North American Indigenous Youth Leadership Training
Focused on
Environmental Justice and Decolonization

Our mission is to assist other North American Indigenous youth in building their platforms for activism, cultural advocacy, and mentorship. Our motivation is that the ancient practices of indigenous people must resurge globally, in order to guide us back to a more harmonious relationship to the Earth. We as Indigenous youth still hold the thread of that wisdom from our elders, and with this training we intend to build the youth movement. This training is intended to aid you as a youth leader in identifying issues that most affect your communities and assist you in growing solutions to address pressing issues in your community and on national level.

The Earth Guardians 7 day Indigenous Youth Leadership Training is gather emerging Indigenous youth leaders from across North America to amplify our voices, leadership/mentorship skills, understanding of/ and tactics to address the intersectionality of some of the world’s most pressing issues locally and globally, while helping to encourage the resurgence of traditional practices as the solution to the climate crisis. You will leave this training equip with skills to start Earth Guardian Crews (squads of people banning together in your community) to come up with innovative ideas and campaigns to tackle environmental and cultural obstacles facing your people.

Dates:
5 PM on May 28th - Morning of June 5th

Schedule:
Classes will run for 4 hours in the morning and 4 hours in the afternoons. Weather permitting classes will be held outdoors. In the evenings there will be optional sweat lodges, time singing/praying around the big drum, documentary film showings, an open mic night and more. There will be plenty of time in nature exploring in the caves, hiking, canoeing and swimming in the rivers.

Day 1: May 28th
Arrival: Icebreakers

5 PM: Prayers around the sacred fire, Ice breakers and an introduction circle lead by the youth team, Earth Guardians, Earth Rights and the Camp/Horinek Family , followed dinner together...
Day 2-3: May 29th and 30th
A Healing Exchange between the Elders and the Youth

Casey Camp Horinek
Arvol Looking Horse
Paul Lookinghorse
Sharon Day
Gene Eulogio Mendoza

- Presencing/processing what Native American Youth going through on reservations and in urban communities today
- Panel discussions, sweats, time around the fire together with the elders
- Story telling: environmental and cultural resilience movements, and their participation within them
- Workshops with individual elders: water protection, women within the movement, etc....
- Discussions on how decolonization and the environmental justice movement are inseparable

Trained mental health specialist
Denise Cassias (Lakota) will be on site for most of the training to work with youth one on one and hold talking circles.

3-4 Days: May 31st and June 1st
Leadership Development Skills

Rob Chanate
Bineshi Albert
Xiuhtezcatl Martinez

Campaign Identification and implementation
- Issue identification
- How to organize an action
- How to get back up when knocked down
- Non violent civil disobedience
- Encampment tactics
- Earth Guardian Crews

How to create an Earth Guardians Crew as a platform for local and global action:
- Creating a platform for community engagement and action
- Earth Guardians as a Global network for youth to connect and work together
- Diversify the tactics: Using different platforms to fuel a movement
Days 5-6.5 June 2-3
Arts within the Movement

Floris Whitebull
Teena Pugliese
- Using the Media/Arts to Reclaim Story:
  - Documentary films
  - Importance of intervening in pop culture

Day 6.5, June 3rd,
Creating a Campaign
Bineshi Albert

- 21 Points of creating and running a successful campaign

Day 7, June 4th
Sustainability Solutions
Nick Tilsen

- Sustainable models currently implemented on reservations and in urban native communities
- Food Sovereignty

Closing prayers