



FAQ:

Frequently Asked Questions

41st Annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow

July 25, 26 & 27, 2025

Grand Entry: Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.

The Hill Campground: 7525 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

This year's 2025 Saginaw Chippewa Annual Naakdoon Anishinaabe-aadziwin "Following the Anishinaabe Way of Life" is just around the corner, and the Powwow Committee is certain there are going to be calls inquiring about this event. Here is a little frequently asked questions (FAQ) sheet we have prepared for the community.

- **Who can I ask general questions to?** Any powwow committee member should be able to answer any questions. Please email the committee at powwowcommittee@sagchip.org.
- **Who can we ask questions about vendor spaces?** That would be Powwow Committee Vendor Coordinator Darcy Pilar at 989-775-4141.
- **Are vendor spaces still available?** All vendors are closed.
- **Camping hook-up spaces are filled.** After Wednesday, open on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Is there an admission fee to get into the powwow?** No admission fee.
- **Is there a parking fee?** There is no parking fee; however, designated parking areas are available for those requiring assistance, and powwow workers will be on hand to direct people to these areas.
- **What time does everything start?** Friday – Grand Entry 7 p.m., Saturday – Grand Entry 1 p.m., and 7 p.m., Sunday – Grand Entry 12 p.m. (noon).
- **In case of rain, is there a rain site if the powwow has to move indoors?**
Yes, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall at 6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 is the designated rain-out location. The Powwow Committee will make the call to move the event indoors if necessary, and the vendors will coordinate directly with Darcy Pilar to be assigned their indoor vendor locations.
- **Will there be a designated first aid location on the powwow grounds?**
Yes. The Nimkee Clinic will have a medical tent located near the powwow grounds entrance, and emergency personnel from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Tribal Fire Departments will also be on site.
- **Will there be a Sacred Fire on the powwow grounds, and where is it located?**
Yes. The Sacred Fire will be available and is located near the eastern door where the powwow dancers and dignitaries enter the arena.

- **Will there be fireworks this year, and if so, when?** No fireworks this year.
- **Location:** Tribal Campgrounds 7525 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **Host Drum:** The Boyz
- **Head Veterans:** Ray Cadotte
- **Head Dancers:** TBA
- **Master of Ceremonies:** Paul Raphael and Brian Moore
- **Arena Directors:** Joe Syrette & Wayne Silas
- **Head Drum Judge:** Harvey Dreaver
- **Dance Judges:** Joe Bointy & Shelley Bointy
- **Dance Specials:** Fry Bread Contest, Random Mystery Spot Dances (Gift Cards, Random Amounts), Hand Drum, Jingle Side Step, Woodlands Men, Three Generation Team Dance, Women's Fancy, Two-Step, Luck of the Draw, and Tiny Tots. All prizes will be announced that weekend.
- **Sound System:** will be live with Rezonance Productions.
- **Hotel Information:** Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort 1-888-732-4537, Soaring Eagle Waterpark 1-877-232-4532, The Hill Campground 989-775.4141 or email powwowcommittee@sagchip.org.
- **Powwow T-shirts** will be available for sale at the Community meeting and Powwow weekend.
- **Powwow committee Raffles:**
 - **50/50 Raffle:** at the community meeting (July 24, 2025, at the end of the Homecoming Meeting.) One ticket for \$5, three tickets for \$10, arm length for \$20.
 - **Electric Scooter Raffle:** (July 27, 2025, at 2 p.m.) One ticket for \$5, three tickets for \$10.
 - **Lotto Tree Raffle:** (July 27, 2025, at 2 p.m.) Variety of gift cards. One ticket for \$5, three tickets for \$10.
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This is a drug and alcohol-free event.

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For more information, please contact:

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