

NRE CLOSING CELEBRATION

Date: June 29-July 1, 2006

Host: Sitting Bull College

Invited Participants: All those working, or who have worked directly with NRE project at each of the 8 institutions plus the advisory committee.

Registration: Please let Linda Hugelen and Mary de Baca know who is coming from your institution and if you will have a vehicle to drive for activities in Fort Yates, the SBC campus, and the pow wow at McLaughlin.

Lodging: Prairie Knights Lodge

Call by Monday, June 5 to make your reservations 1-800-425-8277 ext. 7704. Mention you are **with** "Sitting Bull College Natural Resources Education" ISU will cover lodging costs. If your institution needs more than 3 rooms, please advise Mary de Baca. Check In is 4:00 p.m. and Check Out is 11:00 a.m. See website www.prairieknights.com/ regarding accommodations.

Program:

Thursday, June 29

6:30 p.m. **Inipi Ceremony** (Sweat Lodge) followed by light supper –at St. Bernard's Catholic Mission School in Fort Yates (one quarter mile or so north of Taco Johns) (Meet at Prairie Knights at 6:00 or go directly to the Mission School)

- A time for acknowledging the wonders of our environment
- A time for appreciation for the NRE friendships and accomplishments
- A time of gratitude and hope for youth and communities we have served

Friday, June 30 – morning

Breakfast from 7:00 to 8:30: “Feast of the Rock” buffet at Prairie Knights Lodge.
PLEASE SIGN IN BEFORE GOING THROUGH THE LINE

Meeting: 8:30 – Prairie Knights Lodge

Opening prayer

Opening welcome by Laurel Vermillion

Celebration Round Dance - Linda

Presentation of USDA video - Mary

**Poster or power point presentations of each partner showcasing NRE activities – each school

Tribal College Notebooks – Paula and Jason

Careers in Natural Resources DVDs – Paula and Jason

Final Report Publication - Mary

Other business – Harold

Lunch: “Feast of the Rock” buffet at Prairie Knights Lodge

Friday, June 30 – afternoon

1:30 - Hike at the Mariina and Interpretive Trail, near Prairie Knights Lodge

Go to Sitting Bull College, tour new campus buildings, group photo

Friday, June 30 - evening

Drive to **Bear Soldier Wacipi** (pow wow) in McLaughlin for 7:00 grand entry; Kevin Locke will perform native dances

Dinner on your own at the pow wow

Saturday, July 1 - morning

Breakfast from 7:00 to 8:30: “Feast of the Rock” buffet at Prairie Knights Lodge

Wopila Ceremony (appreciation) - Prairie Knights Lodge

Wopila: an event hosted by a grateful person or group to show appreciation. Often a celebration meal is served, tokens of appreciation are given along with an explanation of why the gift is being given and what was appreciated.

Mary Louise Defender Wilson - explain the tradition

In the name of our colleges or personally, to thank those who have made a difference with words and/or gifts of appreciation

Presentation of NRE certificates

Talking Circle

Closing remarks by Harold Crawford

Closing prayer

Lunch: "Feast of the Rock" buffet at Prairie Knights Lodge

**Prepare a poster or power point presentation of your school's involvement and contribution to building capacity, community education, and strengthening the NRE partnership. Bring 35 handouts to share.

Thanks to everyone for plans made at the mid-year meeting in Nebraska and to Laurel, Linda, and Mary for arrangements.