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War of 1812 Conference to be Held in Portland

Portland, Indiana – National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture, Inc. will present its annual academic Conference about the War of 1812 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the John Jay Center for Learning, 101 South Meridian Street in Portland, Indiana. Topic of the 2012 conference is “*Eastern Woodlands Tribes in the War of 1812.*” The conference is sponsored in part by the Jay County Visitor and Tourism Bureau.

Following the treaty of Greenville in 1795, the major battles between the Native American peoples in the Northwest Territory and the United States appeared to be over, but the taking of land by the Americans continued unabated. The twenty years of major warfare with the Americans ending in 1794 had convinced some of the tribal peoples to maintain the peace established by the treaty, but others felt it was necessary to stop the land encroachment at all costs, even if it took more war. The many lengthy efforts to peacefully resolve issues in the years following the treaty came crashing down with the Battle of Tippecanoe in the fall of 1811. The outbreak of the War of 1812 shortly thereafter between Great Britain and the United States gave many of the native peoples one last hope of stopping land encroachments by joining with Great Britain in the war and attempting to drive the American army out of the Native American lands in the Northwest Territory. Political, spiritual, and military themes all played a role in the Native American versus United States conflicts of the War of 1812.

Presenters for the conference which marks the 200th anniversary of the beginning of the War of 1812 are

9 a.m. – Sara Wagar – Indiana, Elder, Piqua Shawnee Tribe
The Shawnees in the War of 1812

10 a.m. – James C. Fulmer – Pennsylvania, Past President, National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, Outdoor Writer
The Battle of the River Raisin

11 a.m. – George Ironstrack – Ohio, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, Assistant Director and Education Coordinator, Myaamia Project, Miami University, Oxford
“Our Hearts are Heavy as the Earth”: the Myaamia (Miami) and the War of 1812

1 p.m. – Dr. Timothy D. Willig – Indiana, Assistant Professor of History, Indiana University South Bend
A Path of Honor: John Norton and the Six Nations in the War of 1812

2 p.m. – Susan Gray, Ohio, President, Treaty of Greenville Bicentennial Committee, Member of the Ohio War of 1812 Commission

War of 1812 – Second Treaty at Greenville, July 2, 1814

Registration before April 14 is \$30, \$20 for students with photo identification. Late registrations are \$35. Lunch is included. Contact Co-Chairs: Boni Bent Nelson at 574-225-9340 or bolnelso@iusb.edu or Pat Broom at 513-874-8037 or bobbroom@aol.com for more information. Please park in the gravel lot behind the Post Office, next to the John Jay Center. Street parking on Meridian and Main Streets has 2 hour limits, even on Saturdays.

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 owns nearly 30 acres (generously donated by the Jay County Fair Board) of beautiful, wooded land, complete with pond and wetlands, located just north of the Jay County Fairgrounds in Portland. The first ethno-botanical hiking trail was opened to the public in 2008.



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