

TEXAS GULF COAST TIA PIAH's ANNUAL POW WOW

First, please read ALL of the information before you sign and return your Registration Form with your Registration Fee.

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR ALL TRADERS

These rules and regulations are provided in an effort to ensure that only the best Traders with the finest quality merchandise indicative of Native American craftsmanship, history, culture, and traditions participate in all our dances. Please read the following carefully:

- 1. INVITATION & BOOTH SPACES:** Traders are welcome by invitation only. The official registration form enclosed with these rules and regulations is your invitation! All registration forms are compared to a confidential, master list maintained by the Organization. No Xerox or other copies of this form will be accepted. You may not pass this form to any other Trader without the expressed, written approval of one of the Organization's Headsmen. Booth spaces are limited on a first **PAID**, first reserved basis, as long as you agree to observe ALL of the rules and regulations set forth in this letter. Booth size will be approximately 10' x 10' with no more than three spaces per Trader. Booth space is limited so please reserve only the amount of space you need. Traders will be assigned spaces at check-in at the sole discretion of the Organization. Certain spaces are reserved for physically handicapped traders: please check the appropriate space on the registration form. To comply with Fire Marshall's regulations and to allow for the safe flow of pedestrian traffic, no booth space will be deeper than 10'. **Any exception(s) to this rule, or any rule set forth in this letter is also at the sole discretion of the Organization.**
- 2. BOOTH FEES:** There is a \$50.00 charge per booth space at our Annual. This is payable in full when you return your registration form. Registrations are due before April 11, 2015 please include a check or money order only, **No Cash!** Make all checks payable to the **Texas Gulf Coast Tia Piah**. When all spaces are filled, you may elect to be placed on a waiting list determined by the order in which applications are received. You will then be notified at the earliest possible date if space becomes available, but there are no guarantees. All set-up fees will be returned to Traders who cannot set-up due to space restrictions within **15 business days** after the conclusion of our Annual.
- 3. FEES:** There will be a **\$35.00** charge for any checks returned to us by the bank for any reason. Failure to make good on any returned check or to pay any fees will terminate your privilege to set up at any future dances.
- 4. RAFFLE DONATIONS:** In addition to the booth fee, we accept any donation of a raffle item. This item may be presented when you are checked in. **We reserve the right to accept or reject any raffle donation! No knives, weapons or ban merchandise, will be accepted.** Our Treasurer will provide you with a receipt for tax purposes upon request. Those Traders who wish to support the dance further may bring soft drinks, cakes, cookies, and/or desserts would be greatly appreciated.
- 5. CHECK-IN:** In accordance with the terms of our rental agreement, **NO TRADERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO CHECK-IN OR SET-UP BEFORE 2:00 P.M. OR BY DISCRETION OF THE ORGANIZATION, FRIDAY APRIL 17, 2015.**
- 6. TRADER SET-UP:** Traders must bring their own tables, chairs, displays, extension cords, light fixtures, dust covers, canopies, dollies, etc. Traders may not use generators, so they do not interfere with the Dance, Drum, or Masters of Ceremony. **IF ANY ACTIVITY OR DISPLAY IS DEEMED UNACCEPTABLE OR INAPPROPRIATE BY OUR ORGANIZATION'S HEADSMEN, OFFICERS, OR MEMBERSHIP, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO CORRECT IT, REMOVE IT, OR LEAVE!**
- 7. TRADER RESPONSIBILITIES:** It is important that all Traders show the proper respect during the Flag and Veteran's songs, Prayers, Giveaways, and other Honor Songs. Please stand quietly and respectfully. Gentlemen should remove their hats. No one should be setting up or breaking down displays, table, etc. during these special moments. Once the Masters of Ceremony and the Drum have begun, all recorded music, tape players, flute music, etc., must be turned off out of respect for them and all of our participants and guests. Disrespectful or unmindful behavior may result in your ejection and terminate your privilege to set up at future dances.

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8. **TRADER TEAR-DOWN:** Traders must clean up their area daily and when they leave. No Pets are allowed at any time, day, or night, except service dogs. **ALL TRADERS MUST BE PACKED AND LOADED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

9. **BANNED ITEMS:** NO PETS (except for service dogs). Traders are restricted to selling only Native American-related crafts and goods which reflect Native American arts, crafts, traditions, and culture. **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:** Rubber toys (bows, arrows, knives, tomahawks, drums, toy flutes, toy rattles, etc., no matter their source or who has made them); NO "New Age" rocks, crystals, gems, or books about these items; NO whips, throwing knives, lances, axes, etc. **NO Lances** are permitted in or around the arena; these are important family symbols of the Kiowa Tribe, as well as the TGCTP Headsmen who have been given permission to use them. **NO** religious items may be displayed at all, including so-called "medicine bags/bundles" and no items may be displayed using words like, "spiritual", "religious", "healing", etc., to promote them. Please understand that while a number of our Vendors do sell cedar, sweet grass, sage, and a number of other herbs and botanicals, they may not use labels, signs, or any other promotional material that suggests they are for "spiritual" or "healing" purposes out of respect for our Native American Elders and guests. Native spirituality is, simply, **not for sale!** **OUT OF RESPECT FOR OUR KIOWA ELDERS AND GUESTS, ABSOLUTELY NO BEAR HIDES, CLAWS, OR OTHER BODY PARTS WILL BE PERMITTED ANYWHERE!** Traders are solely responsible for any and all State, Local, or Federal paperwork, permits, receipts, etc. required by law. If you have any questions regarding any merchandise, please contact one of our Headsmen **before** you display an item for sale. **IF ANY MERCHANDISE IS DEEMED UNACCEPTABLE BY OUR HEADSMEN, OFFICERS, OR CLUB MEMBERSHIP, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO REMOVE IT OR LEAVE!** Just because you can sell an item at another Pow Wow or Native American event does not guarantee that you can sell it here. Failure to respect our Organization's concerns will terminate your privilege to set up at future Texas Gulf Coast Tia Piah events. Traders may not sell any food, candy, gum, drinks, etc. All food and Concessions are run by our members to help defray the cost of hosting this dance.

10. **NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL:** No illegal drugs or intoxicants or alcoholic beverages are allowed at the dance, in the parking lots, or surrounding area at any time. **IF ANYONE IS FOUND IN POSSESSION, THEY WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL BE ESCORTED OUT BY SECURITY.** The Sheriff's Department is also on call, if necessary. Traders are responsible, and will be held accountable for the behavior of everyone working at their booth! If they are asked to leave, you will be, too!

11. **REGISTRATION &/OR QUESTIONS:** Please register using the form provided with this letter. Be sure to print clearly all requested information, including your Area Code and phone number. Don't forget to enclose your \$50.00 per booth fee with your **Signed**, request form. Incomplete and/or unpaid reservations cannot be accepted. We will confirm your registration's acceptance as soon as possible. **Remember, these guidelines are subject to change, without prior notice, at the sole discretion of the Organization.** Questions contact Gary Cornett at 281.332.6771 or e-mail gerard.cornett@centerpointenergy.com. If you need to leave a message, please leave your Name, Area Code and Phone Number. We will call you back as soon as possible! We look forward to seeing you!

Thank You,
The Headsmen of the Texas Gulf Coast Tia Piah