



**LENAPEHOKING  
REESTABLISHMENT  
PROJECT  
NEWSLETTER  
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Greetings and Happy Winter Solstice from us to you!

Please enjoy the first issue of Lenapehoking Reestablishment Project's monthly Newsletter!

In upcoming issues, you can be sure to see events and efforts that LRP is or will be involved in, as well as announcements regarding recent events in Lenapehoking!

## UNITY CONFERENCE 2023

U.N.I.T.Y: United National Indigenous Tribal Youth Conference. Read about our attendance at this past summer's event hosted in Washington DC!

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## SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT 2023

The Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape's New Dawn Youth Council's Annual Summer Retreat for all of our youth, hosted at NLL Tribal Grounds and completely sponsored by LRP & parent/company donations.

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## NLL ANNUAL POW-WOW

Annual Celebration hosted by the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape tribe held every second weekend in June. Read on for additional information.

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# U.N.I.T.Y

## Conference 2023

The U.N.I.T.Y. Conference celebrated its 48<sup>th</sup> year this past summer. This conference focuses on the Indigenous Youth of these lands, allowing for open dialogue between youths of diverse nations, as well as creating & emphasizing opportunities to better their future. There were many safe spaces for these youth. This year was the largest attended year, with numbers as high as 2,400 participants in Washington D.C.

This year was the first year our youth attended the Annual U.N.I.T.Y. Conference in such large numbers. Some of the accolades that are worth mentioning include;

- Contributing to the largest attendance of Northeast Region representation, making up about half of the Northeast Region numbers at this year's event
- Being the first to display social styles of dancing from the East Coast during the opening ceremonies in front of all participants, performing Nanticoke's Toe Dance and Lenape's Bean Dance

Lenapehoking Reestablishment Project contributed monetarily as well as in-kind, with the help of parents, sponsors, and people who care, like you!

And for that, we thank you!

More info on U.N.I.T.Y can be found here: <https://unityinc.org/>





“One  
More  
Time!”

# Annual Pow-Wow

## Recap on past decade of Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Pow-Wow

This year, LRP’s founder was able to close-out his time as the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape’s Pow-Wow Chairman/Coordinator with a bang! After a decade of being in charge of the Pow-Wow, the Pow-Wow resulted this year as its *most successful and profitable year* despite being Admission free! Cars were parked in parts of the property that had NEVER been utilized before.

It was a beautiful sight to see, one that of course did not come without its stress.

The annual Pow-Wow this year was the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual event. And, there will continue to be many more, as LRP’s Ty “Dancing Wolf” Ellis’s successor in the position, Duncan Munson, has invaluable knowledge about Pow-Wows that will keep this Annual Pow-Wow thriving.

The future event will be at the Salem County Fairgrounds, as it has been for the last 30+ years on June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. LRP intends to sponsor parts of the Pow-Wow, even though most representatives of LRP have stepped out of their roles within the Pow-Wow Committee governed by the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape.

We are hoping for the continued success of this event, as it is a pillar in the success of the tribal community. Future information will be provided to the public as the time draws nearer.

Contact information for the Pow-Wow is [PowWow@NLLTribe.com](mailto:PowWow@NLLTribe.com) . For photos and a digital copy of the Pow-Wow 2023 booklet, go to our website at [LRProject.org](http://LRProject.org).

# Summer Youth Retreat 2023

This year's Summer Retreat was the third annual event, completely sponsored, orchestrated, and financed by Lenapehoking Reestablishment Project. Many items were donated by parents, as well as employees at Atlantic City Electric. None of this would be made possible without the kind and generous donations made by those of you who want to see our people thrive.

This retreat was born out of the response to young adults within the community who have continued to emphasize how they have often felt unheard and dismissed. There are no programs or event that focus on primarily our teenage population within our community. Though they take part in the tribe's annual summer camp, they are utilized as volunteers, rather than being the focus of teachings.

This retreat focuses on all age groups of youth during the day, but at some point, the younger children go home, and the older youth dive into having more mature conversations and teachings that will prepare them for their roles within our tribal communities.

Thank you all for your contribution towards this!

