

A large crowd of people is gathered under a green tent at a festival. Many people are wearing traditional, colorful clothing, including blouses, skirts, and shawls. The scene is lively and festive, with people walking and talking. In the background, there are trees and a red and white striped awning. The text "2026 FESTIVAL GUIDE" is overlaid in the center of the image.

2026 FESTIVAL GUIDE

FRIDAY

6:00am

Wellness Center

Wellness Center open house • closes at 5pm

8:00am

Clinics

East and West clinics open • closes at 5pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Aviary tours begin • tours are each hour with the last tour beginning at 11am • bus leaves from the Cultural Heritage Center • [registration at Cultural Heritage Center](#) • **Must sign-up**

Potawatomi Gift Shop opens

Family and veterans interviews

[Online pre-registration at portal.potawatomi.org](http://portal.potawatomi.org)

FireLake Arena

Registration begins • ends at 8:30pm

Tribal ID cards being printed • ends at 8:30pm

Learning Lodge

Lodge opens

9:00am

Cultural Heritage Center

Canoe making class • ends at noon

Living Potawatomi art • classroom activity

Loom beading class • limited to first 15 people • ages 13-18 • ends at noon

Medicine bag making class • ends at noon

Pucker toe moccasin earring • ends at noon

Shawl appliqué class • ends at noon

Shawl/fringing class • \$40 for supplies

limited to first 15 people • ends at noon

Turtle Rattle making class • ends at noon

Dance Arena

[Scavenger hunt sign-up](#) • announcers booth

Kids' Activities

Children's fingerprinting

South Reunion Hall • ends at 4:30pm

[Chess and checkers registration](#) • South Reunion Hall • ages 15 & under • ends at 11:30am

Loom beading class • ends at noon

Cultural Heritage Center

Pony Bead Keychain • ends at noon

Cultural Heritage Center

Swimming pool and splash pad at powwow grounds open • closes at 7pm

Turtle rattle making class • ends at noon

Cultural Heritage Center

Youth arts & crafts

South Reunion Hall • ends at 4:30pm

Mission Hill Conference Room

CPR and NARCAN training

limited to first 8 people

Powwow Grounds

Vendors arts and crafts open

10:00am

Bowling Center

Open until midnight • \$2/game with Festival badge

FireLake Arena

[Softball tournament registration](#)

ages 16+ • ends at 4pm

Kids' Activities

Youth coloring contest • South Reunion Hall

ages 12 & under • ends at 3pm

Pavilions

Fry bread served • ends at 6:30pm

Powwow Grounds

Hot dogs, bratwursts, smoked bologna served until 10pm • located at concessions throughout the powwow grounds

10:15am

Cultural Heritage Center

Let's research! • classroom activity

11:00am

Cultural Heritage Center

Potawatomi introductions • classroom activity

Powwow Grounds

[Registration for adult & teenage pool tournament](#)

youth tent on powwow grounds • ends at 12:30pm

11:30am

Pavilions

Corn soup • served while supplies last

12:00pm

Kids' Activities

Exotic animals • powwow grounds • ends at 5pm

Clowns • powwow grounds • ends at 4pm

Inflatables • closes at 5pm

Kiddie Land • powwow grounds • closes at 5pm

1:00pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Basket weaving class • ends at 4pm

Beaded claw clip making class • ends at 4pm

Beaded earring class • ends at 4pm

Loom beading class • limited to first 15 people • ages 13-18 • ends at 4pm

Turtle rattle making class • ends at 4pm

Weed to tea • classroom activity

Kids' Activities

Basket weaving class • ends at 4pm

Chess and checkers tournament

South Reunion Hall • 15 & under • ends at 3pm

Corn husk doll class • ends at 4pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Pony bead keychain • ends at 4pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Mission Hill Conference Room

CPR and NARCAN training

limited to first 8 people

1:00pm

Powwow Grounds

Adult & teenage pool tournament • tent located at south side of FireLake water tower • ages 16+

2:00pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Eagle Aviary Q&A • ends at 3pm

3:00pm

Mission Hill Conference Room

CPR and NARCAN training
limited to first 8 people

4:00pm

Cultural Heritage Center

An artist talk with CPN painter Lauren Kelly

FireLake Mini Putt

Mini Putt opens • closes at 8pm

5:00pm

Game Pavilions

Chess tournament • west of North Reunion Hall
[registration at 4pm](#) • ages 16+

