

Grande Prairie Traditional Pow Wow 2026

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Hosted by Grande Prairie Aboriginal Circle of Services

GRANDE PRAIRIE TRADITIONAL POW WOW



JUNE 20-21, 2026

All are welcome to gather, celebrate, and honour Indigenous culture through song, dance, and community.

NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL PERMITTED

The Grande Prairie Aboriginal Circle of Services & Grande Prairie Traditional Pow Wow is NOT responsible for any theft, accidents, injury or travel assistance.

Host Drum
Krazy Creek

Arena Director
Charlee Soto

Assistant Arena Director
Orley Burnham

Master of Ceremonies
Devin Bellerose
Clinton Soto

Sound
Flip Entertainment

Hand Games
Herman Sutherland

POW WOW ETIQUETTE

1. Stand and remove hats during Grand Entry, prayers, and honor songs.
2. Be on time and cooperate with organizers.
3. Appropriate dress and behavior are required in the arena.
4. Wear regalia if participating in categories other than intertribal dances.
5. The seating around the circle is reserved for dancers in regalia
6. Seats with blankets or shawls or regalia are taken. Please do not sit on someone else's blanket without permission. Uncovered benches or seats are considered unreserved.
7. No pets are allowed in or near the arena.
8. The Master of ceremonies will provide everyone with instructions, rules, announcements and schedule during the Pow Wow.
9. No photos or videos during Veteran Songs, Flag Songs, or prayers.
10. Respect dancers wearing a "No Pictures" sticker.
11. Always ask permission before photographing dancers outside the arena. If you are a professional photographer and plan to use photographs in future project you should get permission from the dancers and offer protocol. It is also nice to send them copies.
12. The Giveaway attributes gratitude, it is the committee thank you for attending. When receiving shake hands and thank them.
13. Do not sit at or touch the drum unless you are part of the drum group.
14. Ask questions respectfully if unsure of protocols.
15. If you see a dropped feather, notify the Arena Director immediately, do not pick it up.
16. Do not cross the dance circle during the Pow Wow. Always move clockwise in a circle
17. Never touch someone's regalia without permission.
18. At a pow wow, if you really enjoy the way a dancer is dancing, it is common to run up and place money at their feet while they are dancing as a sign of appreciation, encouragement, and respect.
19. Intertribal dances are for everyone. All are welcome to participate, and no regalia is required.
20. We have zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol.

Mixed Hand Games

- » \$10 000 Prize Money Payout + Entry Fees
- » 8 Per team
- » Triple Knockout
- » \$400

Saturday

2:00 pm Tournament Begins

Sunday

12:00 pm Tournament Continues

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE	9:00 AM	Pipe Ceremony <i>Follow women's traditional protocols around moon time and skirt or small blanket to cover legs</i>
	11:00 AM	Dancer/Drum Registration Opens up
	12:45 PM	Drum Roll Call
	1:00 PM	Grand Entry Intertribal Tiny Tots <i>Will be paid after they dance, must be registered in Regalia</i> Golden Age Intertribal Juniors Intertribal Teens Retiring of the Flags Pipe Ceremony
	Special	Fancy Shawl vs Old Style Fancy – Hosted by Outgoing Grande Prairie Princess Allyson Scott
	5:00 PM	Free Stew & Bannock and Métis Jigging Contest
	6:00 PM	Princess & Warrior Contest
	6:45 PM	Drum Roll Call
	7:00 PM	Grand Entry Blanket Ceremony Hoop Dance by Inti Burnham Crowning of Grande Prairie Princess & Warrior Payouts for Juniors, Teens, and Golden Age Adult Categories Retiring of the Flags

DANCERS MUST BE IN THE GRAND ENTRIES TO GET PAYOUTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

	9:00 AM	Pipe Ceremony <i>Follow women's traditional protocols around moon time and skirt or small blanket to cover legs</i>
	11:00 AM	Dancer/Drum Registration Opens up
	12:45 PM	Drum Roll Call
	1:00 PM	Grand Entry Honouring Indigenous Graduates Intertribal Tiny Tots Golden Age Intertribal Juniors Intertribal Teens
	4:00 PM	Supper Break and Pipe Ceremony Adults Committee Giveaway and Closing Comments Retiring of the Flags