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May 23 and 24, 2012 PRACC along with our partners Crazy Horse Memorial, Badlands National Park and Mt. Rushmore National Monument hosted a cultural sensitivity training for National park interpreters at Crazy Horse. The two day training is a product of our Lakota Voices Project and has been in the building process for the past three years. Over 100 participants attended the training, increased from 2011.

The first day featured a host of speakers from the Pine Ridge Reservation. Participants were educated on Lakota history, statistics and contemporary life on the Reservation. This year we added special break out sessions that included Plants and foods, interpretive sessions and typical questions asked by tourist that may wish to visit our home lands.

2011 participants were surveyed on the effectiveness of last years training and asked what they would like to have for 2012. One of the most requested aspects was a tour to the Reservation and Lakota Story telling. This year we added a tour to Pine Ridge. The tour started from Rapid City with nearly 60 participants. Busses were chartered by the Mt. Rushmore Memorial society to transport attendees on the full day tour.

The first stop was split between PRACC and OLC. Each bus visited both sites then regrouped to continue the tour. The second stop was at the Wounded Knee Massacre site. Renditions of the massacre were presented by our step on guides. From there the buses traveled to the Red Cloud Indian School where we were met by staff for a presentation and lunch. The day concluded with a stop at Wind Cave National Park and a presentation by Gus Yellow Hair on Lakota legends.

The training was exceptional this year and we are already hearing positive comments and feedback. We would like to thank all of the people involved in producing this outstanding portion of our project.

Moving forward.

PRACC will host for the second year our Lakota cultural camp in the Black Hills. This year we will have room for 12 participants on the four day camp. Camp application and information can be obtained from PRACC Staff. Contact Samantha White at PRACC.

The participants will have the opportunity to visit cultural sites located throughout the Black Hills and hear from historians about Lakota stories and legends. This camp is also a product of our Lakota Voices Project.

PRACC summer interns will be onboard June 4th. Summer interns were recruited from Little Wound High School during the April career day. Applicants were interviewed and selected in May 2012. This years staff includes:

Lexxi Hunter, Alanna Brown Bull, Cody Kills in Water and LaRae Morgan.

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Crazy Horse Memorial

Badlands National Park

Mount Rushmore National Memorial



June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2	
3	4	5 KILI Radio Show 5:00pm Elder Day	6	7	8 Annual Veterans Pow wow Pine Ridge, SD	9	
10	11	12 KILI Radio Show 5:00 pm TAX Deadline	13	14 PRACC Cultural Camp	15	16	
17>	18	19 KILI Radio Show 5:00 pm	20	21 Elder Day	22 OLC Graduation Pow Wow Kyle, SD	23	
24>	25	26 KILI Radio Show 5:00 pm	27	28	29	30	
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