

Pow Wow Protocol 2025

Developed by The Eighth Fire & Centennial College Student Association Inc.

- Pow Wow grounds are a **sacred** and **sober** space. Alcohol, Drugs, and Weapons are forbidden. Please be **respectful** while in attendance.
- The **Master of Ceremonies (M.C.)** shall coordinate the gathering by **announcing** singers, drummers, and dancers. They also provide the historical significance of dances, and will **notify** the crowd when a song requires standing.
- **Grand Entry** is the official opening of a Pow Wow, led by the M.C., Veterans, Flag Carriers, and Head Dancers. Out of respect, the M.C. will ask that everyone who is able to **stand** and **remove** their hat.
- A **sacred fire** is being kept during the celebration. **Do not** film or photograph the fire. **Do not** throw waste into the fire.
- During **sacred/honour** songs and dances, it is **disrespectful** to record.
- **Always** ask permission to take photos of a dancer's regalia. **Do not touch** a dancer's regalia.
- **Do not** record songs without the permission of the drum group.
- **Do not** smoke near the Pow Wow circle.
- **No pets** allowed on Pow Wow grounds; service animals are exempt.
- **Vendors** will be open nearby. We encourage attendees to **support** Indigenous artists and businesses.
- **Please** feel free to ask questions and socialize; these events are a celebration of **community** and **culture**.