



Center design is an ancient Nez Perce symbol called a whirlwind (Sa'plis). Other indigenous cultures use it as well. Its origin pre-dates any similar symbol related to European history of the 1900's.

## History

The first Nez Perce Cultural Camp was held in August 2000. The concept was discussed for many years as a way to involve youth in a fun and educational gathering. An average of 100-110 students attend each year. This will be our **21st annual camp**! In 2020, we couldn't hold Camp so had 3 Wallowa Lake Day Trips.

Again in 2021, we will benefit from participation of multiple partners, with lead coordination by the tribal Cultural Resources and Education departments. Additional support will come from NPTEC Youth Affairs Subcommittee, Nez Perce Local Education Program Fund, Nez Perce Circle of Elders, various private foundation grants, and other tribal and community sponsors and supporters.

## Mission Statement

To give youth a greater appreciation of the heritage of the Nez Perce people so they can continue the culture in the future. Overall, we want to increase the number of cultural bearers of the Nez Perce Way of Life (Nimiipuunewit), with special emphasis on Language.

The Cultural Camp appreciates the diversity and unique expression of culture that exists among the Nez Perce people, historically and today. We do our best to convey this to the students and promote respect for All Ways.



## Camp Site

We will stay at the Cascade Lake 4-H Camp located near Donnelly, ID. Traveling from the Nez Perce reservation to camp will give the students an appreciation of the beauty, size, and diversity of terrain of the traditional tribal homeland and distribution of different bands of Nez Perce. (Note: We will return to Wallowa Lake Camp in 2022).

## CUT & RETURN THIS SECTION

### Application Due Date:

**Camp 1: Mon, 7/12, 4:30 p.m.**

**Camp 2: Mon, 8/2, 4:30 p.m.**

We need to provide participant count 2-weeks prior to each camp. Late applications may be possible if accommodations are available.

Turn application in: Education Services, Lapwai, ID,  
Mail: P.O. Box 365, Lapwai, ID 83540

PH: (208) 621-4610

FAX: (208) 843-7387, Email: joycem@nezperce.org

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Ph No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Required essay, turn in w/ application:

★ **What area does our traditional Nez Perce home land cover? How are you connected to the Nez Perce homeland?**

★ **How does your family teach you to use and protect our tribal natural resources, such as land, air, water, plants, animals, fish, etc.?**

Application is incomplete without essay.

### Grade in Fall 2021:

\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_ 5th \_\_\_\_ 6th \_\_\_\_ 7th  
\_\_\_\_ 8th \_\_\_\_ 9th \_\_\_\_ 10th \_\_\_\_ 11th \_\_\_\_ 12th

### T-shirt Size: Circle Size

Child: LG

Adult: SM M LG XL XXL XXXL

### Please list:

Medical Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Medications \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child need a medical release to participate?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No **If "yes," please provide a copy.**

**In case of an emergency contact:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Ph1 \_\_\_\_\_ Ph2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Ph1 \_\_\_\_\_ Ph2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Nez Perce Tribe and members of each sponsor, from all claims, losses, expenses, fees, including all attorney fees, costs, and judgments that may be asserted against the sponsors as a result of the acts or omissions of the sponsors, its employees, representatives or agents, in the performance of their activity of transporting and chaperoning youth to the Nez Perce Cultural Camp at Cascade Lake, ID, on July 27-29 and August 17-19, 2021. I give permission to the Cultural Camp staff to seek medical attention for my child and understand the emergency contacts will be notified.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature      Date

**Student:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that while participating in the Nez Perce Cultural Camp, I will be expected to represent myself and my family with dignity and will respect others, including their property. I will not leave the company of the chaperones without asking first. I will follow the rules and expectations of the chaperones and be responsible to the group. I will take personal responsibility for my attitude and behavior.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature      Date

**NOTIFICATION:**  
We will send letters to confirm registration and give more details about attending the camp.



*A Memorable Experience  
As relates to Nez  
Perce culture:*

**Education:** Language, History, Legends, Customs, Leadership, Health, Wellness, etc.



**Enrichment:** Crafts, drumming, dancing, storytelling, etc.

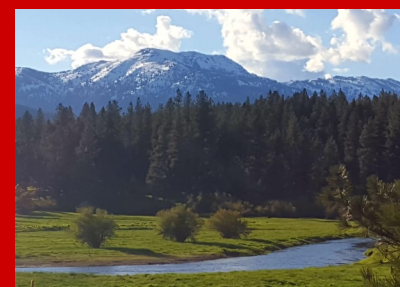
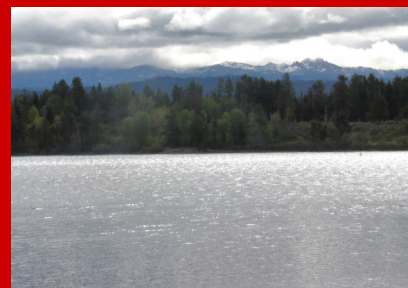
**Recreation:** Swim, Hike, Basketball, Volleyball, Icebreakers, etc.

**Contact Person:**

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# ACTIVITIES

## NEZ PERCE CULTURAL CAMP 2021



**Cascade Lake, ID**

**First Camp:**  
**July 27-29, 2021**  
**Entering grades 8-12**  
**Second Camp:**  
**August 17-19, 2021**  
**Entering grades 4-7**