

Sitting Bull Youth
Culture Camp
T̥hath̥ánka Íyotake
T̥héca Oún̥ye Oéthi



Čhaŋté waŋžíla, t̥háwowyukčan̥ waŋžíla,
oyáte kiŋ ówaŋžilapi

One heart, one mind, the people are one.

Youth Culture Camp Purpose:

To inspire our youth to learn and carry forward our Lakota/Dakota way of life and language;
encouraging their self-esteem, identity, and healthy choices

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2008 Planners came from...

- THPO
- Boy & Girls Club of Grand River
- Chemical Prevention Program
- Oniyapi Mentoring Program
- Youth Wellness
- Tribal Tourism Office
- SRST Administration
- Tribal Education
- Standing Rock High School
- Sitting Bull College
- Corson County Cooperative Extension
- Elders & individuals



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2008 Youth Culture Camp

- Four days: July 11 to 14, 2008
- At Sitting Bull Camp (SE of Rock Creek)
- Youth slept in tipis
- Planned for 50 children, ages 8 to 16
 - 35 children & youth stayed
 - From all eight SR Districts & nine cities

Culture Camp Format

- Youth were grouped into four traditional societies
 - *Tǎokǎála Okǎólakičhiye* (Kit Fox)
 - *Čhaŋtét'inza Okǎólakičhiye* (Strong Heart)
 - *Íǎhoka* (Badger)
 - *Sotkáyuha* (Bare Lance Owners)

Culture Camp Format

- Lessons in morning and afternoon
- Hands-on activities
- Recreation: swim in river, football, etc.
- Evenings: storytelling, *inipi*, campfire
- Several helped prepare for sun dance

Horse culture & riding - Delyle Left Hand



Traditional
foods –
Loretta (Grey
Day) Bad
Heart Bull

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- Atlatl throwing – Tim Mentz, Jr.

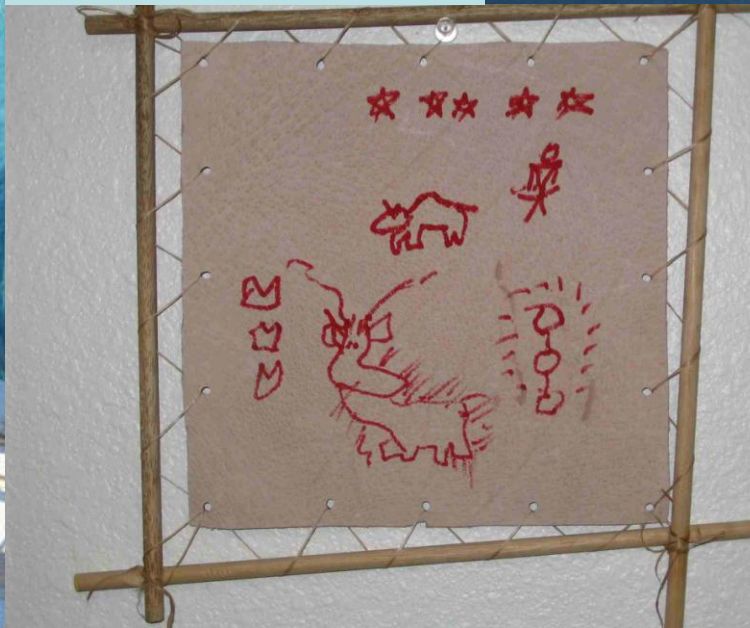
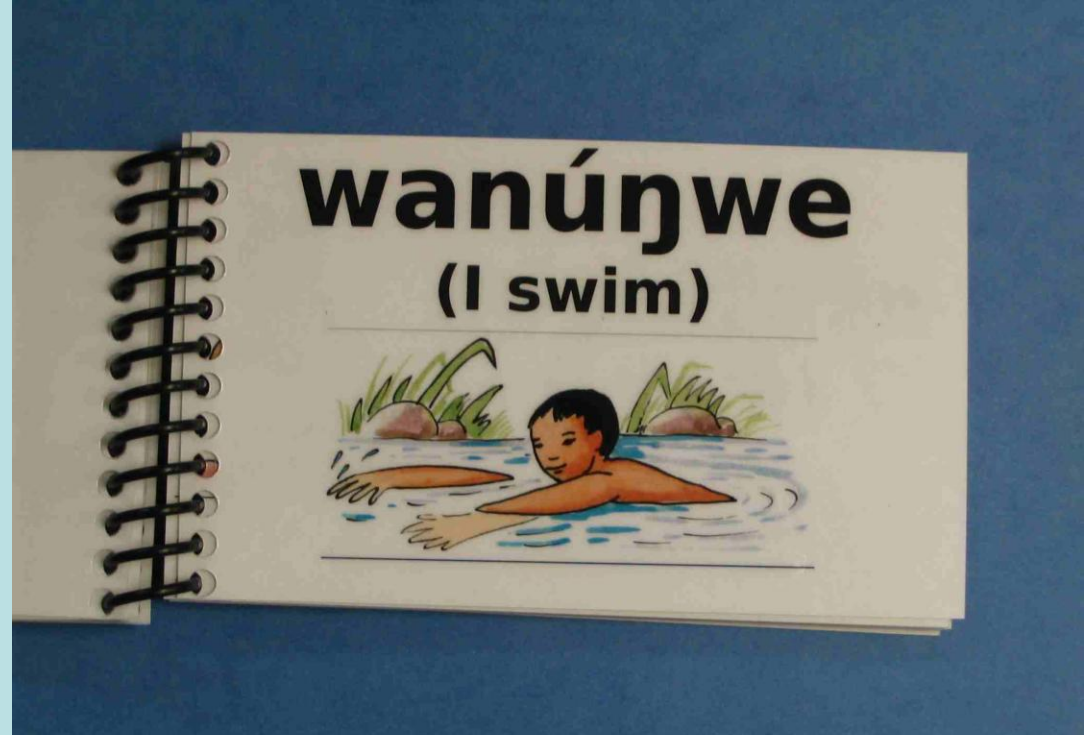
- [Boys throwing spears using atlatls](#)

