



# Homecoming: The Lenape Speak

A day-long conference focusing  
on Lenape culture

Saturday, July 27, 2024  
7:30 am - 6:30 pm



**Temike (welcome) all, to this wonderful, unprecedented gathering!**

Temike, my Lenape cousins from near and far. Temike academics, environmental advocates, historians, students, friends, partners, and every two-legged who has come this day to sit with us, hear our stories, learn our culture, and meet our people. Temike ancestors, who are looking over this Good Gathering, and smiling. Weli Kishku, ok wanishi—it is a Good Day, and I am grateful.

- Sakima Mpimaxkw (Chief Waterbear)

## **Program**

**7:30 - 8:15 am: Gathering**

*Drumming, Light Refreshments, Socializing*

**8:15 - 9:00 am: Welcoming by Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania**

*Welcoming, Opening Ceremony, History*

**9:00 - 9:10 am: Break/Drumming**

**9:10 - 10:40 am: Language**

*Panelists will discuss the Lenape language and language revival efforts*

**10:40 - 10:50 am: Break/Drumming**

**10:50 am - 12:20 pm: Craft Tables & Info Tables**

*Speak with panelists, view crafting demonstrations, browse and purchase items that educate about and support Lenape people and communities*

**12:20 - 1:20 pm: Lunch**

**1:20 - 2:50 pm: Horticulture, Food Sovereignty & Justice, Medicine**

*Panelists will discuss Lenape food practices, horticulture, medicine, the importance of indigenous plants, and the effects of colonization on these*

**2:50 - 3:00 pm: Break/Drumming**

**3:00 - 4:45 pm: Storytelling & the Storytelling Tradition**

*Panelists will tell cultural stories and discuss the importance of the oral tradition of storytelling*

**4:45 - 5:00 pm: Closing Ceremony**

**5:00 - 6:30 pm: Dinner**

## Panelists



Clan Mother Cinnamon  
Bear Dreamer Alwin  
*Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania*



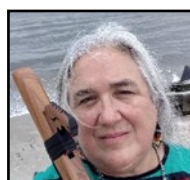
Chief Dennis Coker  
*Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware*



Clan Mother Dr. Ann Dapice  
*Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania*



Clan Mother Shelley DePaul  
*Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania*



Clan Mother Teri Hislop  
*Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania*



Chief Joseph Little Feather  
*Sand Hill Indians, New Jersey*

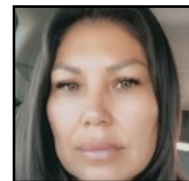
Chief Vincent Mann

*Ramapo Munsee Lenape  
Nation, New Jersey*



Velma Noah

*Munsee-Delaware Nation,  
Thamesville, Ontario, Canada*



Chief Robert  
Red Hawk Ruth

*Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania*



Shawn Stevens

*Stockbridge-Munsee Community  
Band of Mohican Indians,  
Wisconsin*



Brent Stonefish

*Delaware Nation at  
Moraviantown, Ontario, Canada*



George Stonefish

*Delaware Nation at  
Moraviantown, Ontario, Canada*



### Opening Speaker, Lead Drummer



Chief Chuck  
Gentlemoon DeMund  
*Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania*

### Opening Speaker, Moderator

Chief Adam  
Waterbear DePaul

*Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania*



### Drummers/Singers

The Acevedo Clan: (Bear, Coyote, Eagle, Hawk, & Stony), Donna Berge, Chuck DeMund, Alan "Moose" Gallagher, T. Storm Heter, Steve Buffalo Knife Jarmen, Ken Macaulay, Ellen Rolph, Bob Ruth, Pam "Goose" Sasnowski

**Our acknowledgement to Lenape communities invited to speak, but not in attendance:**  
The Delaware Nation (OK), The Delaware Tribe of Indians (OK), The Kansas Delaware Tribe (KS), and The Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation (NJ). **You are in our hearts and minds!**

“When we think about the people here in Pennsylvania—I didn’t meet Bob [Chief Robert Red Hawk Ruth, Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania] until ten years ago! We didn’t even know each other existed! And others—there’s other Lenape Nations! But our culture has been beaten down so much and taken away so much that we’re at a very, very difficult place right now ... but there’s a number of people ... today ... it’s coming back the other way.” \*

"We grew up with something of an identity crisis, not knowing who we were," [Bruce] said as murmurs of recognition spread through the crowd. "I don't want my kids to go through the same things, the same search for their identity and their family." †

- Bruce Stonefish  
February 29, 1972 - May 23, 2022



\* *Lenape Language Conference, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, 2010.*

† *“The Vanishing Voice of the Lenape,” Canku Ota, 2002.*

### Ktelenakwsi (Do Something)

Try my children, hear these words  
Do something, help your people  
Sometimes it is difficult  
Find this way  
You must want to help and love everyone  
When someone has nothing, help him with your heart  
Give him food  
Give him a coat and your house  
When someone is angry  
Throw water on the fires  
Lift up the pure pipe  
Walk in his mist  
Even if you die, find peace no matter the cost  
If everything is good  
And you are lying on the ground  
And you are bleeding  
Hold the pure pipe in your hand  
The pipe is peace  
They will know that your heart was strong  
The Lenape people must exist as one  
We will live well in unity  
Stand up! Show your pure heart  
Do something now my children  
So we will live forever

- Phillip "Wakteme" Rice  
July 22, 1942 - November 10, 2020



**Wanishi  
(thank you)  
to all who  
made this  
day possible:**

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#### Additional Resources

Access links to some of the day’s handouts and other resources at [ncceast40.org/learn/Lenape-resources](http://ncceast40.org/learn/Lenape-resources). For further information, visit [Lenape-nation.org](http://Lenape-nation.org) or email [info@lenape-nation.org](mailto:info@lenape-nation.org).

