



from the *four directions: a journey to leadership*

Are there youth in your community who are striving to give back to the community, to develop their skills and talents and contribute those skills and talents towards making the community a better place to be, toward building a better and brighter future, not just for themselves but for everyone in the community? Are there youth in your community who are seeking a positive outlet or experience that they can engage in to develop their vision and help them realize their full potential?

That opportunity, that experiential journey has arrived!

June 8-14, 2008 the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Native American Programs, will sponsor a week-long Native youth leadership camp.

"From the Four Directions: A Journey to Leadership" will be an exchange of ideas among six Native communities, an opportunity to share and challenge each other to reconnect with culture, to develop insight, awareness and understanding in order to interact with the world in a more balanced way.

Among the important lessons that are handed down from one generation to the next is the four powers of the Medicine Wheel. To the North is found Wisdom, the East is the place of Illumination, the South is the place of Innocence and Trust, the West speaks to looking within ourselves. In our life journey we will move through these four directions, experiencing and gathering wisdom from each. In order to realize our full potential as human beings and as leaders, we must experience the lessons offered by each of the four directions.

Support your youth and community by offering the youth the challenge of a week of intensive learning and doing. Call today to receive an application packet to this youth leadership camp.

Specific details of the camp follow.

The Camp Purpose

This camp is a leadership training event for teams of Native youth promoting self-sufficiency, healthy lifestyles and relationships, and good citizenship.

Who Should Attend

Teams must consist of two females and two males, between the ages of 14 and 18 and two adult team leaders, one female and one male. Youth team members who have already demonstrated an active role in their community and are interested in developing leadership skills and strategies are encouraged to apply.

Training Dates & Locations

Sunday, June 8 to Saturday, June 14. This camp will be held at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Camp will begin mid-day on Sunday, June 8 and will conclude on the morning of Saturday, June 14.

Upon calling for more information, prospective teams will receive more details on the camp schedule.

Training Agenda

The training will include sessions on:

- Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- Conflict Resolution and Negotiation
- Cross-Cultural Communication
- Importance of Culture and Tradition
- Planning, Implementing, and Tracking the Success of Community Programs
- Identifying Educational Opportunities
- Dealing with Peer Pressure
- Building Self-Esteem

Application Process

If your tribe or community is interested in sending a youth team please contact Mary Hayes at (866) 645-4596. Each team will be asked to complete a written application detailing the types of activities the youth have already been involved with in their communities and the goals they wish to achieve through attending the leadership training. Applications will be reviewed and selected teams will be contacted. There will be six teams selected to attend. Mileage, lodging, and meal expenses for the six selected teams will be covered.

