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American Indian Powwows in California

This presentation explores the cultural production of the American Indian Powwow. Primarily, a powwow functions as an opportunity for American Indians to celebrate shared traditions in song and dance, eat traditional food, and reunite with friends and family, among other things. As most powwows are open to the public, each provides an opportunity for non-Indians to experience and learn more about American Indian traditions. Since it is originally a tradition of the Plains Indians of the Midwest, the existence of powwows in California is an interesting occurrence. This presentation will illuminate how powwows arrived in California and how the powwow has influenced the identities of contemporary American Indians.