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Buffalo hide
brain-tanning
Ree Red
Horse
(CRST)



Lakota
language
lesson –
Sacheen
White Tail



Winter
counts –
Tipizi
Young

Other Teachers of Lakota culture

- Tim Mentz, Sr. – Setting up lodges
- Delores Taken Alive – Storytelling
- Linda (Jones) Different Cloud –
Traditional uses of plants
- Kevin Locke
- Jenny Ghost Bear
- John Buckley
- Sarah Jumping Eagle
- Petra Reyna



Rain in the Face

2008 Contributors & Supporters

- THPO
- Tribal Education
- Sitting Bull College
- Private donor
- Oniyapi
- BIA Fire Department
- BIA Roads Dept.
- Game & Fish
- Diabetes Program
- Sam's Club
- Boys & Girls Club of Grand River
- Chemical Prevention Youth Services
- Standing Rock EPA
- SRST Youth Wellness & Suicide Prevention
- Standing Rock Health (CHR)
- McLaughlin High School
- Standing Rock High School

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2008 Expenses

- \$9,830 (Approximate)
 - 2,900 Food, juice & cooks
 - 2,100 Honorariums & mileage to speakers
 - 1330 Sanitation
 - 900 Language booklets
 - 900 T-shirts (100)
 - 1,700 Supplies, etc.
 - PLUS loaned equipment AND
 - Estimated \$11,950 in contributed time & expenses

What were the Benefits?

- Youth reported this was a life changing experience
- Those helping prepare for the sun dance didn't want to stop
- Most want to come back again next year
- One reported the camp gave them inspiration
- The teachers & coordinators also learned more about the culture
- The youth have developed positive relationships with the adults

Plans for 2009 Youth Culture Camp

- Hold it after sun dance
 - Full moon is July 7
- July 14 to 17, Tuesday - Friday, 2009
- Ages: completed 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grades
- Concurrent classes: 5th & 6th together
7th & 8th together

Plans for the 2009 Camp

- Hold more ceremonies during the camp
 - naming ceremony
 - *inípi*
 - *išnáthi alówanpi* (Buffalo ceremony, coming of age)
 - throwing of the ball
- Build a shower, cook shack, and washing station beforehand
- Pay a security person to be up all night
- Pay several youth counselors to help
- Purchase two more tipis

2009 Budget

- About \$20,450
- Grants are applied for (JTAC, others)
- Many tribal programs will be cost-sharing
- All funds will be processed through THPO

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Funding for 2009

- Asking each District to sponsor 7 youth
- Recommend \$1000 contribution per district

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If you want to help...

- Contact:
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854-2120
 - or
 - Danielle Ewenin
Boys & Girls Club of Grand River
210 Main, McLaughlin, 823-2381

*Anáġoptaŋ nanġkápi kiŋ hé
philámayayapi*

Thank you all for listening





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