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**Rochester’s Indigenous Peoples’ Day 2023**

**[ROCHESTER, NY, September 25, 2023]** In recognition and celebration of Indigenous Peoples’ Day, a variety of activities will take place around the city.

**Wednesday, September 27, 7 p.m.** - The Little Theater and the Indigenous Peoples’ Day Committee will co-sponsor a viewing of Home From School: The Children of Carlisle about the boarding schools the United States government put in place to brutally separate Native children from their families and culture. A panel discussion of Indigenous women will follow at about 8 p.m. The screening and discussion are FREE and open to the public. Doors will open at 6:30pm. T-shirts will be available. For more details on the film: [https://thelittle.org/homefromschool/](https://thelittle.org/homefromschool)

**Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m.** – Every Child Matters. In remembrance of Indigenous children who were taken from their families and put into Indian Boarding Schools, and where many died, we will hold a healing walk to honor them. Join us as we walk from Lake Riley Lodge, 100 Norris Drive, to Cobbs Hill. It is all uphill so please consider your health. If you wish to drive to the reservoir, we will arrive at about 10:30 for speakers and music. Wear orange to show your support. T-shirts will be available. Nya-weh (thank you).

**Monday, October 9**, Indigenous Peoples’ Day

* 7:00 a.m. - **Sunrise Ceremony - Cobbs Hill Reservoir**. A Ceremony of Remembrance will be held. Hot drinks will be available. Please bring your own mug to be kind to Mother Earth.
* 11:00 a.m. **Main Celebration Site – Genesee Valley Park**, Roundhouse, Riverbend, and Canalside shelters, 1000 E. River Road. Music, performances, education tables, Wampum belt display, lacrosse demonstration, more
* 1:30 p.m. – Planting of a White Pine Tree of Peace
* 2:00 p.m. – Performance by the River Dancers
* 6:00 p.m. - **Sunset** **Ceremony** – Genesee Valley Park – Gathering at the Roundhouse, we will celebrate the Sunset over the Genesee River.

All events on Indigenous Peoples’ Day are free, ASL-interpreted, and inclusive of all! This day gives the community an opportunity to learn about the hidden history of Indigenous people and reflect on the many contributions they have made to our community, country, and society. The day’s events will educate and promote appreciation and understanding of Indigenous culture and traditions. Please come celebrate with us and honor Mother Earth.

* Email Address: [indigenouspeoplesdayrocny@gmail.com](mailto:indigenouspeoplesdayrocny@gmail.com)
* Facebook Event for more information: <https://fb.me/e/6Snh1fo6C>
* Facebook Page to keep community informed about committee activities, needs and events: [facebook.com/](http://facebook.com/)indigenouspeoplesdayrocny

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