

**Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair**  
**Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History**  
<http://SamNobleMuseum.ou.edu/languages>

November 29, 2017

Dear Language Teachers, Language Program Coordinators, and Parents:

Greetings from the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair! We are pleased to announce that the **16<sup>th</sup> Annual ONAYLF** will take place on **April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**, at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman, Oklahoma. The poster art theme for 2018 is “*Dreaming in My Language.*”

The PreK – 5th grade performances will take place on **Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 8:00 a.m. (check-in) to around 1:00 p.m. The Grand Entry at the Opening Ceremony will begin at **9:00 am**. If your students are planning to participate in the Grand Entry, please bring a flag, poster, and/or banner announcing your school or program. Students and teachers will start assembling in the Foyer at 8:45 am.

The 6th – 12th grade performances will take place on **Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 8:00 a.m. (check-in) to around 2:00 p.m. We will start the Opening Ceremony at 9:00, with a special opening and presentation of awards.

On-Line Registration will open **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**, and close **Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00** p.m. The On-Line Registration System is the same as for the 2017 ONAYLF. You will need to create a new user name and password for the system. If you have trouble with the registration, *or you know of a teacher who does not have access to the web*, please call us at 405-325-7588.

We will have staff available to assist you on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm during January. The office schedule for February and March will be posted on the homepage in January. If you have questions or need information, please feel free to call 405-325-7588 or e-mail us at [onaylf.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu](mailto:onaylf.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu). Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. The ONAYLF office will be closed from December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 through January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 for the Holidays. The office will reopen on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

Pre-judged categories (books, posters, advocacy essays, comics & cartoons, and film/video) must be at the museum by **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Information for the Fair is on our homepage: <http://SamNobleMuseum.ou.edu/languages>  
We also have a Facebook page Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair. If you 'like' this page, you can get updates quickly that way and share the news about your students' progress.

The 2018 categories of performance each divided by grade level are below:

- Spoken Native American Language (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Spoken Native American Language in Prayer (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Traditional Song in Native American Language (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Modern Song in Native American Language (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Book & Literature (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Cartoons & Comic Books (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Spoken Poetry in Native American Language (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Poster Art on Theme: "*Dreaming in My Language*" (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Film/Video (3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Language Masters/Master Performance (3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Language Advocacy Essay (English) (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)

Guidelines and forms for each category can be viewed and downloaded from the ONAYLF website. Each submission to the book & literature, cartoons & comics, film/video, and poster art categories must be accompanied by a **Material Submission Form**. All entries to the poster art category must have a title (can be the poster art theme) and a statement about the artwork on the Material Submission Form. Material submissions received without a material submissions form will not be eligible for prizes.

**NEW FOR 2018!** Comics & cartoons, film/video, and language advocacy essays may be submitted to the ONAYLF Dropbox. Instructions for using the ONAYLF Dropbox will be posted on the ONAYLF website in January. Make sure add the Material Submission Form to the Dropbox as well. Make sure the file name includes the student's full name or clear identifier for the group and matches the name(s) on the Material Submission Form.

Please remember the museum requires one (1) adult chaperone per five (5) PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and one (1) adult chaperone per ten 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Please plan to bring the necessary number of parents or other chaperones with you. Admission to the Museum is complimentary during Fair days.

There will be seating areas for lunch available for everyone. Lunches must be sealed in Ziploc® bags, Tupperware® style containers, or contained in coolers. There will not be cold storage available, but we can store coolers in the first floor kitchenette. We will have people at the door to help you with these. The Redbud Café will be open for beverages, snacks and lunch as well.

We look forward to welcoming you and your students to the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History!! For questions, please call the ONAYLF staff at 405-325-7588 during the office hours listed above. You can also e-mail questions to [onaylf.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu](mailto:onaylf.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu). We hope to see all you in April!

Sincerely,

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*Nancy Coleman*, Registrar, Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair

*Nicholas Wojcik*, Collection Manager, Native American Languages

***P.S. Please feel free to forward this email or attached letter to new teachers, learners,  
or other interested persons that you know.***