



# EARTH CONNECTION CAMP

Relationships and Resilience through STEM and Culture

**THANKSGIVING POINT**

**June 12, 2025**

**9:30 am – 3:00 pm**

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Immersing **STEMs** into **Native Culture**

## CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

Earth Connections Camp is an outdoor classroom that inspires American Indian youth (2-12) to connect with their natural and cultural heritage, as well as **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, and **M**ath (**STEM**) career paths. Students learn about natural resources through sessions on water resource science, units and measurements from 1d to 3d, combined with cultural traditions taught by Tribal and agency experts.

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## STUDENTS WILL:

- Learn how American Indian youth can live in two worlds = intertwining western science with traditional-cultural wisdom
- Work with American Indians STEM experts
- Work with American Indian and non-American Indian role models and mentors
- Prepare to be “college career ready”
- Be introduced to educational resources and diversity programs

## STUDENTS WILL EXPERIENCE **STEMs** IN MOTION

- National Weather Service
- Cadastral Survey
- Chiropractic Health

*Sessions will be visual, hands-on, participatory, and engaging.*

## THE CAMP WILL IMMERSE **STEMs** IN OUR **NATIVE CULTURE**

- Interconnect STEM and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (Tradition/Culture/Heritage)
- Multiple Tribal representations
- Traditional – Culturalist on site working with STEM instructor
- Support a Tribal identity from American Indian scientists/instructors
- Introduction to Hoop Dance
- Ethnobotany – medicinal and ceremonial use of plant
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