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## **POW-WOW PRESS RELEASE**

### **WHO:**

The Potawatomi Trails Pow-wow Committee of Zion, IL is a non-profit group of both Native and non-Native people, living in N. E. Illinois and S. E. Wisconsin, who have come together for a summer celebration in Zion, IL .

### **WHERE:**

This pow-wow will be held in the oak grove of Shiloh Park in Zion, IL.

### **WHEN:**

Saturday and Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Rain or shine!!!

### **TIMES:**

Gates will open to the public both days at 10 AM. Saturday hours will be 10 AM - 10 PM. Grand Entry of dancers will be at 1 PM and 7 PM with a dinner break from 5 - 7 PM. Trader booths stay open during the break. Sunday hours are 10 AM - 5 PM with Grand Entry at 1 PM. A give-a-way is held at 12 PM.

### **ADMISSION:**

Daily general Admission is \$5... children 6 -12 years \$1, Elders over 65 and children under 6 are free. An adult must accompany all children. Special weekend admission \$8. Hand stamp re-entry is included in admission price.

### **WHAT IS A POW-WOW?**

A pow-wow is a planned social event and gathering of Native American people. It's a time and place to meet old friends and make new ones. Awards and recognitions are given to the deserving. Gifts are given. Honor songs are sung. It's a time to show-off the new dance outfits. Pow-wow times give us the chance to celebrate and reflect on Native American Heritage.

### **WHO PARTICIPATES AT A POW-WOW?**

Everyone!!! The public is welcome. There are no spectators. When the MC announces an "inter-tribal" song everyone is welcome to dance if they choose to. Just browsing the trader booths or talking to people makes you part of the celebration.

### **ALSO THIS YEAR:**

Several traditional crafts will be demonstrated; these include quill working, flint knapping and a 1800 period village scene. These crafts will be demonstrated the entire weekend.

William Buchholtz Allison performs Native American flute and piano in programming aimed at both children and adults. He is known for his ongoing work with interfaith and multicultural groups, schools, churches, environmental groups and museums.

Bill plays both Native American flute and piano on his CD "The Journey Home," which features his original songs about reconnecting with his ancestry, Canadian Algonkin.

Bill will be performing several times during the weekend festivities.

NO DRUGS/ALCOHOL are allowed at this event. This is a family oriented event. The Public is welcome. Potawatomi Trails Pow-wow of Zion, IL is sponsored in part by the Zion Park District.

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