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3RD ANNUAL WAPAHA SKA DAKOTA OYATE WACIPI
POWWOW PROGRAM

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POWWOW

Aug 25 - 27, 2026

SASKTEL CENTRE
3515 THATCHER AVE, SASKATOON, SK

HEADSTAFF

MCs:

Tommy Christian, Bill Taylor, & Keith Helgeson

Arena Directors:

Wyatt Brown & Zane Tacan

Head Woman:

Alexis Isnana

Head Man:

Titan Brockie

INVITED DRUMS

Dakota Hotain
Krazy Creek

Tatanka Kuwa
Bad Nation
Dakota Travels

Six Shooter
Wooden Face

Tabulating

C&T Tabulating

Sound

Waštešte Sound

Live Streaming

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Tanyan Yahipi! Welcome

Hau Mitakuyepi,

Our powwow, now in its third year, has grown into a meaningful gathering where culture, community, and healing come together. By offering the event at no cost, we create a welcoming space where everyone can take part without barriers.

Our powwow is an important cultural connection. It brings families together, creates moments for young people to learn from their elders, and supports the sharing of traditions that strengthen our identity. It also welcomes non-Indigenous friends to learn and build relationships based on respect.

We also pay tribute to the legacy of Chief Whitecap (Wapaha Ska), whose leadership played a pivotal role in the formation of the early community that evolved into Saskatoon. As one of the founding fathers alongside John Lake, his vision and spirit continue to inspire and guide our Nation today.

Thank you for supporting the 2026 Whitecap Dakota Nation Powwow.

Pidamayayapi, Toksa Akhe

Chief Darcy Bear
Councillor Allison Daniels
Councillor Dwayne Eagle
Councillor Frank Royal
Councillor Bradon Eagle





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Our Nation

Whitecap Dakota Nation is honoured to welcome you to the 3rd Annual Wapaha Ska Dakota Oyate Powwow, taking place August 25th to 27th, 2026.

Building on the success of our 2024 inaugural celebration, this event continues to strengthen our commitment to revitalizing and sharing our cultural traditions with the broader community, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

This year's powwow holds continued significance for the Whitecap Dakota Nation as we reflect on the transformative journey that began with our first celebration. We honor the sacred pipes of Chief Whitecap that have been returned to their rightful home, maintaining our powerful reconnection to our ancestors and sacred spiritual practices. This restoration of our cultural heritage remains central to our mission of safeguarding our traditions for future generations.

As we gather for this second annual celebration, we also commemorate nearly two years since the Whitecap Dakota Nation's historic achievement of becoming Saskatchewan's first self-governing nation on September 1, 2023. This milestone in our sovereignty continues to represent our ongoing commitment to governing ourselves, protecting our land, and promoting the well-being of our people in accordance with our customs and values.

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Join us for two days of celebration, cultural sharing, and community building as we continue to strengthen the bonds that unite us and honour the rich heritage of the Whitecap Dakota Nation.

Pidamayayapi (thank you all)!

Dakota & The War of 1812

The War of 1812 was a time of growing pressure on our Dakota lands and our ways of life. As the United States expansionists looked to invade Canada, our leaders made careful decisions to protect our people, our territories, and our responsibilities to future generations by allying with the British to combat American expansion, we were not simply part of someone else's war. We were leaders, diplomats, and decision-makers who shaped what happened during this time.

To understand why our leaders built relationships with the British, it is important to understand how we view alliances. Dakota means ally. For us, an alliance is more than a political agreement. It is a relationship built through trust, respect, ceremony, and shared responsibilities. We have always used diplomacy to build and maintain relationships with other nations. These relationships were expressions of our sovereignty and our ability to make decisions for ourselves.

Our warriors played an important role during the conflict. Dakota warriors upheld these alliances in conflicts including Pontiac's War, the American Revolution, and the War of 1812. Leaders assisting in the War of 1812 were commissioned as British officers, including General Wabasha in the American Revolution and Little Crow, Wabasha (La Feuille) and Waneta in the War of 1812. For their support, the British Crown presented King George Medals and promised to protect our rights and lands.

The impacts of the war were serious for our communities. Villages were attacked, food sources were destroyed, and important trade relationships were disrupted. These challenges created lasting impacts for our people.

However, when the war ended, Indigenous nations were not included in the negotiations that decided the future of our territories. Decisions made without our voices affected our homelands, including the creation of the 49th parallel, which divided Dakota territories and disrupted relationships between our communities.

Despite these challenges, we continued to protect our responsibilities, our relationships, and our ways of life. Our history in the War of 1812 is not only a story of conflict. It is a story of leadership, diplomacy, resilience, and the strength of our people.

Today, we continue to carry forward the responsibilities and relationships created by our ancestors. The decisions made during the War of 1812 remain part of our history. They connect us to the ongoing work of protecting our lands, upholding our rights, and honouring the knowledge and leadership of the generations who came before us.



2026 WDN Powwow Committee Members

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the 2026 WDN Powwow Committee for their hard work and dedication in making this years celebration a success!

