

ORGANIZING A POWWOW, NON-SCOUTING

I. Begin planning 12 to 15 months in advance of the event - create a budget

II. Secure a date and facility with indoor and outdoor dance areas

III. Requirements of a Powwow

A. Northern and Southern Drum

B. Decide on Northern or Southern protocol - this determines which is host drum

C. Principals

1. Head man and Head lady dancers

2. MC

3. Head Veteran

4. Arena Director

IV. Powwow Committee

A. Chair - responsibilities

B. Publicity - flyers, radio, TV, hobbyist publications, local newspapers

C. Physical arrangements

1. Lighting

2. PA system

3. Local contact for boards, milk crates, chairs, port-o-lets, flags and flag stands

4. Trash removal

D. Registration

E. Traders

F. Raffles, craft contests

V. Committee responsibilities

A. Committee feed, Committee giveaway, number of dance sessions

B. Funding

1. T-shirts, hats, buttons, pins, etc.

2. Blanket dances, admission prices

VII. Food vendors, i.e. local scout troops

VIII. PROMOTION, PROMOTION, PROMOTION

SCOUTING POWWOW: DIFFERENCES FROM NON-SCOUTING POWWOW

*Youth Chairman and Adult Advisor

1. Must get approval from Council of Chiefs

2. Have detailed outline for Powwow for C.O.C.

3. Will dancing and singing competitions and individual competitions be part of the Powwow or done at all

4. Will Powwow be open to dancers and drums outside of Scouting

5. Will Committee feed Drum and/or dancers not part of the scout function

6. Will there be an afternoon and/or evening dance session

7. Will there be traders - how many? By invitation only?

8. Will there be a craft contest - if so, awards will be needed for the craft contest, for team dancing, team singing and individual dance competitions

9. Budget must be presented if you are seeking money from your Section, Lodge or Council
