



ABOUT OUR FESTIVAL

The Haudenosaunee are the originators and keepers of the game known today as "lacrosse." Deyhontsigwa'ehs goes back millennia and is also known as "The Creator's Game" and the "Medicine Game." We are dedicated and committed to re-establishing a Haudenosaunee presence here at Onondaga Lake, where Deyhontsigwa'ehs was originally played.

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2025

HAUDENOSAUNEE WOODEN STICK FESTIVAL

Restore Our Sacred Lake 5K
Smoke Dancing Competition
Rand Hall Memorial Masters Tournament

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM - RESTORE OUR SACRED LAKE 5K

10:00 AM - FESTIVAL OPENING

EMCEE HEATH HILL
RANDY HALL TOURNAMENT BEGINS ON THE FIELD
BETTY (LYONS) HILL WELCOME

11 AM - ONONDAGA LAKE

EMCEE HEATH HILL
MAIN TENT SPEAKER JAKE EDWARDS:
THE IMPORTANCE OF ONONDAGA LAKE AND THE
FORMATION OF THE
HAUDENOSAUNEE CONFEDERACY

NOON - STICK MAKING DEMONSTRATION

EMCEE HEATH HILL
MAIN TENT SPEAKER
TRAVIS GABRIEL WOODEN STICK LACROSSE
MAKING DEMONSTRATION

1-3 PM - HAUDENOSAUNEE TREATIES

EMCEE HEATH HILL
MAIN TENT SPEAKER
ONONDAGA ELDER JAKE EDWARDS
TREATY BELTS

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

3PM - KATYOHKWA

EEMCEE HEATH HILL
KATYOHKWA (PEOPLE/GROUP)
HAUDENOSAUNEE CULTURE AND SOCIAL DANCES
LEAD BY HEATH HILL
SINGER ALAN DOWDY

4PM - SMOKE DANCE COMPETITION

EMCEE HEATH HILL
SMOKE DANCE COMPETITION

ChuckleBerries 
Self-Serve Yogurt And More!

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 AM - TOURNAMENT DAY 2

EMCEE HEATH HILL
BEGINNING OF DAY 2: RANDY HALL TOURNAMENT

11 AM - IMPORTANCE OF ONONDAGA LAKE

EMCEE HEATH HILL
MAIN TENT SPEAKER
ROBERT ABBOTT
TINA THOMAS

11:30 - WOMENS MOVEMENT

EMCEE HEATH HILL
MAIN TENT SPEAKER
CIARRAI EATON GAGE FOUNDATION

NOON - WOODEN STICK DEMONSTRATION

EEMCEE HEATH HILL
MAIN TENT SPEAKER
TRAVIS GABRIEL TRADITIONAL WOODEN LACROSSE
STICK MAKING DEMONSTRATION

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1PM - HAUDENOSAUNEE NATIONALS

EMCEE HEATH HILL
MAIN TENT SPEAKER
REX LYONS LISA SAACCO
HAUDENOSAUNEE TEAM MEMBERS
2028 BID FOR THE OLYMPICS
SOVEREIGNTY AND OUR RIGHT
TO PLAY UNDER OUR OWN FLAG

2PM

EMCEE HEATH HILL
MAIN TENT SPEAKER
JEANNE SHENANDOAH JOE HEATH

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

4PM - HERO AWARD

EMCEE HEATH HILL

MAIN TENT SPEAKER

BETTY LYONS AND TINA HILL

PRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN LAW
ALLIANCE ALLY AWARD &
AMERICAN INDIAN LAW ALLIANCE HERO AWARD

4:30 - KATYOHKWA

EMCEE HEATH HILL

KATYOHKWA (PEOPLE/GROUP)

HAUDENOSAUNEE

CULTURE AND SOCIAL DANCES

LEAD BY HEATH HILL

SINGER ALAN DOWDY

5:30 - TOURNAMENT AWARDS

EMCEE HEATH HILL

RANDY HALL MASTERS MEMORIAL WOODEN STICK
LACROSSE TOURNAMENT AWARDS

TRADITIONAL CLOSING HEATH HILL





Native American Community Services (NACS) is a non-profit organization founded in 1975 to provide quality health and social services to the off-reservation Native American population in Erie and Niagara Counties. In keeping with our "Tradition of Caring," we have since grown into a full-scale human services agency committed to helping the entire community.

www.nacswny.org

RANDY HALL MEMORIAL MASTERS LACROSSE TOURNAMENT TEAMS

1. **Oneida Silverhawks** - Oneida/Onondaga (Team Manager - Gilbert Stout)
2. **Team United** - Philadelphia (Team Manager - Shawn Langen)
3. **Wild Turkeys** - Kanehsatake (Team Manager - Brandon Etienne)
4. **Ohi:yó Masters** - Allegany (Team Manager - Kerry John)
5. **Mann's Wolfpack** - Akwesasne (Team Manager - Mickey Waulkey)

Referees:

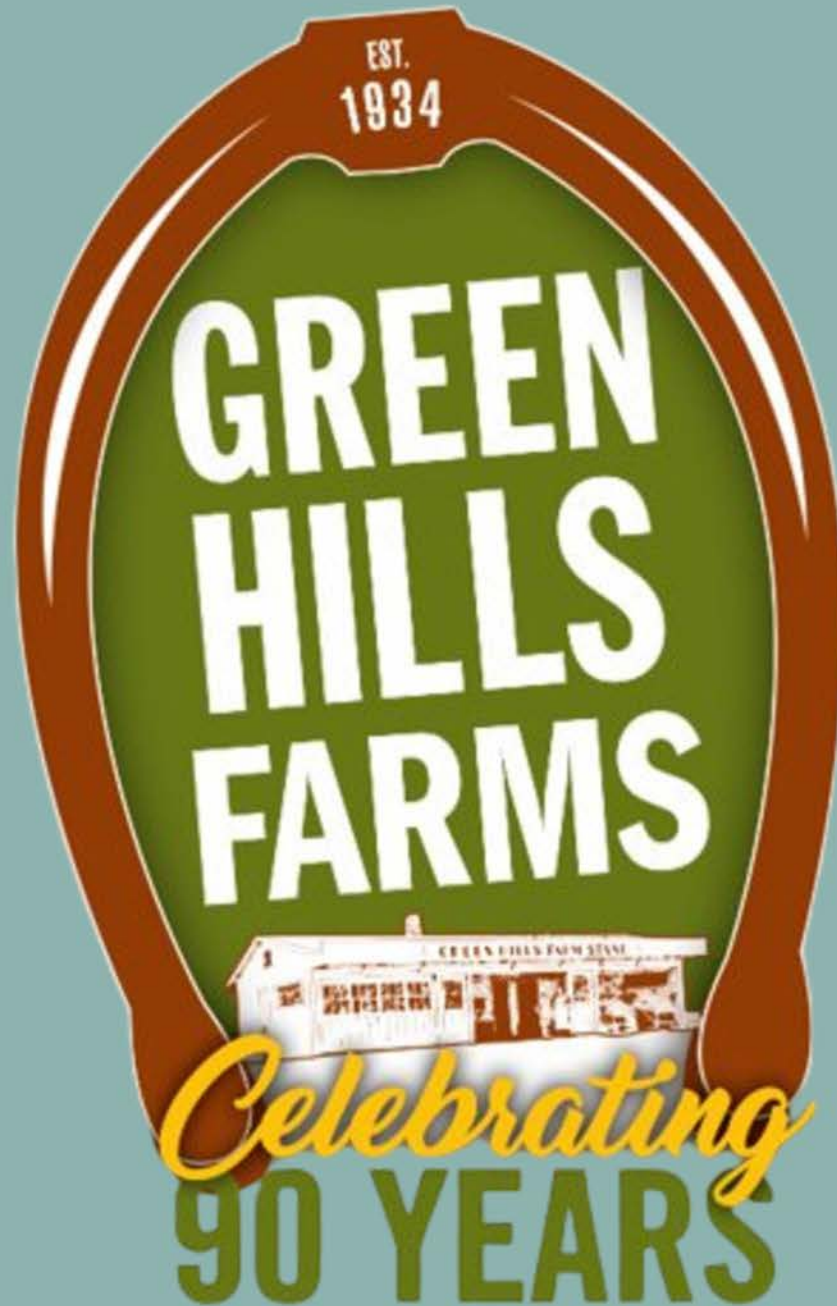
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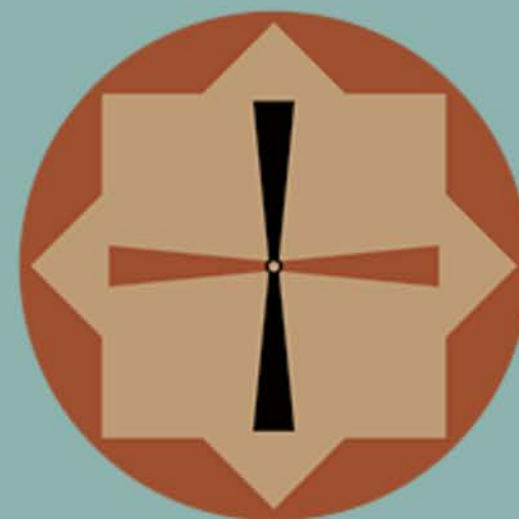
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The Haudenosaunee Nationals Lacrosse Organization is an Indigenous sports organization (the only one of its kind in the world) that competes on the world stage. We are sanctioned by the sovereign Haudenosaunee Grand Council and are governed by the Haudenosaunee Nationals Board of Directors. The Haudenosaunee Nationals Development Group (HNDG) is the fiscal and legal arm of the Haudenosaunee Nationals.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU MESSAGE

In 2013, Randy Hall (Mohawk Nation) brought a leather ball to Philip P. Arnold and Sandy Bigtree (Mohawk Nation) and asked them for help in bringing Deyhontsigwa'ehs (They Bump Hips) back to its place of origin here at Onondaga Lake. After that meeting, Arnold and Bigtree and their non-profit Indigenous Values Initiative organized the inaugural Haudenosaunee Wooden Stick Festival, which was held at Onondaga Lake in 2013. Since that time, the American Indian Law Alliance collaborated with the Indigenous Values Initiative on co-hosting and coordinating the events of this weekend. At the start of 2024, Arnold and Bigtree have asked to take a break from the festival to spend more time with their sons and to finally take a vacation and relax! The American Indian Law Alliance said yes, of course, we were happy to take it on and run the festival solo, and give them a much-needed time of rest and relaxation. This is all possible thanks to our incredible team of volunteers and returning vendors and teams. A huge NYA•WEÑHA to Phil Arnold, Sandy Bigtree, and all of our volunteers and staff who make this a great event. Last but not least thank you to the staff of Onondaga County Parks.

RETURN OF MAPLE BAY

Heal the Reciprocal Relationship Between the Lake and Onondaga Nation #Lakeback

Onondaga Lake is the birthplace of democracy, lacrosse, the women's rights movement, and more. This lake is the ancestral home of the Onondaga Nation and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. The United States agreed that the lake would always belong to the Onondaga Nation and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy with the 1794 Canandaigua treaty.

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weekend a success.



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