Councillor Allison Daniels, Chair

Verna Buffalo, Co-chair

Chief Darcy Bear

Councillor Dwayne Eagle

Councillor Frank Royal

Councillor Bradon Eagle

Claudette Keshane

Rachel Sinclair

Sheldon Buffalo

Amy Buffalo

Angela Buffalo

Lori Sparling

Colette Eagle

Lori Sparling

Murray Long

Terry Parenteau

Nolan Buffalo

Caitlin Royal



Special Acknowledgement to the following:

Taitiana Daniels, Summer Student/Volunteer Coordinator

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GRAND ENTRY

August 25
7pm

August 26
12pm & 7pm

August 27
12pm

DANCE CATEGORIES

Golden Age (55+) Separate

1st: \$1000 2nd:\$800 3rd: \$600 4th: \$400

(Golden Age Men's: Traditional, Grass, Fancy, Chicken)

Golden Age Womens: Traditional, Jingle, Fancy)

Sr Adults (35-54)

1st: \$1000 2nd:\$800 3rd: \$600 4th: \$400

(Sr Adult Men's: Traditional, Grass, Fancy, Chicken)

Sr Adult Women: Traditional, Jingle, Fancy)

Jr Adults (18-34)

1st: \$1000 2nd:\$800 3rd: \$600 4th: \$400

Men's: Traditional, Grass, Fancy, Chicken

Women: Traditional, Jingle, Fancy

Teen Boys/Girls (13-17)

1st: \$500 2nd:\$400 3rd: \$300 4th: \$200

Teen Boys: Traditional, Grass, Fancy, Chicken

Teen Girls: Traditional, Jingle, Fancy

Jr Boys/Girls (7-12)

1st: \$200 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$100 4th: \$75

(Jr Boys: Traditional, Grass, Fancy, Chicken)

Jr Girls: Traditional, Jingle, Fancy)

Tiny Tots (6 and under)

TINY TOTS PAID DAILY

Dance Specials

Alexis Isnana Headwoman Special, Women's Traditional

Titan Brockie Headman Special, Men's Chicken

Donny McKay "Wanbdi Tokaya Mani" 18+ Men's Traditional Special

Chief and Council Special, Adult Mens Grass

(More specials to be announced)

PUBLIC WELCOME Free Admission

This is a family event. Drugs, alcohol, and weapons are NOT ALLOWED.

We are not responsible for accidents or thefts.

Security on site.



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Wacipi Schedule

August 25th
TUESDAY



12:00pm

Vendor set up

8:00pm

Intertribals

3:00pm

Doors Open to the Public
Dancer Registration Opens

Special 1: WDN Initiation

Golden Age Men and Women
(Separate Categories)

6:30pm

Dignitary Line Up begins

Jr Boys and Girls

Teen Boys and Girls

6:45pm

Drum Roll Call

Sr. Adult Men/ Women

6:50pm

Invocation

Jr. Adult Men/Women

7:00pm

Registration closes

Special 2: Head Woman Special
(Women's Traditional)

1st Grand Entry

Retire Colours

12:00am

Powwow ends

Flags & Victory Song

Dignitary Intro - Chief Bear
and Guests

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Wacipi Schedule

August 26th
WEDNESDAY



9:00am

Doors Open to the Public
Dancer Registration Opens

11:50am

Invocation

10:00am

Specials 3: Outgoing Royalty
Special Kazaiya Redbear-
Cutarm

12:00pm

Registration closes

2nd Grand Entry

Flags & Victory Song

Dignitary Intro - Chief Bear
and Guests

11:30am

Dignitary line up begins

11:45am

Drum Roll Call

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Wacipi Schedule

August 26th
WEDNESDAY



1:00pm

Intertribals

Tiny Tots Payout

Golden Age Men & Women
(Separate Categories)

Intertribals

Jr. Boys & Girls

Teen Boys & Girls

7:00pm

3rd Grand Entry

Flags & Victory Song

Dignitary Intro

Intertribals

Special 8: Head Man Special:
Men's
Chicken (18+)

Intertribals

Special 9: Chief and Council
Special: Mens Grass

5:45pm

Retire Colours

6:00pm

Special 6 : 2 Outgoing Royalty
Kahmiyah Jimmy

Special 7: 2026 WDN Dakota
Pageant

10:30 PM

Sr. & Jr. Adult Men/Women

11:45 PM

Retire Colours

6:30pm

Dignitary Line Up begins

12:00 AM

Powwow ends

6:45pm

Drum Roll Call

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Wacipi Schedule

August 27th
THURSDAY



9:00am

Doors open to the public

12:00pm

4th Grand Entry

10:00am

Special 10: Miracle Eagle
Special (Teen Girls Old Style
Fancy)

Intertribals

Tiny Tots Payout

11:30am

Dignitary line up begins

Golden Age Men & Women
Competition (Separate Categories)

11:45pm

Drum Roll Call

Jr Boys and Girls Competition
Teen Boys and Girls Competition

11:50pm

Invocation

Intertribals

Committee Giveaway

Sr Adults Men and Women
Competition

Jr Adults Men and Women
Competition

Special 11: Donny McKay (Men's
Traditional 18+)

Winners Announced- Jr Boys and
Girls, Teen Boys and Girls,
and Golden Age Categories

Winners Announced- Sr and Jr Men
and Women

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PIDAMAYAYAPI, TOKSTA AKHE
(THANK YOU ALL, WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN!)

