

Jordan Native American Program

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WELCOME

Dear Families,

"Nizhónigo Nináánaáhai Dooleet!"

We at the Jordan Natives Program want to wish you a Happy New Year and express our gratitude for the opportunity to work with your students as they travel down their educational paths. With your continued support and guidance, we are excited to expand and shape our program as we offer academic support, help access community resources, and provide activities for our Native community to celebrate successes and foster the growth of our students. We look forward to the second half of the school year and the events we have added to our calendar. Please get in touch with us with any suggestions, thoughts, ideas, or concerns you would like to see our program address. Our program is designed to be fluid and malleable; we depend on our community's guidance to prosper. If you are interested in taking an active role in the planning and implementation of our program, the Community Planning Committee currently has an opening. Please Email Malinda for more details.

Need Extra Help?

In today's competitive landscape, equipping our young learners with the tools and skills they need to thrive is crucial. Despite the dedication of teachers in traditional classroom settings, individualized attention can sometimes be limited due to time constraints. This is where intensive tutoring can make a remarkable difference. We at the Jordan Native program have limited scholarships available to attend intensive tutoring sessions at the Kumon Learning Centers. These are intensive one-on-one remedial tutoring services that have shown significant academic gains. Intensive tutoring offers your child a unique and invaluable opportunity to receive focused, personalized instruction tailored to their specific needs. If you have a student who needs help with academic concepts, reach out to your mentor and see if this program would be a good fit for you. This opportunity is limited to available funding and will be offered on a case-by-case basis.

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY NIGHT

As we charge into winter, we have started planning our Native American Community Night. This event was a great success last year, and we are excited to see it expand this year. Save the date for the evening of April 4th at West Jordan High! We will have universities offering information on scholarships and other opportunities, community partners with free and discounted services, and great items as door prizes for attendance. We are also continuing to expand our list of individuals who want to participate by sharing their cultural experiences, stories, dances, or other communal ceremonies. For this event to be a success, we need your assistance. Please contact Malinda if you want to share ideas, volunteer, or become a vendor at the event!

7th Graders Wanted!!!!

Hey, 7th graders (and guardians)!!! Want to explore all the topics you have been discussing in your Utah History Classes? March is your Month!

We are planning a field trip to the Utah Natural History Museum for our 7th graders. This opportunity will allow students to visit the native voices exhibit, which was designed in consultation with Utah's Indigenous communities. It depicts Native American art and culture and interprets Utah's indigenous people's deep memory and contemporary presence. In addition, our students can explore the rest of the museum. We understand that some of our families practice more traditional beliefs in their homes, and we will make accommodations to avoid exhibits that may not align with these beliefs. If you have any specific concerns, please reach out to us directly. If you or your student would like to participate in the field trip, please contact our middle school mentor, Nick West. We are currently getting a count of interested students and arranging transportation. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

Save the Date!

March 5, 2024
7th Grade Field Trip to
the Utah Natural History Museum

March 19, 2024
SLCC Native American Conference for High
School students

April 4, 2024
Native American Community Night
West Jordan High School

April 13, 2024
Weaving Communities and Making
Connections
Pow Wow
Jon M. Huntsman Center

Tribal Member Discount

Guests enrolled with a federally or state recognized tribe in the United States of America, including any children in their household, are eligible for free admission to NHMU. Redemption of this discount requires the presentation of a tribal enrollment card or tribal ID at the time of the visit.

Tribal members may also request a visit to the anthropology collections at NHMU. We welcome and encourage tribal nations to use the collections. Please email requests to the anthropology collections manager at least two weeks in advance.

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