



**Northwest Portland Area  
Indian Health Board**

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## American Indian Day Celebration at Pioneer Square

Portland, OR — The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) and other local area American Indian organizations will be hosting an American Indian Day Celebration at the Pioneer Courthouse Square in downtown Portland on Friday, September 25, 2009. The event will be a celebration of American Indian cultures and is intended to raise the level of awareness concerning the challenges that American Indian people continue to face in this country. The event is free and open to the public.

The event will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will include Northwest Tribal leaders, Indian advocates, drum groups, dancers, and arts and crafts vendors who will share their talents and experiences with the Portland community. NPAIHB and other local Tribal organizations will have display booths showcasing health, education, and other programs they provide on behalf of Northwest Tribes and the Portland Indian community. A press conference is scheduled to bring attention to the health, education, social service, and other issues that Northwest Tribes and the local Portland Indian community face. Despite being less than 1.4% of the U.S. population, American Indian people are the most economically disadvantaged people in this country and face some of the most significant health and education disparities compared to any other group. The recent success of some Indian gaming enterprises have led many to believe that the needs Indian people are being addressed, when indeed they are not. Many Indian tribes operate gaming facilities primarily to generate employment opportunities and to fund tribal government operations and programs. Indian people have long experienced lower health status and a lower life expectancy and a disproportionate disease burden due in part to inadequate education, poverty, cultural differences, and lack of access to health care. The Indian Day Celebration is intended to shed light on these broad quality of life issues while at the same time allowing Indian people to share the pride of their cultures and contributions to the Portland community.

We hope you will be able to join us in this celebration and learn more about the issues and culture of American Indian people and Northwest Tribes. For information on exhibit or arts and crafts booths contact Lisa Griggs, [lgriggs@npaihb.org](mailto:lgriggs@npaihb.org) or Elaine Dado, [edado@npaihb.org](mailto:edado@npaihb.org) (503) 416-3269. For additional information on the event or about NPAIHB, please visit [www.npaihb.org](http://www.npaihb.org).

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Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board  
Presents 4th Annual



# Dancing in the Square Powwow

“Stepping Stones for Our Future”

**September 25th, 2009**  
**Pioneer Courthouse Square**  
**Portland, Oregon**

This Powwow is sponsored by the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health board in celebration of American Indian Day. American Indian Day is a day to honor and reflect on the history and achievements of American Indians. It is also a time to remember the struggles of the past and the current issues American Indian's face today. The NPAIHB is a health service organization providing Northwest tribes with influential and effective advocacy acting as a credible resource for health related training and technical assistance, education, information and coordination, and information technology.

The NPAIHB is committed to improve the health status and quality of life of member tribes and Indian people in their delivery of culturally appropriate and holistic health care.

MC - TBD

Whipman - TBD

Host Drum - TBD

Opening Words - Joe Finkbonner - 2 pm

Grand Entry - NIVA - 2:30pm

Invocation - TBD

Tiny Tot Special - Sponsored by  
Hildebrandt Family

**All drums and dancers WELCOME**

For more information or information about  
being a vendor please contact:

Elaine Dado at 503.228.4185 x 268

Or Lisa Griggs at 503.228.4185 x 269

[www.npaihb.org](http://www.npaihb.org)

This is an Alcohol, Drug and Commercial Tobacco Free event  
Please be respectful and ask Dancer's before you take photos.  
The NPAIHB is not responsible for lost or stolen items.





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***VENDOR APPLICATION***

*Annual Indian Day Pow Wow*

*September 25, 2009*

*Pioneer Square Courtyard*

*Portland OR*

**Vendor Fees:** \$50/6' table; \$20 each additional table. We have enough vendor space for 15 vendors.

[ ] If you have your own table \$50/6; \$20 each additional table

**Schedule:** Set up at 1:00 pm (event 2-8 p.m.)

**Application:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone/Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail, fax or email application to: Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

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