

# TIPS TO HAVE GREAT POWWOW MANNERS

## GRAND ENTRY

Every powwow and every session of the powwow begins with a grand entry. A prayer will be said by an elder at the powwow. Please stand as soon as the drum begins. Remove your hats. The Eagle Staff and Flags will be brought in by Indigenous Veterans and Head Dancers. All the dancers will enter by age group and category. Please remain silent until all the dancers are inside the arena. If you are not seated, do not cut across the grand entry line of dancers that are being coordinated to enter.

## RESPECT EVERYONE

Treat everyone with respect and kindness. Treat others as you would your own family, native and non-native, especially elders. Help where it is needed. Look out for the children. The powwow is a sacred place of prayers and celebration. It is a social event for healing and to purify the people and community.

## PICTURES OR VIDEO

Most dancers will allow you to take their photo, please ask first. Listen to the Master of Ceremonies (MC) for when recordings are not allowed. Do not record drum groups without their permission

## NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

Drugs or alcohol is absolutely not permitted anywhere on the powwow grounds. You immediate removal or arrest is imminent.

## RESERVED SEATING

Seats closest to the arena are reserved for dancers and singers. Do not walk through drum groups or chairs surrounding them. Respect blankets on benches or seats, they have reserved their spots. Do not take the blankets or any personal belongings. You are welcome to bring your own seating.