

INVITATION TO A TIPI WORKSHOP!

TO: All classroom educators teaching regional history and multiculturalism

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SJ: Invitation to the Tipi Raising and Ute Heritage Workshop

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The Tipi Raising and Ute Heritage Workshop is a three to four hour workshop based on the Colorado history curriculum for 3rd – 5th grades. It is, however, appropriate for all ages. This hands-on experience has a group students put up a real tipi, learn about the life of the Ute Indians in the foothills of Pikes Peak region while inside the tipi, paint with yucca fronds, share the history of the Ute Indians from 14,000 years ago to the present day and take a walk to learn of the Gifts of the Mother (plant and animal resources).

Ideally, this program is designed for groups of 20+ (one classroom) or two, up to 40+ students. Fifty or more students and the classes must break into two even groups. The first group takes a self-guided hike and has lunch for 1.5 hours, while the other participates in the tipi program and then the two groups switch. The program is not weather dependent, but all participants must dress for the weather as we do move around outside as much as possible. The Tipi group will have programming under cover. The hiking group has shelter for lunch, but not for hiking.

WHEN POSSIBLE schedule groups of 40 or less to avoid the weather issue and have more hands-on time!

Program fee is \$8 per student, \$4 discounted fee for students on Free and Reduced Lunch. This price is being confirmed for the 2011 season for spring and fall. One chaperone is free for every eight students. All others must pay the appropriate fee mentioned above. The program runs from 9:30 am – 12:30pm (1:30pm for two groups).

Please contact Miriam at Starsmore@springsgov.com or call 385-6086 to reserve your spot for this popular program. Available dates are Fridays starting in April 1st through May 13th. Alternate dates may be possible based on availability. Time of the program is always 9:30am – 12:30pm for groups of 40 or less and 9:30am – 1:30pm for groups of 50 or more (two groups).

NEW: \$5 PROGRAM. This is an **one and a half hour program** where a group of 20 or less (one class) put up the tipi while learning about the history of the Ute Indians in the Pikes Peak region. The focus of this program is purely on the tipi and the artifacts in the par fleche. There are NO break-out activities. The students participate in actually raising the tipi and have an opportunity to sit in the tipi during the program. We finish with drumming in a friendship circle. PLEASE NOTE: No break-out session for history, painting with yucca fronds, or Gifts of the Mother (resource walk). No food or pemmican is presented in the tipi as well. But the students will come away with an understanding of the Ute culture and the history of the American Indian in the United States.

Thank you,

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