



# Call to Conference

**“CULTIVATING COMPASSION  
THROUGH COLLABORATION  
*CELEBRATING OUR PAST BY  
PLANTING THE SEEDS OF OUR FUTURE*”**

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## **39th Annual Washington State Indian Education Association Conference**

**April 3-5, 2024**

**Muckleshoot Events Center  
2402 Auburn Way South, Auburn, 98002  
800/804-4944**

*Featuring:*

Workshops, Clock Hours, Culture Room, Merit Awards, Vendors,  
Parent and Teacher Training Opportunities, Native Student College Fair & Post-Secondary Opportunities  
Day, and much more!

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Washington State Indian Education Association  
In cooperation with the  
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## 2023-24 WSIEA Board of Directors

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### **WSIEA Board Elections**

WSIEA's Board of Directors consists of 12 Native members and one ex officio. Please check the agenda and note the place and times for nominations and balloting. Persons being nominated must be current members (conference registration fee includes 2023 WSIEA membership dues) and present to accept a nomination. There will be one nominating session to nominate new board members. Upcoming vacancies include:

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| -President  | -Member at Large                                       |
| -Secretary  | -Treasurer   |
| -High School Student Representative (1 year term; nominees must be registered for and participating in entire conference) | -Elder West  |
|   | -Higher Education Student Representative (1 year term) |

## Lodging Information

We are excited to conduct this year's conference in the new conference facilities at the Muckleshoot Events Center and a block of rooms (ask for WSIEA Conference block) has been reserved at the newly opened Muckleshoot Casino Resort for WSIEA Conference participants and presenters.

### Legends Hotel:

Rates:

- Deluxe Double Queen: \$189/night single or double (up to 4 people in the room/no charge)
- Deluxe King: \$169/night single or double.
- Luxury King: \$189/night single or double.

Reservation Room Link: [Reserve Your Room \(muckleshootcasino.com\)](https://muckleshootcasino.com)

OR call: 800/804-4944 toll free; 253/804-4444

Cancellation: 24 hours in advance

Check in: 4 p.m.

Check out: 11 a.m.

**Cutoff date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

Address: 2402 Auburn Way South, Auburn, 98002

Directions can be found at <https://muckleshootcasino.com/resort>.

**After the lodging cutoff date, guest rooms not booked will be released for general sales. Any reservations received after the cut-off date will be accepted on a space available basis but at the regular rates. Be sure to call on or before 3/5/24 to lock in our conference rate.**

## WSIEA Native Student Day—“Planting Seeds to Awareness”

We will be offering a youth strand April 3 and 4 running concurrently with the WSIEA Conference for Native students in grades 9-12 including fun and enriching/interactive activities, speakers, and workshops. Sign up your students on this year's WSIEA registration form (see attached form on page 7 or through the online registration option on the WSIEA website registration page <https://wsiea.org/education/registration/>). **The registration fee is \$175.00** and will include lunch, snacks, (both days and they will share the general session breakfast) and session materials. For more information contact Martha Sherman at 253/517-1000 Ext. 29168 or [msherman@fifeschools.com](mailto:msherman@fifeschools.com).

## Consider being a Workshop Presenter

Presentations should be positive, motivating, and informative. We wish to increase the conference participant's knowledge, skills, best practices, and experience as it relates to Indian education, Native youth empowerment, community involvement, and Indian self-determination. To follow up on the idea we implemented last year, we will sort workshop proposals into Early Education/Pre-School, K-12, and Higher Education. Please indicate on the workshop proposal which strand(s) your workshop would fit into.

Our tentative plan at this time is to hold concurrent workshop sessions (90 minutes each) on Wednesday afternoon, April 3, and Thursday morning and afternoon, April 4. Please email or mail an outline of your

presentation using the electronic form you can download from the WSIEA Conference page (<https://wsiea.org/2020-conference/workshop/>) to Rachael Barger, Bethel School District, 516 – 176<sup>th</sup> Street East, Spanaway, WA, 98387; or email to [rbarger@bethelsd.org](mailto:rbarger@bethelsd.org). Questions? Call Rachael at 253/267-2675. We are asking proposals be received on or before Friday, March 1, 2024.

## Merit Awards

The Washington State Indian Education Association (WSIEA) takes an opportunity each year during our annual conference to acknowledge accomplishments of Native individuals who have contributed significantly to the education of Native people and of excellent Native Students. These awards include:

Indian Educator of the Year  
Indian Elder of the Year  
Indian Parent of the Year  
Higher Education Indian Student of the Year  
High School Indian Student of the Year

WSIEA honors one high school senior and one higher education student who will receive a monetary merit award (\$800 for high school seniors and \$1,000 for current college students). Award recipients will be announced at the WSIEA Awards Banquet at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual WSIEA Conference happening April 3-5, 2023, at the Muckleshoot Events Center. Nominations only need to be made for the Indian Educator of the Year, Elder of the Year, and Outstanding Indian Parent of the Year. **Applications for high school and higher education merit awards/ nominations for Indian Educator, Indian Elder and Outstanding Indian Parent must be postmarked on or before Friday, February 16.** Access forms online at <https://wsiea.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-WSIEA-Merit-and-Recogniton-Applications-1.pdf>

## Silent Auction

WSIEA will be holding a silent auction during the conference to support our recognition and scholarship awards. Please consider donating an item for our auction and bring it to the conference registration table before noon on Wednesday, April 3. For more information, please contact Joan Banker at 360/918-3941.

