International Indigenous Corn Gathering - Shiprock, Diné Bi Keyah - Aug 27-30, 2023

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CORN IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR LIFE

The 6th International Indigenous Corn Gathering will be held in Shiprock, Navajo Nation, NM (USA), Aug 27-31, 2023. The Gathering is co-sponsored by the International Indian Treaty Council and the Toohnii Binaneest’ą’ Altaas’ę́į’ Alliance with support from the SWIFT Foundation and the Agroecology Fund. Local ToohBAA partners are Sixth World Solutions, Traditional Native American Farmers Association, Diné Centered Research & Evaluation, Tó Nizhóní Ání, Diné CARE, Indian Country Grassroots Support, and the Northern Indigenous Farmers.

The Gathering will convene Indigenous Corn Peoples to strengthen our Food, Seed and Water Sovereignty and honor our Earth Mother. We will share concerns for the survival of humanity. Indigenous farmers will come together with knowledge keepers and seekers, traditional food preparers and preservers, traditional craft artisans, Earth Defenders, Water and Seed Protectors, and all who have heart for family and the future of the grandchildren. We will share traditional corn foods knowledge and our work to strengthen and protect our food systems and Lifeways. We will talk on strategies for climate change adaptation using our traditional knowledge, seed keeping practices. Join us to renew and build new alliances to empower our resistance.

The 4-day open space/outside natural environment camp-out event will have infrastructure and capacity to accommodate 150 Indigenous People and allies. Special events will include:

- Sharing corn recipes and producing an Indigenous corn cookbook
- Indigenous farming practices and stories will be shared and recorded, where appropriate
- Forums on the grandchildren, youth, knowledge sharing and caring for the 7 generations
- Presentations on issues confronting Indigenous Peoples and our traditional food systems
- Presentations on defending our Earth Mother from extractive practices and contamination
- A harvest celebration and a ceremony to honor our Earth Mother

International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) is an organization of Indigenous Peoples from North, Central, South America, the Arctic, the Caribbean and the Pacific working for the sovereignty and self-determination of Indigenous Peoples and the recognition and protection of Indigenous rights, Treaties, traditional cultures, and sacred lands.

Toohnii Binaneest’a’ Altaas’ę́į’ Alliance (ToohBAA)

Toohnii – “water edge people”, Binaneest’a’ - “their farm produce”, Altaas’ę́į’ – “myriad of”) or “the myriad farm produce grown by river edge people”. ToohBAA Diné farmers work to provide healthy foods to impact on food insecurity (it is reported 1 out of every 4 Indian children will be hungry). We work to build Food Sovereignty. ToohBAA is an Indigenous women led organization.
Please inform us of your planned attendance, how many in your party and any special needs we need to be aware of. For inquiries and attendance RSVP, contact corngathering2023@gmail.com, or Armando Alvarez, Armando@treatycouncil.org.