We are also hosting movie and popcorn events on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. A closing ceremony will take place on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, and will include a keynote address by **Mic Isham**, former Lac Courte Oreilles Band (WI) Council Member and an active participant in regional environmental management initiatives.

### **Schedule of Events**

**Opening Ceremony:**                    **Indian Taco Lunch & *Black Hawk Drum and Dance Troupe***  
**Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM**  
**Room 2205**

Come and partake in food prepared by staff from HUD's Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs and enjoy a traditional American Indian drumming and dancing presentation by the **Black Hawk Drum and Dance Troupe**.

Lunch tickets are available in the ONAP office. Please contact Mary White, Ext. 2812; George Simpson, Ext. 2825; and, Denise Tucker, Ext. 2805.

**American Indian Film & Popcorn:**                    ***In Light of Reverence***  
**Wednesday, November 14**  
**12:30 – 2:30 PM**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference Center - Room 328**

This critically acclaimed and award winning film explores America's relationship to nature in three places considered sacred by native peoples: the Colorado Plateau in the Southwest, Mount Shasta in California, and Devils Tower in Wyoming. These sites are places of extraordinary beauty and impassioned controversy as Indians and non-Indians struggle to co-exist with very different ideas about how the land should be used. For Native Americans, the land is sacred and akin to the world's greatest cathedrals. For others, the land should be used for industry and recreation. (More information available at: <http://www.sacredland.org/reverence.html>)

**American Indian Film & Popcorn:            *Artic Son***  
**Tuesday, November 20**  
**12:30 pm – 2:30 pm**  
**Room 2205**

In “Artic Son,” the clash of tradition and modernity puts a Native father and son at odds in the remote village of Old Crow, 80 miles from the Arctic Circle. You can read more about this film at: <http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2007/articson>.

**Closing Ceremony:                                EPA’s Tribal Programs & Keynote Speaker**  
**Tuesday, November 27**  
**1:00 pm -3:00 pm**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Center - Room 331**

Come with your questions about EPA’s Tribal program activities. The Indian Environmental Office Director Luke Jones will present on the work being done by the EPA’s Tribal Office. Following, a keynote address will be given by Mic Isham, Chairman of the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission Board of Directors, Vice Chair of the Voight Intertribal Task Force, and former council member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in Wisconsin, will present on their .

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Room 328.  
Refreshments will be served.

**November 16:**            The start of the **Chicago American Indian Center 54th Annual Pow-Wow**. The Pow-Wow runs through November 18<sup>th</sup> and is being held at the University of Illinois, Chicago Pavilion at 1150 W. Harrison Street. For more information, please contact the American Indian Center of Chicago at 773-275-5871.

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**November 27:            11:30 AM    Closing Ceremony; Key Note Speaker - Mic Isham**  
**Room 331**