



34th Annual
Rural Providers' Conference
Registration Packet

Hosted By:

Native Village
of Tanacross



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Rural Providers' Conference (RPC) is an annual gathering of substance abuse service providers, youth, Elders and family members interested in celebrating and encouraging the continual growth of the Alaska Native Sobriety Movement. This year the RPC will focus on the traditional Alaska Native knowledge for healing of the issues related to historical trauma, alcohol and drug abuse, grief and other issues of rural Alaska. The RPC features ceremonies, talking circles and cultural events. The 2017 RPC is jointly sponsored by the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP) and the Native Village of Tanacross. **Interested presenters contact Doug Modig at 907-360-0077 for more information.**

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

The easiest way to register for the conference is to go to: <https://rpc2017.eventbrite.com>
You may also complete the form in this packet and mail with your payment to RurAL CAP. You may also visit the registration site to check out the latest developing details for the RPC. Community members not represented by an agency attend for free.

ONSITE REGISTRATION

Onsite registration begins at 5 p.m., Monday, July 31, in Tanacross. For those willing or agency-sponsored will find an increase in the registration fee. At that time, conference participants can sign up for volunteer opportunities.

EVENING EVENTS

Tanacross will be hosting a potluck on Tuesday night. Please feel free to bring food to share. Evening activities on Wednesday and Thursday will be announced.

VENDOR SPACE

A limited amount of table space is available for the sale of arts and crafts. There is no charge for this. No exhibitor tables will be available.

MEALS

At this time, meals are on your own, except the potluck on Tuesday evening. (This may change closer to the event.) Participants are encouraged to bring a traditional food from their region to share at the potlatch. There are several restaurants and cafes in Tok, as well as several grocery stores.

DIRECTIONS

LEAVING FROM ANCHORAGE

Anchorage is about 340 miles SW of Tanacross. Leave Anchorage on the Glenn Highway and drive to the junction at Glennallen, about 189 miles. Turn left on the Richardson Highway for 13 miles. Then turn right on the Tok Cut-Off and drive 125 miles to Tok. Tok is Mile 1314 on the Alaska Highway; follow the straight road to Mile 1325.7 and take a right and follow the 2 mile road to Tanacross, Alaska on the Tanana River.

Active construction occurs on all parts of the road, so expect delays in high summer

Tanacross is in the Interior of Alaska and can experience high temperatures in the 80s and sometimes 90s. Sudden summer rainstorms can happen with lightning and thunder, so it's best to be prepared, if you are camping.

Expect mosquitos.

Air travel: Only by charter.

LEAVING FROM FAIRBANKS

Fairbanks is about 195 miles NW of Tanacross. Leave Fairbanks on the Richardson Highway and drive to Delta Junction, about 97 miles. Turn left on the Alaska Highway at Mile 1422 and drive 97 miles to Mile 1326 and continue for a third of a mile for the left turn off to Tanacross. Tanacross is about 2 miles on the Tanana River.

The roads are usually smoother on this portion of the highway, but summer is an active construction season.

Expect mosquitos.

Air travel: Only by charter.

LODGING

All lodging is based in Tok. Some limited camping is available in Tanacross, with a local shower available for a modest fee. Up to 50 people can bring sleeping bags to the school where there are showers also available. Please call Amy Modig to sign up for space (cell: (907) 764-8880. All youth must be accompanied by a chaperone.

HOTEL

Burnt Paw/Cabins Out Back B&B (907) 883-4121

Young's Motel (907)883-4411

Golden Bear Motel and RV Park (907)883-2561

Three Bears Mini Mart/Motel (907) 883-2852

<http://www.tokalaskainfo.com/> for further info on camping and other sites

TOK INFORMATION

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OUR PROCESS

This year's event will resemble a traditional Native gathering; rather than a "modern day" conference as in past years. The Gathering process will start with an opening welcome on Monday evening, July 31st, from the Native Village of Tanacross and RurAL CAP. There will be a dedication statement and honoring of Mr. Titus, and a moment to recognize those we have lost this year.

Theme/main sessions Tuesday - Thursday. Throughout the Gathering we will be attempting to address historical trauma. Our process will describe events in our historical past that created trauma. Examples are the colonization of our homelands; the boarding school and missionary schools; the history of disease of influenza and the TB epidemics, etc. The conversation will then focus on the present trauma which includes alcoholism and drug abuse as well as domestic violence, sexual assault and health issues. This would also involve some work with grief, rage and pain. We will then move into the teachings of our ancestors and current research such as the ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Study, epigenetic studies and PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder). Finally, we will address cultural resilience passed on to us by our Elders.

DAY-TO-DAY

Our days after opening will include a daily recap and plan and then move into work for the day involving group sessions, possibly men and women sessions. Youth sessions are planned and will be facilitated by a group identified by Tanacross.

Monday, July 31st	5:00pm	Onsite Registration Opens
	7:00pm	Welcome and Invocation
Tuesday, August 1st	9:00am - 4:30pm	Regular "process schedule"
	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Evening Activity: Potlatch
Wednesday, August 2nd	9:00am - 4:30pm	Regular "process schedule"
	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Evening Activity: Cultural Sharing
Thursday, August 3rd	9:00am - 4:30pm	Regular "process schedule"
	7:00pm - 11:00pm	Dance, fiddle, country and western and/or rock and roll depending on available bands.
Friday, August 4th	9:00am - 12:00pm	Closing Ceremony

INTERESTED PRESENTERS: Conference presenters to highlight specific topics will be invited by the community planning group. Interested presenters can contact Doug Modig @ (907) 360-0077.

**2017 Rural Providers' Conference
Native Village of Tanacross
July 31-Aug 4, 2017 @ Tanacross, AK**

Registration Form

Name	
Title	
Organization	
Address	City, State, Zip
Phone	Email (required for receipts and conference updates)

Early Registration *Deadline for Early Registration is July 21, 2017*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult (agency/organization representatives) | \$60.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth – ages 14-18 (agency/organization sponsored) | Free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elders (over age 60) | Free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tanacross and Upper Tanana locals | Free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker/Presenter <input type="checkbox"/> Planner <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer | Free |

Onsite Registration *Begins July 31, 2017*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Registration (agency/organization representatives) | \$75.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth – ages 14-18 (agency/organization sponsored) | Free |

Method of Payment:

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| | | Total Enclosed: \$_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order # _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bringing check to conference | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (see box below) | |

Please charge to (circle one):	MasterCard VISA	
Card Number: _____	Expires: ____/____	
Name on Card: _____		
(Note: For more security, you may call in your card information to Amy Modig at the contact number below)		

Include check, money order or purchase order made payable to *RurAL CAP RPC*. This registration form may be photocopied and returned to RurAL CAP via fax or postal mail:

*RurAL CAP Rural Providers' Conference
731 East 8th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501*

Fax: 1-800-478-6343

For more information contact Amy Modig toll free at (800) 478-7227 or (907) 865-7371

Online Registration and Information: <http://rpc2017.eventbrite.com>

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

TIPS AND REMINDERS

- In July, the average temperature in Tanacross is 67 to 80 degrees F, and the average rainfall is 1.5 inches. It can be unexpectedly cooler or much hotter.
- Bring a traditional food from your region to share at the potlatch on Tuesday night. Refrigeration will be available.
- Bring your musical instruments or other props for sharing.
- Not all vendors accept debit cards.
- Please be prepared to leave Tanacross as clean as you found it.
- This is a tobacco free event.