



SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION

Pow Wow Etiquette

Boozhoo • Welcome • Biindigen

We are pleased to welcome you.

Pow Wow is a joyful community gathering with sacred moments. Please help us honour the dancers, singers, Elders and traditions by following these respectful guidelines.

1 Listen to the MC

The Master of Ceremonies will explain what is happening and share important instructions throughout the gathering.

2 Stand in Respect

Please stand, and remove your hat when requested, for Grand Entry, prayers, Flag Songs, Veterans Songs, Honour Songs and other ceremonial moments.

3 Ask Before Taking Photos

Please ask before photographing or recording dancers. Do not record ceremonies, Honour Songs or the Sacred Fire when photography is restricted.

4 Respect the Regalia

Dancers wear regalia, not costumes. Please do not touch a dancer or their regalia without permission.

5 Honour the Dance Arena

Please do not enter or cross the arena unless the MC invites everyone to dance. Walk around the outside when moving through the grounds.

6 Leave Fallen Items in Place

If an Eagle feather or part of someone's regalia falls, do not pick it up. Quietly notify the Arena Director or MC.

7 Respect the Drums

Drums and drumming equipment are cared for with great respect. Please do not touch them unless you are invited.

8 Help Keep the Grounds Safe

This is a drug- and alcohol-free gathering. Please supervise children, place waste in the proper bins and follow the host community's pet policy.

9 Come in a Good Way

Bring a lawn chair, support Indigenous artists and vendors, and ask respectful questions at an appropriate time. Visitors are encouraged to join intertribal dances when invited.

Miigwech for joining us with kindness and respect.

Community protocols may vary—when in doubt, please follow the direction of the MC or Arena Director.