

Kids' Weeks Program

The goal of the week is to create kids who are critical thinkers about the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The kids will learn about Lakota history and culture in order to advocate for the Oglala, Lakota Oyate (people) in the world.

Saturday: Parent Meeting - Introductions, weekly schedule, and expectations

Each Morning: While the adults are listening to the Wisdom of the Elders the kids will meet in the dining area. We will have a short lesson and discuss our schedule for the day.

Sunday: Introduction to the Rez – Kids will stay with the big group to go to **Wounded Knee** and the **Badlands**. At both locations, however, kids will be pulled aside for age-appropriate experiences.

Monday: Wind Cave National Park – Lakota creation story and look for buffalo. Picnic lunch.

Tuesday: Journey Museum in Rapid City – Outstanding museum! Kids will see a video on Lakota star knowledge, have an opportunity to be guided through exploration of the bison, and see an original Winter Count. We will stop for lunch at **The Pizza Ranch** in Rapid City as a special treat. No money needed.

Wednesday: Iris Gay from Kyle will come in and work with the kids on making a parfleche box. Lunch at Re-Member. It is also craft night. We will help set-up when finished with our project.

Thursday: Northern Unit of the Badlands- hike and receive Jr. Ranger Badges. Please have kids wear gym shoes. Lunch at **Bette's Kitchen**. Finally, we will return back to Re-Member to prepare for our Kids' Week Museum.

After final sharing Thursday evening, the kids will be presenting picture boards about what they've learned during the week. (This just means they will stand by the board as people walk around to look. They will not have to talk in front of the group. ©)

Friday: We will say Toksha (see you later).

Other pieces of information:

- During the evening speaker time, kids will be supervised by the Re-Member staff.
- ltems to bring each day- water bottle, sunscreen, and walking shoes.
- We will encourage the kids to save their money for craft night at Re-Member. We will talk to them about how important it is to support our Lakota friends on the reservation. The money goes right to the person and not to a gift shop.
- We will always have a cooler of water in the van. Kids will always be wearing seat belts while in the van.