North Reunion Hall

Potawatomi bingo

Round House

Horseshoe tournament • [registration takes place southwest of Round House](#) • ages 16+

5:30pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Cultural Heritage Center and Potawatomi Gift Shop closes for the night

Food Pavilions

Dinner • served until 7:30pm

Round House

[Traditional hand games registration](#)
7-person teams • ages 16+

6:00pm

Game Pavilions

Domino tournament • [registration at 5pm](#)
west of North Reunion Hall • ages 16+

Round House

Horseshoe tournament • southwest of Round House • ages 16+

6:30pm

Round House

Traditional hand games • 7-person teams • ages 16+

7:00pm

Game Pavilions

Checkers tournament • [registration at 6pm](#) ages 16+

Powwow Grounds

Dance Under the Stars and dance contest
Live DJ tent located at south side of FireLake water tower

SATURDAY

6:00am

Wellness Center

Wellness Center open house • ends at 3pm

7:00am

FireLake Arena

Voting begins • ends at 2pm
Tribal ID cards being printed • ends at 2:30pm
Registration begins • closes at 2:30pm for General Council • will reopen after General Council and remain open until 7pm

Former Shawnee Outdoors

1 mile walk begins • hosted by FireLake Wellness Center • [check-in at 6:45am](#)

Learning Lodge

Community talking circle • ends at 9am

7:30am

FireLake Golf Course

[Golf tournament registration begins](#) • 4-person scramble • limited to the first 80 players ages 16+ • **must register in person**

Powwow Grounds

Breakfast • served until 9am

8:00am

Clinics

East and West clinics open • close at 3pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Aviary tours begin • tours are each hour with the last tour beginning at 11am • bus leaves from the Cultural Heritage Center • [registration at Cultural Heritage Center](#) • **Must sign-up**
Family and veterans interviews
[Pre-register at portal.potawatomi.org](#)
Potawatomi Gift Shop opens • closes at 2:45pm

FireLake Golf Course Clubhouse

Veterans' meeting

Tag Agency

Tag Agency open • closes at 3pm

8:30am

FireLake Mini Putt

[Cornhole tournament registration](#) • ages 16+

Golf Course

Golf tournament begins

North Reunion Hall

Beginner language class

Pavilions

Fry bread-making demonstration and competition • ages 16+

9:00am

Cultural Heritage Center

Loom beading class • limited to first 15 people • ages 13-18 • ends at noon
Medicine bag making class • ends at noon

9:00am

Cultural Heritage Center

Pucker toe moccasin earring • ends at noon
Salve making class • ends at noon
Shawl/fringing class • \$40 for supplies
limited to first 15 people • ends at noon
The Strange Life of Wa'puka • classroom activity

Dance Arena

[Scavenger hunt sign-up](#) • announcer's booth

FireLake Arena

[Adult art competition registration](#) • amateur and professional ends at noon • winners announced at General Council • ages 16+

FireLake Ball Fields

Softball tournament begins • ages 16+

Kids' Activities

Basket weaving class • ends at noon
Cultural Heritage Center
Children's fingerprinting
South Reunion Hall • ends at 4:30pm
Corn husk doll class • ends at noon
Cultural Heritage Center
Kiddie Land • powwow grounds • 15 & under
Pony bead keychain making class • ends at noon
Swimming pool and splash pad at powwow grounds open • closes at 5pm
Turtle keychain making class • ends at noon
Youth arts & crafts
South Reunion Hall • ends at 4:30pm
Youth basketball • 14 & under
The PLACE (gym south of the Wellness Center)

Learning Lodge

Fire and water teachings

Mission Hill Conference Room

CPR and NARCAN training
limited to first 8 people

Powwow Grounds

Children's archery practice • west side of powwow grounds • 15 & under

The PLACE

3-on-3 basketball tournament
[registration at 8:15am](#) • ages 15+

9:30am

Dance Arena

Honored family photos

10:00am

Bowling Center

Open until midnight • \$2 per game
with Festival badge

FireLake Mini Putt

Cornhole tournament begins • ages 16+

Kids' Activities

Exotic animals • powwow grounds • ends at 5pm
Children's art competition • South Reunion Hall
[registration at 9am](#) • 15 & under

