



Odawa Native Friendship Centre

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31st Annual Odawa Pow Wow

Ottawa - ONTARIO: The Odawa Native Friendship Centre is hosting its 31st Annual Pow Wow from May 25th to May 27th, 2007 in Ottawa. This Annual Pow Wow brings people together during a time when it is needed most; to reflect on the importance of family, friends, community and community partners. It provides an opportunity to give thanks and to celebrate the “**sacredness of life**” with family, friends and neighbours, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal alike.

Oral tradition recounts the Ottawa area historically designated as neutral ground and, as such, was the site of many inter-tribal gatherings. In days past, friends and foes alike would come and meet in a spirit of peaceful cooperation and renewal. It was a time to sing, drum, dance, and feast, but most importantly, to share. The Annual Odawa Pow Wow celebrates all of these traditions and qualities.

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Please join us in this celebration. Witness the renewal of tradition, the coming together in the spirit of peaceful cooperation and thanksgiving. Share in Aboriginal cultural traditions, participate in **“friendship and inter-tribal dances”**, feast and re-live history.

The Pow Wow will feature Aboriginal drum groups, singers, and dancers in full regalia who will share their skill and cultural artistic expression with everyone. There will also be many Aboriginal artisans offering a wide variety of handcrafted wares - everything from beading, leatherwork, moccasins, and jewellery. A food area offering a wide selection of traditional Aboriginal foods will operate throughout the event.

The Pow Wow will be held at the Ottawa Municipal Campground, 411 Corkstown Road, Nepean, which is located off Moodie Drive North in Nepean (north of Highway 417).

The Pow Wow gates open Friday, May 25th, at 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Admission: Friday only \$ 5.00 per adult includes parking

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Saturday & Sunday Adults \$ 12.00 per day (includes parking); &

\$ 6.00 per day (13-17 yrs. old)

Weekend Pass \$20.00 for Adults (18 & up), \$10.00 for Teens (13-17)

Children (0-12 yrs.) and Seniors/Elders: Free

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For more information on the 31st Annual Odawa Pow Wow, please call the Odawa Native Friendship Centre at (613) 722-3811, or visit our Web site at www.odawa.on.ca
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