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THE 6TH ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN FESTIVAL *"Strengthening The Spirit"*

In ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFC. BLDG.
Saturday, November 15, 2003

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC -- RAIN OR SHINE

10:00 AM OPENING CEREMONIES

1:00 PM GRAND ENTRY/MINI POW WOW

5:00 PM CONCLUSION

Native American Educational Information: Historical displays of Carlisle Indian School - 1st all Indian Boarding school and recent dedication of history marker; Jim Thorpe, World's Greatest Athlete w/Historian Ellen Stourwski; artifact displays, Indian Art display, and Navajo Code Talker Display w/Navajo Code Talker. Other Native American Activities: Native Foods served - All day Video Documentary Festival - Lecturers - Drummer, Singers & Dancers - Traditional Regalia Style Show - Crafters - Native American vendors - Storytellers of Traditions - Indian organization information & displays - Dignitaries - Teepees - Mini Pow Wow w/dance exhibitions - Special Memorial Song/Dance for Sniper Victims and Lori Piestewa - 1st Native Woman Killed in action in Iraq War - and much more!!! Excellent event for children, Boys/Girls Scouts, classroom students.

Location

The City of Rockville, Montgomery County
Executive Office Bldg. (EOB)
101 Monroe Street, (Terrace/Lobby Levels)
(One block West of Rockville Metro Station)
or Take I-270 from I-495 Beltway to Exit 6,
Rockville Town Center/Montgomery Ave, East
One mile to Monroe Street; EOB immediately
Left. Side Street & visitor parking available.



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Sixth Annual American Indian Festival – **Saturday, November 15, 2003, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

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- November is annually proclaimed by the President of the United States as American Indian Heritage Month; the last Friday in September is designated National Indian Day.
- A Website has been established by the sponsoring organizations at the following address: <http://www2.ih.gov/heritage>. A calendar for the month of November is maintained at the website that includes many Native American & Inter-Agency activities that are free and open to the public, with a picture ID.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- **Native American Speakers** on Native American Issues, organizations, and Genealogy
- All Day **Video Documentary Festival** of American Indian History, Issues and Events
- Various **Native American Foods** prepared by tribal members for those who have never tasted fry bread, Indian corn soup, Wojape, or Indian Tacos, an Indian Country favorite
- Two Galleries of **American Indian Art and posters**
- **Information Tables on Native American Businesses and Programs**, along with FREE *Heritage Month posters and Native American Tribal Listing of more than 555 tribes* in the United States, provided by the Indian Health Service
- **Native American Star Quilt Display** provided by Elderly Turtle Mountain Chippewa Women
- **Native American Vendors** with crafts representing various Tribes
- **Native American Craft Demonstrators** of Beadwork, Buckskin clothing, Star Quilts, Silverwork, Pueblo Pottery
- **Proclamation from Montgomery County** recognizing November 2003 as American Indian Heritage month by County Executive Douglas M. Duncan and Council Members.
- The afternoon provides a **Mini-Native American Pow Wow** demonstrating the various tribal and specialty dances (*Grand Entry, Memorial Song for the victims of the 2002 sniper shootings, Special memorial song to Honor Lori Piestewa, the first native woman to be killed in action, in the Iraq War*, the Hoop Dance, and the Snake and Smoke dances and a flute demonstration) by Native American dancers representing many tribes such as the Kiowa, Crow, Mandan-Hidatsa, Wichita, Comanche,, Iroquois,, Pueblo, Navajo, Pawnee, Cherokee, Sac & Fox, Apache, and others.
- Mid-afternoon is a **Traditional Regalia Style Show** describing and representing many Tribal styles of dance regalia that distinguishes one tribe from another, followed by a **flute demonstration**.
- **Photograph displays** of Jim Thorpe, Sac & Fox, The World's Greatest Athlete, with Historian Ellen Stourwski; Carlisle Indian School, the first all Indian Boarding School, located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, with Historian Barbara Landis; and Navajo Code Talkers Display
- **Native American Art & Artifact Displays in November (30 days):** 1) in the Lobby Level of the County Executive Office Building; 2) in 8-10 of the Montgomery County libraries; and Bronze sculptures and artwork by Sculptor Retha Gambaro (Creek) of Stafford, Virginia in the Rockville City Hall.