10:00am

North Reunion Hall

Retirement reception for Linda Capps • ends at noon

Pavilions

Fry bread served • ends at 6:30pm

Powwow Grounds

Archery competition • west side of powwow grounds • [registration at 9am](#) • ages 16+
Hot dogs, bratwursts, smoked bologna
located at concessions throughout the powwow grounds • ends at 8pm

10:15am

Cultural Heritage Center

Let's research! • classroom activity

10:30am

Dance Arena

Flag folding

10:45am

Round House

Flag retirement • west side of Round House

11:00am

Cultural Heritage Center

Shishibe • classroom activity

FireLake Ball Fields

Youth softball throwing contest
[registration at 10:30am](#) • 15 & under

11:15am

Cultural Heritage Center

Mapping Bodéwadmi History: The Newberry Library's Indigenous Chicago Project Presentation • CHC classroom

Prayer Circle

Dedications of new Eagle Staff

11:30am

Pavilions

Corn soup • served while supplies last

Powwow Grounds

Lunch • served until 1pm

12:00pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Healing salves • classroom activity

Kids' Activities

Clowns • powwow grounds • ends at 3pm
Inflatables • closes at 5pm

12:30pm

North Reunion Hall

Potawatomi traditional dice and bowl games

1:00pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Eagle Aviary Q&A • ends at 2:15pm

FireLake Mini Putt

Mini Putt opens • closes at 8pm

1:00pm

Kids' Activities

Youth arts & crafts
South Reunion Hall • ends at 4pm

Mission Hill Conference Room

CPR and NARCAN training
limited to first 8 people

1:30pm

Learning Lodge

Potawatomi stories

2:00pm

Learning Lodge

Potawatomi history

North Reunion Hall

Potawatomi children's language class

2:30pm

FireLake Arena

Registration closed
will reopen after General Council

2:45pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Closed for General Council • reopens at 5pm

3:00pm

FireLake Arena

General Council • *registration will be closed during this time*

5:00pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Cultural Heritage Center reopens
Potawatomi Gift Shop reopens

5:30pm

Arena

Gourd dancing

Powwow Grounds

Dinner • served until 7:30pm

6:00pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Cultural Heritage Center and Potawatomi
Gift Shop closes for the night

8:00pm

Arena

Grand Entry

SUNDAY

7:30am

Powwow Grounds

Breakfast • served until 10am

8:00am

Cultural Heritage Center

Aviary tours begin • tours are each hour with the
last tour beginning at 11am • bus leaves from
the Cultural Heritage Center • [registration at
Cultural Heritage Center](#) • **Must sign-up**

Cultural Heritage Center opens
Potawatomi Gift Shop opens

Learning Lodge

Lodge opens • come and go • open to all

Sharp House

Traditional ceremonies • prayer circle

9:00am

Kids' Activities

Swimming pool at powwow
grounds open • closes at 2pm

10:00am

Powwow Grounds

Hot dogs and brats served until noon

10:30am

Mission Hill Church

Church services • church just north of East Clinic

11:30am

Powwow Grounds

Lunch • served until 1pm

12:00pm

FireLake Mini Putt

Mini Putt tournament • [registration at 11am](#)

12:30pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Cultural Heritage Center and Potawatomi
Gift Shop closes for the day