## Clock Hours

20 free clock Hours will once again be offered for all participants. Forms and additional information will be available on-site near the registration area.

## Culture Room

We are excited to continue to offer the Culture Room again this year. The purpose of this room is to provide a hands-on experience for educators to participate in culturally relevant activities within Native American culture. Local Native Americans will be invited to be a part of this interactive culture room and may include: beading, carving, cedar work, sewing regalia, drum making, jewelry making, painting, basket making, and other activities.

If you would like to lead a craft session in the culture room, please contact Martha Sherman at 253/517-1000 Ext. 29168 Joan Banker at 360/918-3941.

## Vendor Information

Vendors are always welcome to the annual conference. We welcome profit and non-profit vendor space. All registered vendors are requested to donate an item for the WSIEA door prize drawing or silent auction.

- Remember we are selling authentic native arts and crafts, these items will be checked out by the WSIEA members.

To reserve a vendor booth you can contact Martha Sherman 253-517-1000 ext. 29168 or by emailing [msherman@fifeschools.com](mailto:msherman@fifeschools.com). You will find additional information on the registration form found in this packet or on line at <https://wsiea.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-WSIEA-Vendor-Application-PDF.pdf>. Space will be reserved on a first come first reserved basis. Register early due to limited space so you will not miss out.

PLEASE NOTE: Exhibitor fees do not include any conference activities or meals. However, meal tickets can be purchased at the registration table. Exhibitor fees are as follows:

- For-profit - *\$200 for all three days*
- Non-profit - *\$150 for all three days*

## For more Information:

- ❖ **Anna Armstrong**, WSIEA President, [aarmstrong@kalispeltribe.com](mailto:aarmstrong@kalispeltribe.com) or 509/570-8063
- ❖ **Joan Banker**, OSPI Office of Native Education, [joan.banker@k12.wa.us](mailto:joan.banker@k12.wa.us) or 360-918-3941

WSIEA Website: [www.wsiea.org](http://www.wsiea.org)

**Agenda Outline – DRAFT (as of 2/6/24)**  
**Washington State Indian Education Association 39th Annual Conference**  
**April 3-5, 2024**

TIME	Wednesday, April 3	Thursday, April 4	Friday, April 5
7:00	Vendor set up	Fun Run	Information Area Open
7:00	Conference Registration Open	Conference Registration Open	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
7:00-8:30	<b>Breakfast</b> Vendor Area Open <b>Silent Auction Set Up</b>	<b>Breakfast</b> Vendor Area Open	Vendor Area Open
8:00	<b>1st GENERAL SESSION</b> --Invocation and Flag Ceremony: --Posting Colors --Traditional Opening  <b>WELCOME/OVERVIEW:</b> -Anna Armstrong, WSIEA President -Introduce WSIEA Board Members  WSIEA Board Elections	<b>WSIEA Native Student Day Activities will resume</b> <b>3rd GENERAL SESSION</b> --Opening --Welcome & Announcements  <b>Door Prize Drawing</b>  <b>Partners in Education Panel</b> -GOIA -WSSDA -WSNAEAC -WWNAEC  <b>Door Prize Drawing</b>	<b>4th GENERAL SESSION</b> --Opening --Welcome & Announcements  <b>Door Prize Drawing</b>  <b>Legislative Update</b>  <b>Native Education Programs</b> <b>Information Sharing:</b> Johnson-O'Malley Title VI Tribal Leaders Congress ATNI
9:00	<b>WSIEA Native Student Day Activities will begin (agenda being developed)</b>	<b>10:15 – 10:30 BREAK</b>	<b>Door Prize Drawing</b>
9:00-noon	<b>OFFICE OF NATIVE EDUCATION/OSPI</b>	<b>10:30 – 12:00 NOON</b> <b>2nd CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b> --3 Workshops <b>Culture Room Open</b>	<b>11:00</b> --Board Election Results & Business Meeting --Closing
12-1:15	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b>	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b> 12-5 pm, WSIEA Board Elections	<b>12:00 – 2024-25 WSIEA Board Meeting</b>
1:30-3:00	<b>1st CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b> --3 Workshop sessions <b>Culture Room Open</b>	<b>3rd CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b> --3 Workshop sessions <b>Culture Room Open</b> B R E A K	
3-3:15	B R E A K		
3:15-5:00	<b>2nd GENERAL SESSION</b> -Board Election Process and Nominations, Resolutions  <b>Door Prize Drawing</b>	<b>4th CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b> --3 Workshops <b>Culture Room Open</b>  <b>4:00</b> <b>Native Student Day Activities Conclude</b>	
6 p.m.	<b>Youth Activities</b>	<b>WSIEA Awards Dinner</b>	
7:00 p.m.	<b>Cultural Activities/Films/Etc.</b>		

