

# *Welcome to the*

## *12<sup>th</sup> Annual International Two Spirit Gathering*

The Bay Area American Indian Two Spirits would like to welcome you to Saratoga and the San Francisco Bay Area. We have worked hard to make this Gathering happen, and we are pleased that you were able to make the journey out here to join your two spirit brothers and sisters.

You will see by the following Schedule of Events that we have several events planned for you. We have planned traditional Gathering events like the mini pow wow and No Talent-Talent Show, as well as a host of other workshops, talking circles and sweat lodges. For those of you that like to dance, we have also planned two dance parties – so bring out your dancing shoes! Throughout the Gathering, other activities will be available, including beading and board games. For those of you that would like to venture out, the area surrounding the site has many hiking trails. Please try to hike in groups, and let others know when you leave and when you plan on returning.

Your attendance at all events is voluntary, but we truly hope that you will participate in the events and get to know your two spirit brothers and sisters from across the country. This is “our” Gathering and “our” time to connect and share our stories with each other, so let’s not be shy in reaching out and getting to know each other.

We would like to point out a few important things you should know at the Gathering. The **Gathering organizers will be wearing arm bands** so feel free to approach them with any questions you may have. **A message board will be available** posting schedules of events, including changes. The message board is available for you to leave messages for your friends, pick up messages, etc. **All meals will be served at set times.** The **\$150 registration fee for this event covers the site usage and site prepared meals.** No portion of the registration fee is applied towards any of the planned events. All planned events are free to the participants. Lastly, and importantly, **this is an alcohol and drug free event.**

We hope that you have a wonderful time at the Gathering!

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**Things to Remember**

*No animals.*

*No alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs.*

*Absolutely, no smoking in dorms.*

*Please dispose of trash in the bins located throughout the site.*

*Please throw cigarette butts into trash cans.*

*Children should always be supervised.*

*Meal times are as follows:*

*Breakfast            8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.*

*Lunch                12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.*

*Dinner                5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*

*No exceptions will be made for meal times.*

*There will be snacks available throughout the day in the dining hall.*

*If there is a medical emergency call 911, then find an organizer.*

*Organizers will be wearing an identifying arm band.*

*The telephone number to this site is (408) 867-1164.*

*Please be thoughtful and respectful of those around you.*

*Absolutely, no putting bad medicine on anyone.*

*Any questions, please ask an organizer and they'll be able to assist you.*

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*Schedule of Events*

*Please Check Message Board for Locations/Details on Events  
and/or any Changes*

*\* Sweat Lodge times may be earlier or later depending on sweat leaders.*

*Day One*

*3:00 p.m. -*

*5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

*7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

*Thursday, September 2, 1999*

*Registration Begins*

*Dinner*

*Informal Gathering/Welcome*

*Day Two*

*≈ 7:00 a.m.*

*8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.*

*10:30 a.m.*

*12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

*3:00 p.m.*

*5:30 p.m. - 7:30pm.*

*8:00 p.m.*

*Friday, September 3, 1999*

*Sweat Lodges\**

*Breakfast*

*Formal Welcome*

*Lunch*

*Sweat Lodge (Coed)\**

*Talking Circle*

*Dinner*

*Dance Party*

*Day Three*

*≈ 7:00 a.m.*

*8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.*

*11:00 a.m.*

*12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

*3:00 p.m.*

*5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

*8:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, September 4, 1999*

*Sweat Lodges\**

*Breakfast*

*Workshop*

*Lunch*

*Sweat Lodge (Coed)\**

*Talking Circle*

*Dinner*

*No Talent-Talent Show*

*Dance Party Following*

**Day Four**

≈ 7:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, September 5, 1999**

*Sweat Lodges\**

*Breakfast*

*Workshop*

*Lunch*

*Workshop*

*Dinner- Traditional Meal*

*Mini powwow*

*Giveaway*

**Day Five**

≈ 7:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Monday, September 6, 1999**

*Sweat Lodges\**

*Breakfast*

*Closing*

*Lunch*

*Thank you for being a part of the Gathering.  
We hope that you enjoyed your time here with us.  
Please have a safe journey home!*

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