

## Resources on Native Americans for Schools

The following are a few suggestions. Much text is drawn from website descriptions, and the website is the best way to get details about programs and resources. They are listed in no particular order. 1/24/26

### Native American Heritage Programs

<https://lenapeprograms.info/>

Lots of resources on this website – books, programs offered, and basic information.

The mission of Native American Heritage Programs is to present, preserve, and perpetuate the history and cultural heritage of the Lenni Lenape, or Delaware Indians (who originally lived in eastern Pennsylvania, southern upper New York State, western New Jersey, and parts of Maryland and Delaware), and that of other Native American groups. The organization accomplishes that mission through cultural heritage programs, workshops, and educational exhibits for children and adults of all abilities. Over 35 years of experience helping educators meet their goals by providing educational programs and workshops for schools, libraries, historical societies, groups and businesses. We help teachers meet Pennsylvania's Academic Standards in History & Arts / Humanities, New Jersey's Core Content Standards in Social Studies and Delaware's History Standards.

### Lenape Nation of PA

169 Northampton St., Easton, PA 18042

<https://www.lenape-nation.org/>

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Speaking engagements, Public events, and programs

We offer educational programs for all audiences, including K-12, colleges and universities, museums, historical societies, environmental organizations, faith-based organizations, and many others. Our drummers and dancers are happy to participate in public events (but we do not conduct our cultural ceremonies for the public). We speak on many topics, including Lenape history, presence, culture, stories, politics, art, and environmental stewardship. Feel free to contact us about these collaborations.

Consultations: Curriculum Development, representation, and other topics

We are always happy to hear from people who want to assure that education about, or representation of, our people is accurate and appropriate. We have professional and cultural educators who are always willing to discuss curriculum, land acknowledgements, exhibits, mascots, and other issues. Please get in touch if you would like to consult with us.

### Penn Treaty Museum

324 Richmond Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125

<https://penntratymuseum.org/>

Our museum, a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2007, will take you back in time through art and artifacts. You will learn about the culture of the Lenape people. You will see how the Treaty Elm became a symbol of peace, love and social justice. The story has been preserved through art, music and writing that continues into the present.

Today, the museum has evolved from a website to a bricks and mortar facility with collection of Treaty related artifacts on display, a volunteer staff and projects to ensure that the story of the original stewards of the land and William Penn endures. The museum supports the Pennsylvania Core Curriculum Standards for Social Studies for fourth grade students through field trips to the park and collection. Students come away with an understanding of the Treaty with the original stewards of the land and

Penn. In 2017, the museum received a grant from the Indian Committee of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends to expand activities. As part of the museum's educational outreach program an essay contest for fourth grade students takes place annually. The contest, in memory of Jake Powell, a true Friend of the museum, gives students an opportunity to write about what friends mean to them. Please see "Friendship" for winning entries

### **National Museum of the American Indian**

National Mall, Fourth St. & Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20560

Lots of resources for teachers (K through h.s.) and for classroom use (mostly 6 grade and up with some 4-5th grades)

<https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/lessons-resources/search-resources>

### **Native Nations Dance Theater**

<https://nndt.weebly.com/>

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Native Nations Dance Theater (NNDT) is a non-profit organization and is Philadelphia's only Indigenous, professional touring dance company that was developed for the purpose of educating everyone about the existence of Native American artists in their community. NNDT performers present interactive educational productions for stage, museums, schools, colleges, organizations and government entities. We present and teach hands on activities in classrooms/auditoriums including: craft workshops, dance workshops, hand drumming, singing, social dances, story telling, history, speaking engagements, lecture demonstrations, theatrical productions and mini powwows (specifically designed for school presentations). NNDT Founder and Director, Vaughnda Hilton (tribal heritage from the Blackfeet, Seminole & Creek nations) founded NNDT in 1991.

### **Native American House Alliance**

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Hold an annual pow wow; primarily an organization to offer social services to Indigenous peoples of Philadelphia

Native American House Alliance was founded by indigenous people and allies to promote an accurate understanding of the Native American experience, history, and culture. We are a tax-exempt organization operating here in Philadelphia. All that we do will aid in dispelling prevailing stereotypes and generalizing cultural representations of American Indians by providing culturally-specific programs and information about the contemporary as well as historical cultures of distinct tribes and communities within the United States, and especially here in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania region.

### **Indigenous Peoples' Day Philly**

1500 Chestnut St. Suite 2. POB 1106, Philadelphia, PA 19102

<https://ipdphilly.org>

Executive Director, Mabel Negrete

Since 2017, we produce an annual cultural festival and awareness campaign for "Indigenous Peoples Day" and since 2019 we celebrate this Native-American social justice movement at Shackamoxon

(or known as Penn Treaty Park).

In addition throughout the year, our organization and community network shares relevant resources and informative news articles focused on Indigenous issues through our online platforms. We are at the forefront of conversations regarding Indigenous sovereignty, immigration, and environmental justice. We also have cultivated a substantial presence in Philadelphia and have been successful in connecting with Indigenous people living in other regions throughout the Americas and worldwide.

Offer an informative e-newsletter to learn of activities.

### **We are the Seeds of Culture Trust**

<https://www.wearetheseeds.org/about.html>

We Are the Seeds of Culture Trust celebrates and educates about contemporary Indigenous arts and cultures, creates expansive and holistic opportunities for Indigenous artists, and provides positive and accurate representation of Indigenous peoples.

We produce cultural programs and workshops that celebrate and support Indigenous arts, artists, and Native communities throughout North America. To date, we have produced over 175 public programs partnering with major organizations including Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia Art Museum, Montclair Art Museum, MoMA NYC, Penn Museum, Free Library, and multiple educational institutions.