

## Commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie

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*\*May be subject to change\**

### Tribal/NPS Opening Program: “Honoring the Spirit” — Saturday, April 28, 2018

Pre-Dawn	Private Tribal ceremonies to include prayer, drums, song
8:00 am	Honor Guard entrance/placement of staffs & flags
9:00 am	Pre-event Meet & Greet for Tribal Leaders and Federal/State/Local Representatives
10:00 am	Traditional Opening Blessing
10:05 am	Welcoming Remarks from Park Superintendent
10:10 am	Honor song
10:15 am	Remarks by Tribal Leadership
11:15 am	Remarks by Federal Representatives
11:50 am	Remarks by State/Local Representatives (3-5 minutes each)
12:30 noon	Final Remarks from NPS Staff
12:35 pm	Communal Lunch
1:30 pm	Tribal Speakers – 1868 Treaty (TBD)
2:00–3:00 pm	Spotted Tail/Maynadier Family Connection to 1868 Treaty
3:00 pm	History-based programs: “Before Trappers, Traders and Forts” (Tribal speakers) “Embassy on the Plains” (NPS speakers)
12:00–5:00 pm	Short tours of 1868 Treaty Site throughout the day in small, guided groups Treaty Exhibits Native Arts Marketplace “Winter Count” communal drawing

#### Logistical Considerations:

- Seating for Tribal, Federal, State, and local dignitaries will be reserved in the first two rows in front of the stage (the stage is not large enough to accommodate that many people).
- There will be areas available for facilitated discussions between tribes and others concerning the importance, implications, and current relevance of the treaty that will be open to the public.
- In case of **extreme** inclement weather, events will be held at the Town of Fort Laramie Community Center, three miles east of Fort Laramie NHS.

## **April 29 (Sunday): Oceti Sakowin Day – Tribal-led Activities**

Seven Council Fires (ticketed activity at the Oceti Sakowin Oyate encampment)

The Seven Council Fires are:

- **Mdewakanton** - Dwellers by the Sacred Lake
- **Wahpekute** - Shooters Among the Leaves
- **Sisitonwan/Sisseton** - People of the Marsh
- **Wahpetonwan** - Dwellers Among the Leaves
- **Ihanktown/Lower Yanktonai** - People of the End
- **Ihanktowana/Upper Yanktoni** - People of the Little End
- **Tetonwan** - People on the Plains

Events include talks by tribal youth and representatives, and cultural demonstrations.

Detailed schedule will be available at the park.

## **April 30/ May 1 — We Are Still Here: Struggles and Multigenerational Impacts 1868-present**

- Opening Prayers
- History of Treaty Making
- The Fort Laramie Treaties
  - 1851 Treaty of Fort Laramie (Horse Creek Treaty)
  - 1866 Treaty of Fort Laramie (attempted)
  - 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie

### **Other Program Could Include**

- How life has been affected because of promises in the treaties
- Later laws and how it effects life today, specifically for the younger generations
- Complete tribal history (various tribes)
- Tribal sovereignty
- The future of treaty rights
- Contributions to American society
- Policy changes that affect tribal history and culture
- Loss of land, hunting rights, buffalo, and way of life – attempts at assimilation
- Loss of reservation land to encroachment (mining, railroads, other development, etc.)
- Reservation life, from the period of establishment to modern life, with serious issues of drug and alcohol dependency, poverty, and high unemployment
- Acts/statutes passed seeking to “civilize” tribal peoples, including the Dawes Act 1887, Indian Citizenship Act 1924, and the Indian Reorganization Act.
- Indian Child Welfare Act

### **Ongoing Events (April 28-May 1)**

- Treaty Exhibits
- Craft demonstrations/sales ongoing during all events (Native Arts Marketplace)
- “Winter Count” communal drawing