

NEW MEXICO
AMERICAN
INDIAN CLASSIC
SANTA ANA STAR
CENTER
RIO RANCHO,
NEW MEXICO
DECEMBER 26-28,
2011

- Pow-Wow
- Career Fair
- Health Fair
- Half-Time Activities

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NEW MEXICO AMERICAN INDIAN CLASSICAPPLICATION PACKET

On behalf of the Source for Educational Empowerment and Community Development (SEED) Institute and the Striking Eagle Well-Being Project, we are honored to announce the First Annual New Mexico American Indian Classic (NMAIC) basketball tournament. This exciting event will take place from December 26-28, 2011 at the Santa Ana Star Center and surrounding schools in Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

The NMAIC will feature 32 talented American Indian basketball teams in the state of New Mexico. Team participants will compete for scholarships, awards, and partake in activities such as a college fair, health awareness workshops, Native cultural activities, and other events during this three day event. We cordially invite you to participate by honoring our youth and well being in this ground breaking event!

The NMAIC is sponsored bySource for Educational Empowerment and Community Development (SEED) which is a registered non-profit 501c3 organization that is based in Albuquerque, N.M. SEED bridges indigenous knowledge and western ways of knowing through conferences, dialogue, films, events, and other learning opportunities.The NMAIC was created on behalf of the Striking Eagle Well-Being Project which is a component of the SEED Institute. Our project focuses its mission on the development of spiritual, mental, social, and physical well-being factors among American Indian youth, elders, and communities.

STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE NMAIC

Since the NMAIC is expected to draw thousands of visitors to the Rio Rancho, Albuquerque and Bernalillo area, it is vital that we develop partnerships with various organizations, hotels, tribal entities, municipalities, and the general public. In partnership with the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA), all NMAIC participants are subject to NMAA rules and regulations. There are NO fees for eligible American Indian teams to participate in the NMAIC.

STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE NMAIC

- 1) Foster sportsmanship and positive character among NMAIC participants, coaches, fans, and communities.
- 2) Develop the attributes of spiritual, mental, social, and physical well-being attributes among participants.
- 3) Enhance college preparatory opportunities through workshops, informational sessions, speakers, and appropriate role models.
- 4) Educate participants about health awareness issues and to promote healthy lifestyles through diet, exercise, and positive choices.
- 5) Develop a working relationship with the New Mexico tribes, schools, associations, programs, and institutions that participate in the NMAIC.
- 6) Our main goal is to have as many schools participate and possibly develop “a waiting list” since we hope to continue our event every year. For example, we may choose a particular boys basketball team this year and have the same school’s girls team participate in NMAIC next year.
- 7) There will be four tournament brackets in accordance with school size and gender.
 - Boys Bracket (3A-4A-5A Schools)
 - Girls Bracket (3A-4A-5A Schools)
 - Boys Bracket (B-A-AA Schools)
 - Girls Bracket (B-A-AA Schools)
- 8) All NMAIC participants must be academically eligible according to NMAA rules and regulations to participate in NMAIC. All teams will be guaranteed three games which will count toward each participating school’s NMAA school schedule.
- 9) All NMAIC players, families, schools, and community members must demonstrate positive sportsmanship and character as part of NMAIC and rules set forth by NMAA.
- 10) Our tournament planning committee will develop the bracket and contact the respective team about dates, time, place, etc, in advance.

NMAIC ELIGIBILITY:

Participating schools must meet the following criteria to partake in NMAIC: Please check the following if your school meets the NMAIC eligibility requirements:

___Your school must have at least a 20 percent American Indian population of the entire student body.

___Your school must be located within the boundaries of the State of New Mexico*. Students who live outside of the state but attend a New Mexico school are eligible.

___Your school must be a member of the New Mexico Activities Association.*

___Participating schools must submit their NMAIC application, roster, and necessary paperwork by their posted deadline dates. Schools who do not comply with this requirement will be replaced by another school. WE WILL SEND YOU A LIST OF DEADLINE DATES THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MARCH 1, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

**If there are not enough New Mexico schools participating in each eight team bracket, other teams may be given consideration to participate such as American Indian schools in Arizona, South Dakota, Colorado, Oklahoma, California, etc.*

2011 NMAIC PROPOSED SCHEDULE

(Subject to change which depends on availability of facilities)

