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"STRENGTH IN UNITY" Pow Wow brings Sault Tribe members together
30th Annual Pow Wow starts next week

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – The Sault Tribe will host their 30th Annual Pow Wow and Summer Gathering July 2 – 3 at the Sault Tribe Pow Wow Grounds on Shunk Road. This \$30,000 contest Pow Wow kicks off on Wednesday June 29 with the Blessing of the Pow Wow Grounds followed by a small feast.

“There are so many activities for everyone to participate in,” said Debra-Ann Pine, Pow Wow coordinator. “We have many ceremonies, the dancing, lots of vendors, great food. It’s really a good time for the whole family. It’s also a great time to come and learn more about who we are as Indian people.”

On Thursday morning, sunrise ceremonies will begin in the Waabano Lodge located to the far east of the Pow Wow grounds. Pipe carriers Cecil Pavlat, Les Ailing, Rene Shipman and Graz Shipman and speakers Tony Grondin and John Causley Jr. will lead this two-day event. There will be a Traditional Feast both Thursday and Friday evenings. Friday evening is an open mike evening at the grounds and a children's carnival will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday morning the Pow Wow grounds will be bustling with activity as Grand Entry begins at 1 p.m. with another Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Sunday Grand Entry will be held at 1 p.m., and drum and dance winners will be announced at 4 p.m.

Categories for the Pow Wow include a drum competition, golden age men’s and women’s mixed, men’s traditional, men’s fancy, men’s grass, women’s traditional, women’s jingle, women’s shawl, teen categories for male and female, 6 – 12 category for boys and girls and specials for tiny tots. This years master of ceremonies is Beedahsiga Elliott and Josh Homminga.

This is always a great homecoming weekend for all Sault Tribe members as well as Sault Ste. Marie community members. Admission is free and the public is welcome to all events. For more information, contact tribal administration at 906-635-6050.