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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT BRINGS EIGHT TIME WNFR QUALIFIER DERRICK BEGAY TO YOUTH ELDER SUMMIT

Window Rock, AZ – The Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President will be hosting the first annual Youth & Elder Summit at Dine College in Tsaile, Ariz. The public free event will start July 18-20, 2016.

The theme of the event is Hózhoo K'éhgo' Ahil Na'anish (Build, Connect, Reunite), which creates the ability to bring the youth and elders to a common learning ground.

"Youth and elders are one of the four pillars of the Begaye-Nez administration and this is an opportunity to address some concerns both groups of Navajo members have," said President Russell Begaye.

We needed to establish a communication synergy between our elders and youth, as we value both and we believe that we can all learn from each other for the future of our Navajo people, also stated President Begaye who will be speaking at the event with Vice President Jonathan Nez.

"Our goal for hosting this free event is to bridge the gap between the intergenerational communication. We have so much to learn from our elders and we also need to learn from our young educated Navajo members," said Vice President Nez.

Highlights of the summit include special guest speakers such as world renowned American Indian Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills, eight times Wrangler National Finals Rodeo qualifier team Roper Derrick Begay, Erich Rogers five times WNFR qualifier and world renowned cultural performer Joe Tohannie.

Sessions will include: Ke Dine Clanship, Story of the Long Walk, Peacemaking Process and much more.

To see a complete list of the three day event, please contact Yvonne at (928) 871-7244, yvonnekeebillison@navajo-nsn.gov and or visit OPVP Facebook if you have any questions. Lunch and dinner will be provided during the three-day summit.

It is our hope that you will be part of this special event for our Navajo people and the Navajo Nation. Please join us.