Monday, December 26, 2011	8:00 a.m. - Noon	Travel time for teams and hotel check-in
Afternoon Session	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. First Round	Santa Ana Star Center and local High schools *Registration for college/health/arts and crafts booths
Evening Session	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. First Round	Santa Ana Star Center and local high schools
Tuesday, December 27, 2011 Morning Session	9:00 a.m. – Noon Second Round	Santa Ana Star Center and local high schools
Afternoon Session	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Second Round	Santa Ana Star Center and local high schools
Evening Session	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Second Round	Santa Ana Star Center and local high schools
Wednesday, December 28, 2011 Morning Session	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Consolation Round	Santa Ana Star and local high schools
Afternoon Session	Noon – 3:00 p.m. Third Place Round	Santa Ana Star Center and local high schools
Evening Session	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Championship Round	Santa Ana Star Center
Wednesday, December 28, 2011	Pow Wow or Dance Evening Activities 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Santa Ana Casino (?) or to be determined

**College and health fair workshops will be scheduled during the tournament only at the Santa Ana Star Center. More information will be announced at a later time.*

NMAIC AWARDS AND BENEFITS

- **NMAIC trophy with award insignia and design for all teams participating**
- **NMAIC apparel for Championship Team members (in each of the four brackets)**
- **NMAIC Most Valuable Player award (in each of the four brackets)**
- **Sportsmanship award (One boys and one girls player)**
- **NMAIC Championship Banner for champion and runner-up team (in each bracket)**
- **College scholarship awarded to a player (in each bracket): Amount: To be announce**
- **Team Recognition in publications, newspapers and press releases**
- **NMAIC apparel awarded in various competitions throughout the tournament**
- **College scholarship information and health awareness information for youth**
- **College basketball recruiters have been invited to attend**



**2011 NEW MEXICO AMERICAN INDIAN CLASSIC
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT APPLICATION FORM**

If you are interested in participating in the NMAIC, please complete the following information below:

Primary Contact Name:	Job Title:	School Name:
Address:	Phone Number:	Email Address:
Fax Number:	Home Number:	Alternate Email Address:
Alternate Contact:	Phone Number:	Email Address:

This is a New Mexico Activities Association SPONSORED event!

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

___ Yes! Please reserve a spot for our team(s) to participate in the 2011 New Mexico American Indian Basketball Classic. ___ Boys Team ___ Girls Team ___ BOTH

___ Maybe, we are not sure right now but please keep us informed on the event. We will notify you by _____.

___ No, we do not plan to participate this upcoming 2011-12 school year but keep us in mind of your future events.

___ Other (Specify): _____

Athletic Director Signature

Date

Alternate Contact Signature

Date

NMAIC SPONSORSHIPS

There are no fees to register and partake in the New Mexico American Indian Classic. We would like to assist eligible schools by creating a sponsorship packet for travel, lodging, meals, and other basic necessities. The sponsorship packet will contain discounted hotels, sample letter to a company/corporation, etc. We will send you information about discounted lodging, restaurants, and other attractions in the Rio Rancho and Albuquerque Metro area.

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Yes, we are interested in receiving a sponsorship packet to help my school participate in the NMAIC.

No, we prefer to seek our own resources.

Undecided, we will notify you if we need sponsorships at a later date.

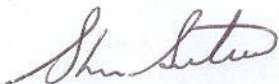
NMAIC SIDE-BAR ACTIVITIES

Please review the following NMAIC side-bar activities. Place a check mark by each event that would interest your players. If we can generate enough interest in these activities, we will proceed with them and notify you and possibly add popular events to the NMAIC schedule.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> College Workshops and Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Three point shoot-out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Awareness Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Slam Dunk Contest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essay contest to compete for scholarships | <input type="checkbox"/> college role models |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico Thunderbirds | <input type="checkbox"/> UNM Lobos Basketball team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> arts and crafts show for students | <input type="checkbox"/> Pow-wow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half time spirit competition | <input type="checkbox"/> Free throw shoot out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | |

Again, we would like to thank you for completing this preliminary application. The NMAIC Committee is still in the planning stages of this event. A member of our organizing committee will contact you shortly as we continue to envision a great educational and athletic event that would benefit our future generations. Please feel free to contact me at (505) 792-2900 or at shawn@seedgraduateinstitute.org if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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SEED President/Striking Eagle Well Being Project Founder
NMAIC website coming soon! We will keep you updated as we secure teams and more info.