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REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARS FOR 2015 INDIAN EDUCATION SUMMIT

(BOISE) – The registration deadline is Friday for the 2015 Idaho Indian Education Summit slated for June 10- 11 at the Red Lion Downtowner in Boise.

The focus of the summit, designed primarily for educators but open to the general public, is to promote equity and best practices in K-20 education for American Indian students by helping identify and understand culturally responsive teaching methods and the use of indigenous knowledge in the classroom. Workshop participants are eligible for Teacher In-service credit or University of Idaho graduate credits.

The cost for the summit is regularly \$100 but participants who register at http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/native_american/summit-2015.htm on or before May 29 will be charged only \$75 if they use the discount code IESnow when prompted to do so. Students and participants over age 60 will be charged only \$25 if they use the code SrStuDisc15 at the discount prompt.

Early childhood educators and practitioners also can register for a special half-day early literacy workshop on June 10 at the conference, sponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries. Each “Idaho Child Care Reads” workshop participant will receive three free Idaho STARS child care provider credits and an assortment of materials. Participants in that workshop will be charged only \$25 for the conference but before registering they need to contact Beth Spinner at (208) 332-6906, to receive the appropriate discount code information.

The summit is presented in efforts to sustain the unique status of Native Americans by helping preserve their cultural identity and raise cultural awareness throughout Idaho. The conference will feature 25 sessions over two days on subjects ranging from climate and culture to curriculum and community and will provide timely and relevant information on American Indian education through technical assistance, guidance and support to Idaho's educators, schools, districts, students, parents, business leaders and the community.

Dr. Margaret Kovach, an associate professor at the University of Saskatchewan's College of Education and author of a number of publications on education in general and Indian education in particular, will present two seminars and provide the June 11 luncheon keynote speech for the event. Summit details can be found at the Idaho State Department of Education website (www.sde.idaho.gov) and enter Indian Summit in the search bar, or go directly to the SDE's Office of Indian Education page at: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/native_american/.

The summit is hosted by the State Board of Education, State Department of Education, and the Idaho Indian Education Committee. Sponsors of the summit include: the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Nez Perce Tribe, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, Boise State University, College of Southern Idaho, College of Western Idaho, Eastern Idaho Technical College, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, North Idaho College, and the University of Idaho. For information about becoming a corporate sponsor of the summit, contact Spinner at bspinner@sde.idaho.gov.

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