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2012 NATIONAL INTERTRIBAL YOUTH SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON, D.C., TO CONVENE YOUNG LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Week-Long Leadership Conference Provides Opportunity for Federal Officials to Hear Directly from Youth

WASHINGTON – Young men and women from tribal communities across the country have been selected to attend the week-long **2012 National Intertribal Youth Summit in Washington, D.C. from July 28-Aug. 2, 2012**, featuring administration officials from the White House and the Departments of Justice, Interior, Health and Human Services and Energy.

The multi-agency summit will provide a unique opportunity for tribal youth to identify, learn, and practice leadership skills in their community to make a difference in Indian Country. More than 160 youth from tribes across the nation are joining U.S. government representatives, youth advocates, and field experts to engage in interactive discussions on topics including education, health, cultural preservation, civic engagement, and leadership development for their tribal governments and community members.

The summit provides an opportunity for federal officials to hear directly from youth in Indian Country. This week's summit is part of the Administration's ongoing efforts to increase engagement, and build healthier and safer communities through strengthened coordination and collaboration with tribal governments and partners.

For special requests to film b-roll during the week of the summit, please contact Wyn Hornbuckle at wyn.hornbuckle@usdoj.gov or 202-514-2007.

Monday, July 30, 2012

9:00 a.m. EDT

National 4-H Youth Conference Center
7100 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Chevy Chase, Maryland
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9:00 Gena Tyner-Dawson, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Attorney General for Tribal Affairs, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice

9:10 Melodee Hanes, Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice

- 9:15 Mary Lou Leary, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs,
Department of Justice
- 9:25 Tony West, Acting Associate Attorney General for the Department of Justice
- 10:10 Brendan V. Johnson, U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota, Chairman of
the Native American Issues Subcommittee of the Attorney General's
Advisory Committee
- 10:40 Donald E. "Del" Laverdure, Acting Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs,
Department of Interior (invited)
- 10:50 Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health
and Human Services
- 11:00 Lillian A. Sparks, Commissioner, Administration on Native Americans,
Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and
Human Services

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