

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS of

Warm Springs Youth Council

ARTICLE ONE

Name

The name of this group shall be the Warm Springs Youth Council.

ARTICLE TWO

Vision

The Warm Springs Youth Councils' vision is to establish and maintain a positive voice for the community by keeping the youth involved in our culture, spirituality and heritage through the generations.

ARTICLE THREE

Mission

The mission of the Warm Springs Youth Council is to dedicate ourselves to achieve greatness; recruit, organize and build a unified youth voice; and set goals and expectations in order to help grow and inform youth.

ARTICLE FOUR

Objectives

The objectives of this group shall be to provide a collective voice and represent the tribal youth in all matters that concern them; to serve as a means of mobilizing and coordinating the actions of youth, other community members and organizations toward positive goals; to promote the development of future tribal leaders; to help solve problems facing tribal youth; to coordinate school and community service projects; provide opportunities for the youth to interact for fun and fellowship; to provide opportunities to increase cultural understanding and learn about other tribal nations.

ARTICLE FIVE

Members

Section 1. The group shall have one class of youth members consisting of Native American youth between the ages of 14 and 24 years of age.

Section 2. To establish membership, youth must fill out membership form and remain in good standing by attending at least fifty percent of meetings annually in-person or by phone.

Section 3. Each member in good standing shall have a right to cast one (1) vote on any matter submitted to a vote of the membership.

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ARTICLE SIX Officers

Section 1. The officers of the group shall be Co-Presidents (1 male and 1 female), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Officer. Two or more principal offices may not be held by the same person.

Section 2. The Co-Presidents shall facilitate the meetings. Only in the case of a tie shall the Co-Presidents vote – 1 vote will be cast that is mutually agreed upon by the Co-Presidents.

Section 3. In the absence of one or both of the Co-Presidents, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the Co-President(s).

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the membership meetings and see that all notices are given in accordance with the bylaws, takes attendance of meetings, keeps and maintains current membership list, and in general, perform all duties related to the office of Secretary.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall have custody and be responsible for the collection and disbursements of all funds of the group. The Treasurer will prepare and present a financial report at each meeting. (An adult advisor shall co-sign all deposits, checks, and financial statements.)

Section 6. The Communications Officer shall be responsible for managing Warm Springs Youth Council social media presence, website, and writing content for local media.

Section 7. The officers shall be elected by ballot at a time and in a manner prescribed by the membership to serve for one year or until removed from office for just cause or until their successors are elected and assume office. The officer's terms shall commence at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.

ARTICLE SEVEN Advisors

Section 1. An Advisory Council will consist of parents, elders, other concerned adults, a Warm Springs Tribal Council representative, and representatives of various agencies serving Native American youth.

Section 2. The members of the Advisory Council will help facilitate meetings, offer guidance to youth, chaperone functions and activities of the youth council, and assist youth council members in fulfilling their responsibilities. One (or more) members of the Advisory Council will serve as the primary advisor(s) of the youth council.

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Section 3. At least one member of the Advisory Council must be present at all youth council meetings and functions.

ARTICLE EIGHT Meetings

Section 1. The youth council membership shall meet a minimum of 12 times a year. A notice of time, place and agenda will be provided to all voting members at least five days prior to the meeting. These meetings will consist of a business meeting and may be followed by an optional social or recreational function. The business meeting will include reports from officers and/or special committees. Planning and duties for future business and social functions will be delegated during the business meetings.

Section 2. The presence of sixty percent voting members of the council shall be required to constitute a quorum necessary to conduct the youth council's business.

Section 3. All regular and special meetings of the youth council shall consist of the following agenda:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Call to Order and Roll Call
3. Determination of quorum
4. Check-in
5. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
6. Old business
7. New business
8. Reports of Officers
9. Reports of special committees
10. Announcements
11. Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Section 4. All regular and special meetings of the youth council will utilize Robert's Rules of Order:

1. Presiding over and participating in organizational meetings, including making motions and debating those motions.

ARTICLE NINE Elections

Section 1. Individuals wanting to run for office shall be a member in good standing, complete an application form, and do short speech on the day of elections.

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Section 2. The youth council shall set elections of membership on the Council at least 30 days in advance of the expiration of the term of the office of the members. The officer's terms shall commence at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.

Section 3. Elections shall be by secret ballot on the day of elections. Elections shall be won by majority vote.

ARTICLE TEN Committees

Committees shall be established by the Co-Presidents from time to time as deemed necessary to carry out the work of the group. The Committee Chairperson will be appointed by the Co-Presidents. The Committee Chairperson will be responsible for appointing others to serve on the Committee. The Co-Presidents shall be a member of all committees.

ARTICLE ELEVEN Affiliation

The Warm Springs Youth Council will affiliate with the United National Indian Tribal Youth Network, also known as the UNITY Network.

ARTICLE TWELVE Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the group by a two-thirds vote, providing that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.