



# Celebrate Spring with NAIA!

Spring season is finally upon us! The beautiful blossoms of earth remind us that hope and new beginnings are here, as we say goodbye to winter.

As the land begins to flourish & our community prepares to get back outdoors, we have some exciting events highlighting our Native Artisan Cohort and vision for the Circle of Life Indian Cultural Center.



*Special thank you to all of our NAIA donors and individual community donations. Your support continues to help us grow at NAIA!*

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# NAIA COMMUNITY EVENTS

## NATIVE RESONANCE COHORT: WORKSHOP #1

We are excited to announce our upcoming community workshops! We warmly invite you and your loved ones to come out and celebrate Native arts & culture with us on Saturday, March 23, 2024 (10 am -1 pm). [Register online today!](#)

Location: Circle of Life Indian Cultural Center Grounds (1466 Bell Rd Nashville, TN)

## Upcoming ✨ COHORT EVENTS



MARCH

**Sat, 3/23 - Community Workshop #1**

Location: 1466 Bell Rd, Nashville, TN 37211

Time: 10 AM - 1 PM



APRIL

**Sat, 4/6 - Community Workshop #2**

Location: 1466 Bell Rd, Nashville, TN 37211

Time: 10 AM - 1 PM

**Mon, 4/15 - Webinar #2** in partnership with

TSU Location: 1108 37th Ave N Nashville, TN

37209 Time: 5-7PM



MAY

**Sat, 5/4 - Community Workshop #3**

Location: 1466 Bell Rd, Nashville, TN

37211

Time: 10 AM - 1 PM



JUNE

**Sat, 6/1 - Cohort Seminar**

Join us for our final gathering to celebrate the cohort with a mini market, seminar, & public workshops!

Location: The Frist (919 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203)

Time: 10-3PM

## Recent Events ✨

### COMMUNITY WEBINAR #1

We had such a great time at our recent Native Resonance webinar! We partnered with Vanderbilt Center for Student Center for Social Justice and TAC for a panel discussion with our cohort artisans.



### WEED WRANGLE

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Weed Wrangle on the Cultural Center Grounds in partnership with Harpeth Conservatory, Belle Meade Garden Club, and Patagonia! We appreciate all your help!



# Exciting News! ✨

PRESIDENT SALLY WELLS LEADS BLESSING AT TENNESSEE HOUSE SESSION ON FEBRUARY 1, 2024



Sally Wells was honored to open the Tennessee House session with a Choctaw prayer on February 1, 2024. She was invited by Rep. Justin Jones, marking the first time an Indigenous person has led the opening of a Tennessee House session.



# NAIA Volunteer Lead

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEADING OUR VOLUNTEERS?

We are looking for an interested NAIA member to help lead at our upcoming volunteer fundraising opportunities this spring & summer. To find out more about this position, email us - [naia@naiatn.org](mailto:naia@naiatn.org).



# Local Engagement

✨ NAIA MEETS WITH MAYOR FREDDIE O'CONNELL



The organization is keen on working closely with Mayor O'Connell's office to enhance awareness of Native American issues and to jointly pursue building the Circle of Life Cultural Center. NAIA hopes to break ground on the Circle of Life Cultural Center with the help of the Mayor and other community leaders.

# Free Food Resources for Native Families!

NAIA received a donation of 55,000 meals to distribute to Natives across Tennessee. Please let us know if you are interested in stopping by to pick up some meals for your family or community.

If you are interested in sharing this resource to Native families in need this year, reach out for more information - [naia@naiatn.org](mailto:naia@naiatn.org)!



## NAIA Employment & Training

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT?

We are proud to provide workforce preparation services to our Native community, through the NAIA Employment & Training Program. This program provides scholastic support & career counseling, as well as job placement assistance for our Native community.

If you are interested in applying for our workforce training program, reach online or via email: [shakela@naia.comcastbiz.net](mailto:shakela@naia.comcastbiz.net)

## KROGER REWARDS

NAIA has enrolled into the Kroger Community Rewards Program!

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