



Center design is an ancient Nez Perce symbol called a whirlingwind (Sa'plis). Other indigenous cultures use it as well. Its origin pre-dates any similar symbol related to European history of the 1900's.

### History

The first Nez Perce Cultural Camp was held in August 2000. The concept was discussed for many years as a way to involve youth in a fun and educational gathering. An average of 100-110 students attend each year. This will be our 15th annual camp at Wallowa Lake!

Again in 2014, we will benefit from participation of multiple partners, with lead coordination by the tribal Cultural Resources and Education departments. Additional support will come from NPTEC Youth Affairs Subcommittee, Nez Perce Local Education Program Fund, Nez Perce Circle of Elders, various private foundation grants, and other tribal and community sponsors and supporters.

### Mission Statement

To give youth a greater appreciation of the heritage of the Nez Perce people so they can continue the culture in the future. Overall, we want to increase the number of cultural bearers of the Nez Perce Way of Life (Nimiipuunewit), with special emphasis on Language.

The Cultural Camp appreciates the diversity and unique expression of culture that exists among the Nez Perce people, historically and today. We do our best to convey this to the students and promote respect for All Ways.



### Camp Site

We will stay at the Wallowa Lake Camp & Retreat Center located near Joseph, OR. Traveling from the Nez Perce reservation in Idaho, gives the students an appreciation of the beauty, size, and diversity of terrain of the traditional tribal homeland and distribution of different bands of Nez Perce.

**CUT & RETURN THIS SECTION**

### Application Due Date:

**Thurs, July 31, 2014, 4:30 p.m.**

*Deadline is important so we can make the extensive arrangements for each youth. Late applications may be possible if accommodations are available.*

Turn application in: Education Services, Lapwai, ID, or Students for Success office, Kamiah, ID.

Mail: P.O. Box 365, Lapwai, ID 83540

PH: (208) 621-4610 or (208) 935-4110

FAX: (208) 843-7387, Email: joycem@nezperce.org

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Ph No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Required essay, turn in w/ application:

★ *What are some tribal ceremonies that you have participated in? What did you learn from these ceremonies?*

★ *How does your tribal culture promote service or helping others?*

Application is incomplete without essay.

### Grade in Fall 2014:

\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_ 5th \_\_\_\_ 6th \_\_\_\_ 7th  
 \_\_\_\_ 8th \_\_\_\_ 9th \_\_\_\_ 10th \_\_\_\_ 11th \_\_\_\_ 12th

### T-shirt Size: Circle Size

Child: M LG XL  
 Adult: SM M LG XL XXL

### Please list:

Medical Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Medications \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child need a medical release to participate?  
 \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If "yes," please provide a copy.

