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# Native Report Episode Descriptions - Season 5

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## Season 5 Episode 1

On the premiere of the fifth season of Native Report, we learn why the 2010 census is so important for Native nations across the United States. Visit the National Congress of American Indians' Youth Commissioners and discover why the youth demographic is so important to the organization. We also take you behind the scenes at the 2009 NCAI Annual Convention and Tradeshow hosted by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians in Palm Springs, CA. We also hear from the elders and learn something new about Indian Country on this Native Report.

## Season 5 Episode 2

On this edition of Native Report we learn about the unique relationship between the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and the City of Palm Springs, CA, and we tour the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, and visit the Great Oak, a living, growing part of the identity of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians of Southern California's Temecula Valley. We also learn from the elders and hear something new about Indian Country on this Native Report.

## Season 5 Episode 3

On this edition of Native Report you'll learn of the legendary John Beargrease, and see what it takes to run the sled-dog race named in his honor. We'll see what keeps the Red Lake Nation long distance running group on the move in one of the premier marathons in the country. And we'll sit down for a conversation with Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills whose victory in the 10,000 meters at the 1964 Olympics is still viewed as one of the greatest triumphs and upsets 46 years later. We also hear from the elders and learn something new about Indian Country on this Native Report.

## Season 5 Episode 4

Come with us as we visit the Embassy of Tribal Nations in Washington, D.C., and talk with National Congress of American Indians President Jefferson Keel about its significance. We'll also meet Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Larry Echohawk about his first year in office. Then we'll sit down with one of Indian Country's most influential women, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs Kimberly Teehee, a member of President Obama's Domestic Policy Council. We also learn from the elders and hear something new about Indian Country on this Native Report.

## Season 5 Episode 5

This week the Native Report crew visits the Waadookodaading the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe language immersion school. Also come with us to the Honor the Earth Powwow, one of the largest and oldest powwows in the region. And we talk with noted writer David Treuer and hear his thoughts on Native language revitalization. We also hear from the elders and learn something new about Indian Country this week Native Report.

## Season 5 Episode 6

Travel with Native Report to the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C. Meet noted artist and cultural historian Carl Gawboy and visit Indian Mounds Park in St. Paul Minnesota, a place many consider sacred. We'll also learn from the elders and discover something new about Indian Country on this edition of Native Report.

### **Season 5 Episode 7**

On this edition of Native Report we'll meet Leo Brisbois, the first Native American to serve as president of the Minnesota State Bar Association. We'll go on the road with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Mobile Clinic and learn about the services it offers to our elders. Then we'll talk about inspiration with Ojibwe artist Steve Premo. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country this week on Native Report.

### **Season 5 Episode 8**

To understand the culture of a nation you must first learn their stories. On this Native Report we'll talk about how traditional story telling is being kept alive. Then we'll meet Meredith Martin, Bureau of Indian Affairs' Indian Education 2009 National Teacher of the Year. And we'll visit a day care center where learning the Ojibwe language is child's play. We'll also learn from our elders and discover something new about Indian Country on this edition of Native Report.

### **Season 5 Episode 9**

Travel with the Native Report crew to Las Vegas as the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development holds their annual summit and business trade fair to learn what NCAIED is all about. Next Native Report 'goes Hollywood' as we meet members of the Wolf Clan from the popular Twilight saga. And we visit Red Rocks Canyon, to learn about rock art and petro-glyphs, their meaning and what is being done to protect them.

### **Season 5 Episode 10**

On this edition of Native Report we sit down with Ernie Stevens, chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association to talk about the history and future of the industry. We profile Sister Sky, an innovative Native American company that is really owned by two sisters. And we'll take in the Powwow Comedy Jam. We'll also hear from the elders and learn something new about Indian Country on this Native Report.

### **Season 5 Episode 11**

Join us for a visit to the studio of [www.indiancountrytv.com](http://www.indiancountrytv.com), which offers an alternative venue and voice for the native community. We look at renewable energy options and how one native nation sees potential written in the wind. We also revisit KILI Radio, one of Indian Country's largest native owned and operated radio stations.

### **Season 5 Episode 12**

On this edition of Native Report, climb into the boxing ring, and learn how the sport is big business across Indian Country. Visit TCF Stadium, home of the Minnesota Gophers, and attend the dedication of the Tribal Nations Plaza commemorating the contributions by Native

Nations. And tour the Lewis and Clark traveling exhibit to hear three different views about Sacagawea, all extolling the importance of her rightful place in history. We'll also hear from the Elders and learn something new about Indian Country on this edition of Native Report.

### **Season 5 Episode 13**

On this edition of Native Report celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Commission. Meet Anton Treuer, and learn about Chief Hole-in-the-Day, a legendary Anishinaabe Chief. Dr. Arne Vainio has been telling Native American males to get serious about their healthcare; now his mission is the subject of a new documentary. We also visit with the Elders and learn something new about Indian Country on this edition of Native Report.

### **Season 5 Episode 14**

On this edition of Native Report we travel to the United Nations and learn why the passage of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People is of global importance. We meet James Anderson, whose story of overcoming a speech disorder is inspirational. And we meet kick boxer Reuben St. John, and find out training for a title fight is every bit psychological as it is physical. We'll also learn something new about Indian Country and hear from our Elders on this edition of Native Report.

### **Season 5 Episode 15**

On this edition of Native Report we visit the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa to witness the dedication of an eagles nest. We learn about how the sale of Wild Rice has become a big business threatening the traditional harvest of this natural food across Indian Country. And we meet the duo, Ogema Benez, responsible for the music you hear on our program each and every week. We'll also learn something new about Indian Country and hear from our Elders on this edition of Native Report.