

14th IEN Protecting Mother Earth Conference

**Veterans Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds
Located on the Territories of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Cass Lake, Minnesota**

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 4 - Camp and Conference Set-Up
Wednesday, July 5 - Camp and Conference Set-Up, Evening Snacks and Soup

Thursday, July 6 – Day 1

5:45 a.m. – 7:00 Lighting of the Sacred Fire Ceremony (all people invited)

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast

9:00 - 10:20 Opening (Invocation, IEN, Leech Lake Tribal Chairman (invited), Cass Lake Mayor Elaine Fleming, State Representative Frank Moe (invited), Drum Song and Honoring Song)

10:00 – 5:30 Special Youth Activity: Wild Edible Plant Gathering Experience

10:30 – 12 Noon Plenary: Overview of Leech Lake Environmental Work and the St. Regis Superfund Site

12 Noon – 1:15 Lunch (Toxic Tour of the St. Regis Superfund site – Bag Lunches made for participants or eat first – approx. 45 mins.)

1:30 - 4:00 Plenary: TOXICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

4:15 - 6:00 Workshops

1. Beware the New Toxic Threat to Indian Country: Incinerators in Disguise (Gasification, Pyrolysis, and Plasma Technologies)
2. Precautionary Principle/Seventh Generation Principle
3. Environmental & Cultural Resource Laws 101 and International Human Rights Instruments to Fight the Fight
4. Part 1: Straw Bale Building Construction – Introduction
5. Ruckus IP3 Training: Organizing 101
6. Youth Interactive Workshop: Relationship Building (12-17 ages)
7. Youth Mural Project (9-20 years of age and on up)
8. Art in Organizing

6:00 – 7:30 Dinner

6:00 – 7:30 Youth Caucus Meets

8:00 – 9:30 Special Plenary Event: MINING RESISTANCE AND ACTION
Indigenous Peoples affected by mining will share what they are doing and issues they are dealing with. Audience participation will follow.

Film: Youth Focus: “Homeland” and others

Evening sweat lodge ceremonies

Friday, July 7 - Day 2

6:00 a.m.	Morning Ceremony
7:00 – 8:30	Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00	Plenary: Reports and Announcements
10:00 – 12 Noon	Special Youth Activity: Education on Edible Plants to Big Lake
10:15 – 12 Noon	Workshops <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Climate Justice2. Precautionary Principle/Seventh Generation Principle3. Cradle to Grave: Zeroing the Waste Stream4. Sacred Sites: Been There-Done It-What Next?5. Indigenous Women's Mercury Investigation6. Part 2: Straw Bale Building Construction – Making the Wall7. Ruckus IP3 Training: Campaign & Strategy Development8. Training on Understanding and Using Popular Education
12 Noon - 1:15	Lunch Youth Game: Euchee/Seminole/Creek Football (Male & Female)
1:30 – 5:00	Youth Mural Project (Continues)
1:30 – 3:30	Plenary: ENERGY GENOCIDE: PART 1 – FOSSIL FUEL REGIME
2:00 – 4:00	Special Youth Activity: Education Edible Plants
3:45 – 5:00	Plenary: ENERGY GENOCIDE: PART 2 – HYDRO, GEOTHERMAL, NUCLEAR AND CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY ALTERNATIVES
5:20 – 7:30	Caucusing and Camp Time: Mining, Energy, Youth, Border Justice, Others
6:00 – 7:30	Dinner
8:00 – 10:30	Talent Show (MC facilitated). Native and non-Native participants volunteer to perform various talents. Talents ranging from Native story telling, hand-drum demonstration, Native jokes, flute, guitar, etc. Sign up at the announcer stand throughout the day. Evening sweat lodge ceremonies

Saturday, July 8 – Day 3

6:00	Morning Ceremony
7:00 – 8:30	Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00	Plenary: Reports and Announcements
10:15-12 Noon	Workshops <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Beware the New Toxic Threat to Indian Country: Incinerators in Disguise (Gasification, Pyrolysis, and Plasma Technologies)2. Climate Justice

3. Environmental & Cultural Resource Laws 101 and International Human Rights Instruments to Fight the Fight
4. Ruckus IP3 Training: Basics of Non-Violent Direct Action, Part 1
5. Hip-Hop Activism in Organizing
6. De-colonization, Oppression and Resistance

12-1:30 Lunch (Toxic Tour of the St. Regis Superfund site – Bag Lunches made for participants or eat first – approx. 1 hour)

1:30 – 4:00 Plenary: WATER IS LIFE

Youth Mural Project (Continues)

Youth Interactive Workshop: Relationship Building (12-17)

4:20 - 6:00

Workshops:

1. Use of Art in Organizing
2. Fundraising 101
3. Cradle to Grave: Zeroing the Waste Stream
4. Community-Based Wind and Solar Projects
5. Sacred Sites: Been There-Done It-What Next?
7. Tribal Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Environmental Laws, and Collaborative Problem-Solving (CPS) Training
8. Ruckus IP3 Training: Basics of Non-Violent Direct Action Part 2
9. Youth Organizing

6:00 – 7:30

Mining Caucus, Youth Caucus, Energy Caucus, Sacred Site Issues

6:00 – 7:30

Dinner

8:00 – 11:00

Special Event – Special recognitions and the Walt Bresette Tribute. Family and friends of Walt Bresette from Wisconsin will be attending.

Evening sweat lodge ceremonies

Sunday, July 9 – Day 4

6:00

Morning Ceremony

7:00 – 8:30

Breakfast

9 – 12

Plenary: NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT

12:00 - 1:30

WATER CEREMONY (brings all people together, youth and elder and families) Lead by Josephine Mandamin and women. (People are requested to bring samples of water from their homelands)

1:30 – 2:30

Lunch

2:30 – 3:30

Closing Session and Passing on the Fire

The next conference will be in the summer of 2008. Indigenous communities wanting to be the host for the 15th Protecting Mother Earth conference please contact IEN.