**Registration Form**  
 Washington State Indian Education Association 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
 Muckleshoot Events Center, Auburn – April 3-5, 2024

**General/Elder Registration**

	Pre-registration (postmarked on or before 3/22/24):	<b>\$250.00</b>
	On-site registration (postmarked or received after 3/22/24):	<b>\$275.00</b>
	Native Elders (55+ years)	<b>\$150.00</b>

**Student Registration**

	Students Attending WSIEA Youth Days 4/3-4 (grades 9-12):	<b>\$175.00</b>
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*We are unable to offer one-day general/elder member registration this year.*

Registration fees include WSIEA membership and voting privileges, conference information packets, workshop materials, a breakfast each morning, and the WSIEA Awards Banquet. **No refunds can be made for cancellations after 3/29/24.**

To purchase extra meal tickets for the April 3 Award Dinner, please include an additional \$35 per ticket required.

\_\_\_\_\_ # Extra dinner tickets    X \$35.00 =    (\$ \_\_\_\_\_ ) Payment Included

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you require a vegetarian menu

**PRE-REGISTER ON OR BEFORE 3/22/24 FOR EASY ON-SITE CHECK IN**

Please submit one registration form for each person attending

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM/SCHOOL/TRIBE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method                      Check # \_\_\_\_\_                      PO# \_\_\_\_\_                      Money Order # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Make payment to WSIEA

*Please mail completed form with payment to:*

**WSIEA  
 c/o Joan Banker  
 8401 Delphi Road SW  
 Olympia WA 98512  
 360/918-3941**

**OR, registrations can be made online through the WSIEA website: [www.wsiea.org](http://www.wsiea.org)**

**Please call before sending your money or money order. It is not a guarantee you will get a spot.**



**Vendor Registration Form  
Washington State Indian Education Association 39th Annual Conference  
April 3-5, 2024 – Muckleshoot Casino/Hotel  
2402 Auburn Way S.  
Auburn, WA 98002-6370**

\_\_\_ FOR PROFIT VENDOR TABLE FEE: \$200 - 7 am April 3 to April 5, 2024 at noon.

\_\_\_ NON-PROFIT/EDUCATIONAL TABLE FEE: \$150 - 7 am April 3 to April 5, 2024 at noon.

\_\_\_ Vendors showing up day of the event will be charged a Table Fee of \$225 only if space is available.

We have limited vendor space this year and would like all vendors to pre-register and pay in advance. Pre-registered vendors will have reserved spots. Vendor set up time will be on Wednesday April 3, 2024 beginning at 7:00 am ending on Friday April 5, 2024 at noon. **PLEASE NOTE:** Exhibit fees do **not include** conference activities such as meals, conference registration, and WSIEA membership dues. You are welcome to purchase meal tickets at the registration table.

Vendor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone# Home/Business \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

**Types of items you will be selling:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ The vendor fee includes one 1 table and 2 chairs. Vendors are welcome to bring their own extra tables, clothing racks, etc., however they must fit within their allotted area. We have a little less vendor space to work with this year and ask that vendors keep that in mind when deciding what extra furniture/display tables to bring.
- ❖ Remember we are selling **authentic native arts and crafts**, these items will be checked out by the WSIEA committee/board members if there is a question of items being sold, you will be asked to remove the item.
- ❖ **The WSIEA & the Muckleshoot Tribe is not and will not be responsible** for lost, stolen, damaged materials or injuries to person.
- ❖ You must have paid for a spot in order to sell or advertise information at the conference.
- ❖ Will you need any of the following items? Electrical outlets \_\_\_\_\_ Table \_\_\_\_\_ Chairs \_\_\_\_\_  
Audiovisual \_\_\_\_\_ other needs please list \_\_\_\_\_ if available. For profit vendors it is also requested you donate one item for the WSIEA silent auction or door prizes.

❖ **MAIL- your application and check to:** Martha Sherman -Fife School District #417  
1720 Oak Street, Milton WA 98354  
253-517-1000 Ext. 29168

**Please make checks or money orders payable to  
WSIEA**

I have read and agree with the about terms \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature/Date)

**Checks are due No later than Friday, March 22, prior to the event.** You will receive a phone call or email to let you know your payment has been received. **No payments through Pay Pal or on-line are available.**

Your Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Indian Arts & Craft Act of 1990.** The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 makes it illegal to market an art of craft item using the name of a tribe if a member of that tribe did not actually create it. For a first time violation of the Act an individual can face civil or criminal penalties up to \$250,000 fine or a 5-year prison term, or both. If a business in violation, it can face a fine up to \$1,000,000.