

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Blessings from NAIA!

We had such an eventful month, last month and are so excited for what is to come in April! As this month begins to bud, we will be hosting some community events to connect, build and learn from traditional Native artisans.



*As we continue to grow, your donations remain central to the building of our Circle of Life Indian Cultural Center. Thank you for supporting our vision!*

[DONATE TO CIRCLE OF LIFE INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER](#)

# Connect with NAIA in 2024!

YOUR CONSISTENT ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORT  
NURTURES SPACE FOR OUR NATIVE COMMUNITY!

## UPCOMING NATIVE RESONANCE EVENTS

### COMMUNITY WEBINAR: APRIL 15TH

We are coming up on our *second* webinar event, APRIL 15TH (5-7P)!  
During this virtual panel, we will feature four of our cohort's artisans to discuss  
different aspects of Indigenous culture and traditional Native arts.

*Stay connected with us online to stay up to date with all upcoming events!*

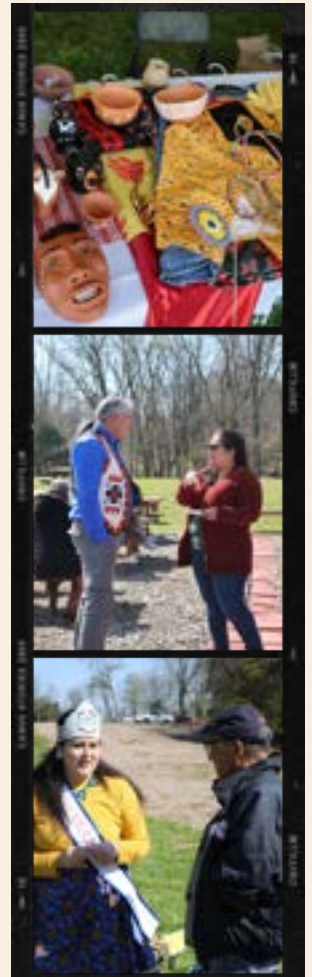
## Recent Events

### COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1

This past month we kicked off our Native Resonance series of community workshops. A special thank you to our featured cohort artisans - the community had a blast!

We had the pleasure of learning a variety of traditional crafts from some of our cohort's artisans, as they led creative demonstrations focusing on their tribal art. We look forward to our next event, and would love to see you there!

[VIEW OUR UPCOMING  
EVENTS LIST TO REGISTER!](#)



# NAIA EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

## WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT PROGRAM

We are proud to provide workforce preparation services to our Native community, through our WIOA program for over 20 years now! This program provides scholastic support & career counseling, as well as job placement assistance for Native American students, entrepreneurs and skilled workers.

*We are here to help your Native loved ones succeed in their educational pursuits!*

## WIOA Services

### WHAT SERVICES OFFERINGS ARE AVAILABLE AT NAIA?

#### *Job Search and Placement Services*

Our services range from Career Counseling to Job Readiness Training to help guide you as you work through your job search.

#### *Education Resources*

Our educational resource offerings include Adult Basic Education, GED Attainment, Literacy Training to help prepare you for your professional future.

#### *Supportive Services*

Our support services include Occupational Skills Training, Retraining or Upgrading of Skills & more to help make sure you have everything you need to complete your professional goals.



## FOOD DONATIONS FOR NATIVE FAMILIES

A special thank you to Kids against Hunger! Last season, NAIA received a donation of 55,000 non-perishable meals to distribute to Natives across Tennessee.

*If you would like some meals for your family or community, please reach out!*

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## Free Native Resources FROM KIDS AGAINST HUNGER



## SUPPORT NAIA AT HOME

*We have opportunities available to uplift NAIA's efforts from NAIA'*

Our Kroger rewards program has brought in hundreds of dollars to support NAIA, within the last six months, and we are so grateful. We have also had quite a few NAIA license plates orders come in that have been a great help to our emergency services programs. If you are interested in our local fundraising efforts - please reach out us!



### KROGER REWARDS

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CODE: #PY297



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