

American Indian Center of Springfield's Newsletter



Garden Party at AICS!

Thank you to our hardworking gardeners! Our Youth Gardening Series concluded in August with a Garden Party for the kids! Our Garden Leader, Nelda, helped the kids make a scarecrow for our Community Garden and gave gifts to the kids who participated this summer!



Interested in Bow Class?

One of the most common questions we have about our recurring programs is about how to join the Bow Class!

The only cost to join is the price of the wood for your bow! The Osage Orange wood is sold by the instructor at class!

There is no extra cost to the class. All materials and instruction are available at each class period! The classes are every other Wednesday and it is okay if you need to skip a class period! Making a traditional bow does take time, so keep this in mind!

Foraging with Bo Brown

Our Foraging Class on August 23rd was amazing! This class was a part of the Everyone Outdoors grant from CFO! Eighteen hikers learned about the different plants in our Ozarks forests and tasted some along the hike! Thank you again, Bo!



AICS Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is open to everyone, regardless of tribal membership or income level.

Thursday 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Call and make an appointment if our hours do not work for you.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS



- **Office Closed – September 1st**
- **Drum Practice**
 - September 3rd, 5:00 PM
 - AICS Office
 - Free and Open to the public
- **Health Scripts**
 - **September 4th, 4:00 PM**
 - **AICS Office**
 - **Free and Open to the public**
- **Garage Sale**
 - September 6th, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 - AICS Office
 - Fundraising Event for AICS!
- **Primitive Shelter Class**
 - **September 6th, 3:00 PM**
 - **Meet at AICS Office**
 - **Free and Open to the public**
- **Bow Class**
 - September 10th, 5:30 PM
 - AICS Office
 - Free and Open to the Public
- **Drum Practice**
 - **September 17th, 5:00 PM**
 - **AICS Office**
 - **Free and Open to the public**
- **Health Scripts**
 - September 18th, 4:00 PM
 - AICS Office
 - Free and Open to the public
- **Ladies' Group Snack and Yak**
 - September 23rd, 6:00 PM
 - AICS Office
 - Let's strengthen our community!
 - Bring a Snack and chat with us!
- **Bow Class**
 - **September 24th 5:30 PM**
 - **AICS Office**
 - **Free and Open to the public**
- **Native American Heritage Celebration**
 - September 26th 9AM - 2 PM
 - We need dancers for the school program!
 - Email info@aicspringfield.org if interested!
- **Native American Heritage Celebration**
 - **September 27th and 28th**
 - **Wonders of Wildlife Parking Lot**
 - **See Flyer on Page 3**
 - **Interested in being a vendor?**
 - **Email us at info@aicspringfield.org**
- **Drum Practice**
 - October 1st, 5:00 PM
 - AICS Office
 - Free and Open to the public
- **Health Scripts**
 - **October 2nd, 4:00 PM**
 - **AICS Office**
 - **Free and Open to the public**



American Indian Center of Springfield

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

September 27th and 28th, 2025

600 W. Sunshine St., Springfield, MO



Sat. 9/27
9-6



Sun. 9/28
10-6

Host Drum: Drowning Creek, Kevin Leroy
Head Man Dancer: Bill Branson
Head Lady: Natasha Watashe
Head Gourd Dancer: Doug Carlson
MC: Shannon Leroy
Arena Director: Chris Smith
AICS Princess: Brailynn Blevins

Johnny Morris

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For general or vendor information,
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AICS YOUTH POWWOW

OCTOBER 11, 2025

WEBSTER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
MARSHFIELD, MO 65706

SCHEDULE

Gourd Dance 1 -2 PM

Grand Entry 2 PM

Intertribals 2-5 PM

Dinner Break 5-6 pm

Gourd Dance 6-7 PM

Grand Entry 7 PM

Intertribals 7-10 PM

COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR NEXT GENERATION!
JOIN US FOR VENDORS, INDIAN TACOS, AND
COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Head Singer: **Kawliga Leroy**
Eucha, OK

Head Man Dancer: **Jesse Yazzie**
Miami, OK

Head Lady Dancer: **Sadie Barnett**
Kansas City, MO

Head Gourd Dancer: **Logan Aguilar**
Columbia, MO

Emcee: **William Branson**
Sturgeon, MO

Arena Director: **Preston Adams**
Kansas City, MO

AICS Powwow Princess: **Brailynn Blevins**
Jay, OK

No drugs, weapons, or alcohol.
We are not responsible for accidents
or lost or stolen items

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5th Annual

HONORING OUR VETERANS POWWOW

November 15th, 2025 1:00 to 10:00 PM

Greenwood Laboratory School at MSU
1124 E. Harrison, Springfield, MO
Use the Bear Blvd. Entrance

Color Guard: **Cherokee Nation Veterans Color Guard**

Host Drum: **Drowning Creek, Kevin Leroy**

Head Man: **Dave Madden**

Head Lady: **Nori Gaydusek**

Head Gourd Dancer: **Jayden Waters**

Arena Director: **Shane Adams**

MC: **Shannon Leroy**

'25-'26 AICS Princess: **Braelynn Blevins**

1 - 2 PM **Gourd Dance**

2:00 PM **Grand Entry**

2 - 5 PM **Intertribals**

5 - 6 PM **Dinner Break**

6 - 7 PM **Gourd Dance**

7:00 PM **Grand Entry**

7 - 10 PM **Intertribals**

Women's Dance Contest: ALL STYLES

Sponsored by the AICS Princess Braelynn Blevins and Family

First Place: Satin Star Quilt, Beaded Women's Set by Jarrica, and \$200.

Two Consolation Prizes

Free Admission. Everyone welcome!

Shop our Native Vendors! Concessions available for sale!

No Drugs, Alcohol, or Weapons.

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Missouri State
OFFICE of
MULTICULTURAL
PROGRAMS

ANT 309 / 397 - The Native American Powwow

2nd Block Class - Fall 2025

(ANT-397 1 Credit; ANT-309 1 Credit Service Learning, optional)

Oct. 14 – Nov. 20. Tue. / Thur. 3:30 - 4:45 P.M.

Classroom: Strong Hall: 407

Instructor: Dr. William C. Meadows

Williammeadows@missouristate.edu

Strong Hall 469; Phone 836-5684



Introduction - This course covers the origin of the Native American powwow, the largest and most frequent form of Native American dancing and singing, from earliest recorded ethnographic records to present day practice. Included will be sections on origins of the powwow, Native and non-Native influences on the dance, types of powwows, styles of singing and dancing, regalia, spiritual and religious aspects, and social and cultural practices associated with the dance.

Classroom instruction will include lectures, films, PowerPoint presentations, recorded music, and first-hand examination of examples of powwow clothing. The instructor has been involved in powwows for over 30 years and has been an organizer / director of the Missouri State University Powwows since 2006.

The Course will include attending the Nov. 15, 2025 AICS-MSU Powwow.