

First Alaskans Institute

2017 Elders & Youth Conference Call for Alaska Native Language Speakers, Native Artists, and Culture Bearers

The First Alaskans Institute (FAI) Elders & Youth Conference will take place October 16-18, 2017 at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage, Alaska. The 2017 conference theme is: **“Part Land, Part Water – Always Native.”** This theme speaks to how our identity as indigenous peoples is informed by our deep connection to our lands and waters, no matter where we live, and recognizes that Alaska always has been - and always will be - a Native place. We create space within our conference for the sharing of Native arts, language, song and dance and other cultural offerings to enrich our shared learning by drawing upon and passing on the knowledge of our ancestors.

We are honored to invite members of our community to share their cultural knowledge with Conference participants through an immersive 90 minute interactive learning session.

Please note the following:

- The actual sessions offered will depend upon whether we have a facilitator(s) to lead it by the submission deadline. Please encourage speakers/facilitators you know to respond to this call!
- First Alaskans Institute is not able to provide any financial compensation or support for presenters. However, a small gift of appreciation will be provided to our volunteers.
- Submission of the following information is not a guarantee of selection. If selected, you will be contacted by the conference organizers to finalize your availability to help in this capacity.

Name:		Age:
Organization (if applicable):		
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Phone:	Fax:	Email:
Alaska Native Tribal or Cultural Affiliation:		
Alaska Native language(s) you can facilitate learning in:		
Language Speaking Level: Expert / Fluent / Proficient/ Advanced Learner / Other _____		
Cultural Activity you wish to share / teach:		

Please e-mail, fax, or hand-deliver this form by Friday, July 21, 2017 to:

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