



THE ST. DAVID'S ISLANDERS AND NATIVE COMMUNITY  
is pleased to welcome you to  
**THE BERMUDA POW WOW**  
A Celebration of Our Ancestors

## EVENT PROGRAMME

**SATURDAY, 9 JUNE, 2018**

OPENING/WELCOME 2:00 pm

GRAND ENTRY 2:15 pm

A sacred procession that officially opens the pow wow. Tribal flags are carried followed by head dancers, tribal dignitaries, elders and the rest of the participants in order of regalia worn. Participants in grand entry must wear regalia.

LIBATION – Reverend Alex Smith 2:30 pm

The pouring of a liquid offering as a religious ritual, and liquid is so poured. All are welcomed to come forward and dedicate a carnation to a deceased loved one in one of the wreaths. And the wreaths will be cast off into the sea.

INTERTRIBAL DANCE

Everyone, including locals and tourists, are welcomed to an intertribal dance. No regalia is needed. It is not so much a particular kind of dance as it is a chance for everyone to dance.

WARWICK GOMBEYS

SOCIAL DANCES (all welcome to participate)

- Robin Dance
- Stomp
- Alligator
- Duck Dance

INTERTRIBAL DANCE

EXHIBITION DANCES

- Eastern Blanket
- Eastern Straight/War
- Woman's Traditional
- Fancy Shawl

WARWICK GOMBEYS 5:30 pm

**SUNDAY, 10 JUNE, 2018**

WELCOME 2:00 pm

GRAND ENTRY 2:30 pm

INTERTRIBAL DANCE

Everyone, including locals and tourists, are welcomed to an intertribal dance. No regalia is needed. It is not so much a particular kind of dance as it is a chance for everyone to dance.

WARWICK GOMBEYS

SOCIAL DANCES (all welcome to participate)

- Mosquito
- Moccasin
- Fish
- Hunters

INTERTRIBAL DANCE

EXHIBITION DANCES

- Crow Hop
- Sneak up
- Two step
- Round Dance

CLOSING/ LOWERING THE FLAGS

WARWICK GOMBEYS 5.30 pm

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# Pow Wow Etiquette

## **Pay Attention and Listen**

The Master of Ceremonies (MC) can be heard via the sound system coordinating the pow wow and advising visitors of protocol. Non-natives are welcome at pow wow celebrations to learn and share in the cultural and social traditions but are expected to show respect and understanding for these events.

## **Never Refer to a Native American Dancer's Regalia as a "Costume"**

A dancer's beautifully handcrafted regalia may be called their outfit. Much thought, time, energy and expense goes into making each outfit. Often pieces of the regalia are family heirlooms. Regalia is created by the dancer or by a respected family member or friend. The feathers in particular are sacred and highly valued and cared for. Sometimes years have gone into the final completion of a dancer's regalia.

## **Never Touch a Native American Dancer's Regalia**

Respect! If you feel the need to touch, always ask permission, and be gentle and considerate. Respect the personal space of dancers as you should for anyone else.

## **Use Courtesy and Respect When Photographing**

Most Native American pow wows are public events. Taking pictures of the dancers during inter-tribal or dance competitions is usually acceptable. The MC will let you know when it is NOT acceptable to take photographs. If you want a dancer to pose for you outside the Arbor, always introduce yourself and ask permission. Professional photographers or artists who may use the image for a commercial project must seek the permission of the dancer. To be safe, ask if they will sign a model's release. If the photos are only for your personal use, offer to send the dancer copies. They are usually happy to give you a mailing address so that you may send them photos.

## **Do Not Enter the Dance Arbor After It Has Been Blessed**

At the beginning of the pow wow festivities, the Dance Arbor is blessed. The only time guests may then enter the Arbor is to participate during Inter-tribal Dances, Round Dances, Blanket Dances or during an Honoring dance that the MC may announce. Otherwise, don't enter. Never cut across the Arbor to get to the other side

## **Stand During Grand Entry**

The MC will announce the beginning of Grand Entry and will ask everyone to stand. The Native American Eagle Staff and American Flag will be brought into the dance arbor and you should remain standing during the Flag Song and the Invocation. The same is asked during the Veterans Songs and Closing Songs and when the Staff and Flags are taken out of the Arbor. Men should remove their hats during these times.

## **Do Not Sit on the Chairs Under the Dance Arbor**

These seats are reserved for the dancers, drummers and other pow wow participants. Unless you've been invited to sit under the Arbor, please respect the seating provided for participants and any chairs covered with a blanket or shawl.

## **Never Record Native American Drums Without Permission of the Head Singer**

Ask permission to tape any songs prior to recording. But be aware, the MC may announce that no recording or photographs take place during certain songs, so any permission previously given will not apply to these. You will have to stop recording for these songs.

## **No Alcohol or Drugs are Permitted at Pow Wows**

Today's Native American pow wows are alcohol and drug free environments. Many support AA activities and roll call. Anyone found under the influence or in the possession of drugs will be immediately escorted off the pow wow grounds.

## **Respect Everyone - Non-Native and Native, Especially Elders**

Treat everyone with respect and kindness. Look out for the children and the Elders. Treat others as you would like to be treated.

## **Finally, Have a Good Time!**

Above all else, Native American pow wows are social events - a time to see old friends and meet new ones. Don't be afraid to ask questions and engage in conversation with vendors, dancers, singers and other pow wow participants. Enjoy yourself!

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