

Annual Intertribal Gathering



The Panhandle RC&D is working with the Chadron Native American Center, Fort Robinson State Park, Nebraska Arts Council, Nebraska Humanities, Running Strong for American Indian Youth, Cooper Foundation USDA NRCS, the City of Crawford and other local entities in putting this three day event on in the 2nd weekend in June of each year.

- Display of traditional American Indian drumming, song, dancing and story telling complemented by traditional arts and crafts with much of the conversation in American Indian languages;
- Recognize, celebrate, and promote remembrance of the historical significance of the area for American Indians as well as their cultural traditions;
- Demonstrate American Indian artistic traditions and spiritual values with 18 different Dance Categories. 90 to 130 dancers participate annually;
- Over 15 tribes represented by dancers and drum groups from Colorado, New Mexico, Montana, Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota provide an opportunity for people of other cultural traditions to learn about and appreciate the traditions and history of American Indians;
- The Gathering provides an opportunity to help at-risk youth witness collaboration while learning about their cultural heritage through the weekend's festivities;
- In 2009 we were honored by the Cheyenne Veterans from Rose Bud, SD with one of three flags flown over the Twin Towers in New York.
- The intertribal gathering requires around \$60,000 of in-kind services and equipment from Dancers, Committee member, volunteers and Fort Robinson State Park.
- Over 3500 visitors over this three day event witness the beauty of an authentic powwow with arbor in a setting on the Historic Red Cloud Agency grounds;
- \$28,000 dollars cash is required to pay for expenses and honorariums annually;
- Economic tourism benefit to the Panhandle of Nebraska is estimated to be from \$298,000 to \$600,000 over these three days.