1:00pm

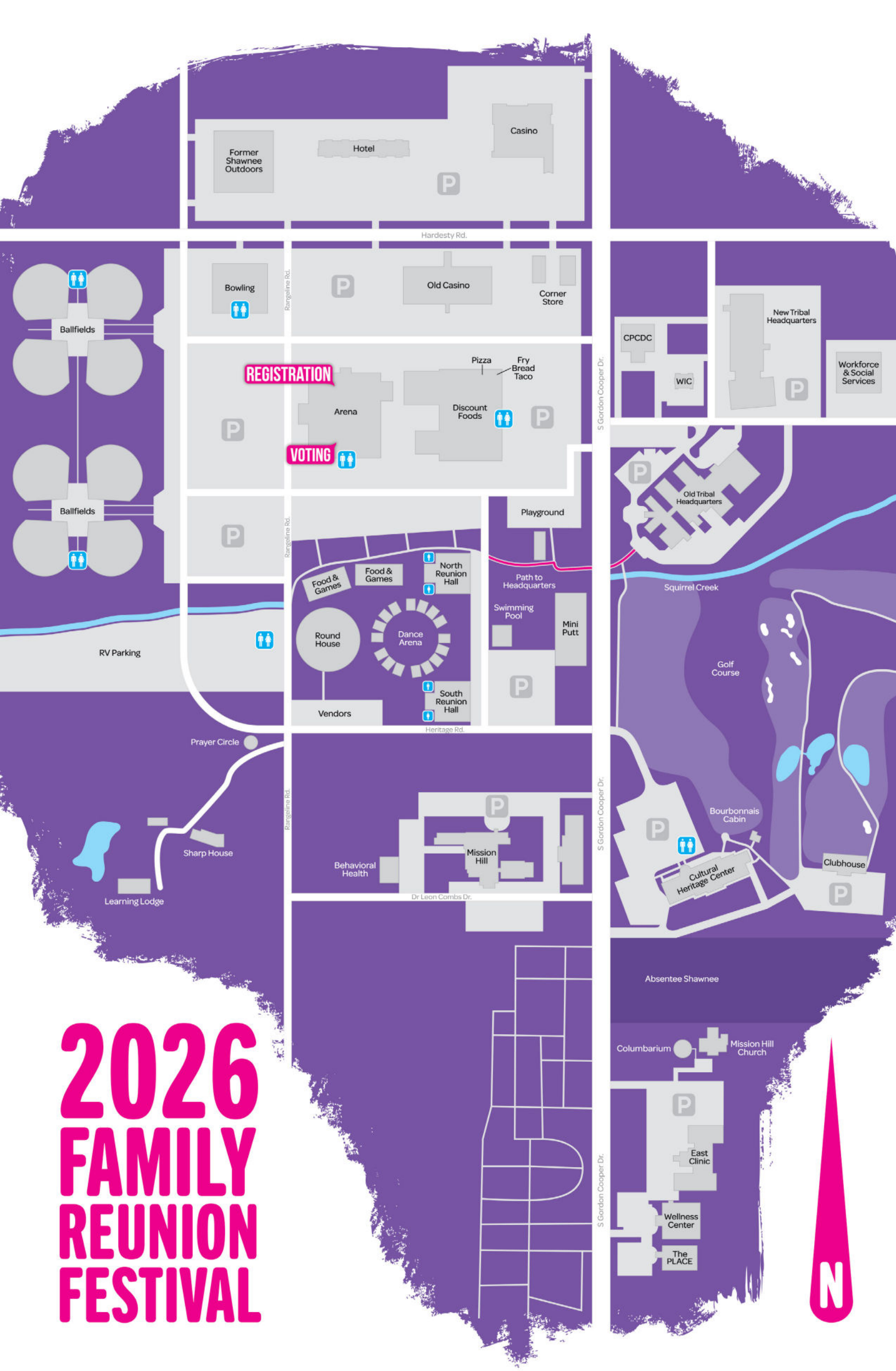
Bowling Center

Open • \$2 per game with Festival badge

2:00pm

Dance Arena

Volleyball • [registration at 1pm](#) • ages 16+



2026 FAMILY REUNION FESTIVAL



FAQs



Can I bring my dog into the arena?

No, there are no dogs allowed. The arena is a sacred area.



How to report a lost child at Festival?

At every gate there is either a security officer or a police officer. Report a missing child to the nearest officer or call Tribal Police at 405.878.4818 and they will help you find your child.



What do I wear in the dance arena?

Women should wear a skirt with a shawl and men should wear slacks and a ribbon shirt. No open toed shoes.



What age should my kid be to participate at the Child Development Center?

Children need to be 15 years old or younger.



How do I vote?

Voting takes place in the Arena on Saturday, June 27, from 7am to 2pm. Tribal ID is required to vote.

THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T MISS!

FRIDAY

2:00pm

Cultural Heritage Center

Eagle Aviary Q&A • ends at 3pm

6:30pm

Round House

Traditional hand games • 7-person teams • ages 16+
[registration at 5:30pm](#)

7:00pm

Powwow Grounds

Dance Under the Stars and dance contest
Live DJ tent located at south side of water tower

SATURDAY

7:00am

FireLake Arena

Voting begins • ends at 2pm

8:30am

Golf Course

Golf tournament begins • [registration at 7:30am](#)

10:00am

North Reunion Hall

Retirement reception for Linda Capps • ends at noon

3:00pm

FireLake Arena

General Council

8:00pm

Arena

Grand Entry

SUNDAY

8:00am

Sharp House

Traditional ceremonies • prayer circle

10:30am

Mission Hill Church

Church services • church just north of East Clinic