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Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Announce 2017 Pow Wow Dates

(Fulton, Mich.) –The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) will be holding their annual Pow Wow on the Pine Creek Indian Reservation in Fulton, Michigan on Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25.

This year's NHBP Pow Wow will bring the rich culture of the Potawatomi to life through crafts, food, dance, prayer and song. The celebratory weekend will kick off with the Sunrise Ceremony followed by the annual Parade of Cheers, which winds its way around the tribal homes and government buildings on the reservation.

The daily Grand Entries are open to the public and feature veterans, head dancers and tribal members, from youth to elders, dressed in a wide assortment of traditional regalia. Many dances take place including traditional Women's Jingle Dress Dance, Women's Fancy Shawl Dance, Potato Dance, Team Dance Competition, Men's Fancy Dance and several Spot Dances. NHBP Pow Wow dances are also open to sponsorship throughout the two days and may be held in honor of someone special to the sponsor.

"This is a time to renew thoughts of the old ways and to preserve a rich heritage," said NHBP Tribal Council Secretary and Pow Wow Committee Chair Christine Lanning.

A perfect blending of the old and new can be found among the Native crafts and other goods sold at the Vendor's Circle. A variety of woodwork, beaded jewelry and delicious foods such as coveted fry bread and wild rice soup all make a bid for attention during the weekend's festivities.

"A Pow Wow helps to drive home the fact that we are not a vanishing culture," Lanning said. "We are here because we have always been here and this is the home of our people."

To view the full NHBP Pow Wow schedule, visit nhbpi.com and click 2017 Pow Wow.

For more information or to sponsor a tribal dance, contact Christine Lanning at clanning@nhbpi.com or 269.704.8379. For vendor requests, please contact Robyn Burlingham at rburlingham@nhbpi.com or 269.704.8373.

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About The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi

There are nearly 1,400 NHBP Tribal Members. NHBP's primary Indian Health and Bureau of Indians Affairs Service Area covers members in Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Kent and Ottawa counties. The Tribe's administrative office is located at the Pine Creek Indian Reservation in Athens Township, with a satellite office in Grand Rapids, Mich. to better serve Members. For more information visit:

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