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Scholarships Available for Children's Classes

Portland, IN. July 18, 2010. Are your children using the 'b' word now, as in "I'm bored"? National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture (NCGLNAC) in Portland offers the perfect solution to their boredom and a tune-up for getting ready for school. An entire week of classes for children ages 6 and up will be offered August 2 through 6 from 9 to 4 at the Women's Building of the Jay County Fairgrounds. Children may take as many classes as they wish...one day or all five.

This year's children's classes are

- Monday, August 2 – Gourd Containers and Necklaces. Students in this class will learn about the historical uses of gourds and make their own gourd containers and necklaces.
- Tuesday, August 3 – Beaded Leather Neck Bags. Students in this class will make their own neck bag using brain tanned deer leather and then decorate their bag with beads in a floral or geometric pattern.
- Wednesday, August 4 – Bandolier Bag. In this class children will make bandolier bag (9" x 12") with a simple fingerwoven neck strap just like the ones used by 18th century Native Americans.
- Thursday, August 5 – Pre-Contact Coiled Pottery and Native Games. In this class children will learn about the pre-contact Hopewell and Adena people and their pottery. Students will make several clay pots and effigies and then learn about and play Native games like double ball.
- Friday, August 6 – Feather and Sand Painting. Children in this class will learn how to paint designs on feathers, do sand painting, make corn cob darts and vine hoops. They will then learn Native American games such as the hoop and pole game.

Children's Classes cost \$15 per day, including instruction, all materials and lunch. NCGLNAC offers several scholarships at \$10 per day for the children. Parents and grandparents often attend the classes with their children and grandchildren and have just as much fun learning about the Great Lakes Native Americans. Pre-registration is encouraged. Please contact Kay Neumayr at 765-426-3022 or kay.neumayr@ncglnac.com for more information and a registration form.

This activity made possible, in part, by Arts Place, Inc., the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture, Inc. was formed as a not-for-profit 501(c)3 educational organization. The Center is composed of Native and non-Native members whose mission

is to continue and preserve traditional Great Lakes Native American art, history and culture by helping pass those traditions on to Native People and by educating the general public about the importance of Great Lakes Native peoples, their art, history and culture. NCGLNAC now owns nearly 30 acres (generously donated by the Jay County Fair Board) of beautiful, wooded land, complete with pond, grasslands and wetlands, located just north of the Jay County Fairgrounds in Portland. The first ethnobotanical hiking trail is nearing completion and was opened to the public in 2008.



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