

POW WOW PROTOCOL

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As most people become aware of American Indian Culture and start attending Pow Wows and other ceremonies, it is important they understand some of the "basic rules" to follow while there:

- * Listen to the Master of Ceremonies --- he coordinates the Pow Wow. (He will announce when to stand, when men should remove their hats and when it is inappropriate to take pictures.)
- * Do not sit on the benches or chairs reserved for the dancers.
- * If you want to take pictures, check with the Master of Ceremonies and the person you are taking pictures of.
- * All tape recording must be done with the permission of the Master of Ceremonies and the Lead Singer.
- * If you are not wearing traditional regalia, you may dance only on social songs (the Two Step, Blanket Dance, Honoring Songs, etc.)
- * Only those with permission of the Lead singer may sit at the Drum.
- * Stand during the Grand Entry, Gourd Songs, Flag songs, Invocation, Veteran's Songs and the Closing Song.
- * During Gourd Dancing, only the Gourd Dancers are to enter the Dance Arena.
- * Please do not permit your children to enter the dancing circle unless they are dancing.
- * Do not touch anyone's Dance Regalia without their permission.
- * Do not turn down an invitation by others, especially elders.
- * No smoking
- * **NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS**