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Taking Indian Films and Filmmakers On the Road!

San Francisco, CA – The American Indian Film Institute (AIFI) is proud to announce dates for the 2010 Tribal Touring Program. The **Tribal Touring Program** is designed to expand AIFI's media services to tribal and rural communities across the United States. The Tribal Touring Program, presented in the Summer, uses media as a tool for cultural and economic development. It is structured around **media empowerment & literacy, digital training workshops, community film festival** and, months later, **youth-to-media maker dialogue** at the American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco.

AIFI Host-Partners during the Tribal Touring Program's 2001-2002 pilot phase included **Robinson Rancheria, Santa Rosa Rancheria, Sycuan Reservation, Soboba Reservation and Bishop Paiute Tribe** in California, and the **Yakama Nation** in Washington. Among the Host-Partners for programs in Summer 2003 were **Soboba Reservation, Susanville Rancheria, and Hoopa Reservation**; Host-Partners in 2004, **Hoopa Reservation, CA, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, CA, and Quechan Reservation**; Host-Partners in 2005, **United Auburn Indian Community, CA** and **Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, NV**. Host tribes for Summer 2006 were: **Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, AZ; Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, CT; Washoe Native TANF Program, CA; Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, NV; and United Auburn Indian Community, CA**. Host partners in 2007 were: **Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, AZ; Hoopa Tribe, CA; and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, CA**. More recently, Host partners in 2008 were: **Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians, CA; Stop the Violence Coalition, CA; Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, CA. : Summer 2009 Stop the Violence Coalition, Hoopa, CA, Yocha De-He Wintun Nation, Brooks, CA, United Auburn Indian Community, Auburn, CA**.

The Tribal Touring Program has traveled to California, Arizona, Connecticut, Washington, and Nevada reservations offering Native youths, ages 13-20, the opportunity to participate in this intensive 10 –day media academy.

The 2010 Tribal Touring Program promises to be an educational, fun, and career-directed experience for all Native youth participants who are taught by award- winning Indian media professionals experienced in digital video production. At each tour-stop, 4-6 short films (5 – 10 minutes each) are scripted, shot, edited, and premiered at each tribal host site. A 3-Nite “Best of the American Indian Film Festival” precedes the premiere of youth films. All youth films created at each Tribal Touring Program community will also be screened in a special program at the 2010 – 35th annual American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco.

AIFI TRIBAL TOURING PROGRAM PROPOSED DATES - SUMMER 2010

- June 10 – June 19 **(Confirmed)** Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, CA
- June 24 – July 3 **(Confirmed)** Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, CA
- July 8 – July 17
- July 22 – July 31
- August 5 – August 14
- August 19 – August 28

For further information regarding AIFI’s Tribal Touring Program or annual Film Festival please contact the American Indian Film Institute (AIFI) at 415-554-0525, or email: mls@aifisf.com

The American Indian Film Institute (AIFI) is a non-profit media arts center founded in 1979 to foster understanding of the culture, traditions and issues of contemporary Native Americans.

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