

Collection #
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**AMERICAN INDIAN COUNCIL EVENTS DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS,
2012–2017**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1303 digital images and 11 digital movie segments
COLLECTION DATES:	2012–2017
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The American Indian Council, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Native American ways of life and educating about Native American heritage. It holds monthly meetings and hosts annual spring and summer Powwows at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Indiana. Other activities have included an annual summer picnic and a December Social.

From the Council's website: "A powwow is a celebration of American Indian culture in which people from diverse indigenous nations gather for the purpose of dancing, singing, and honoring the traditions of their ancestors. The term powwow, which derives from a curing ritual, originated in one of the Algonquian nations of the Northeast Indians.

"The American Indian Council hosts a powwow every August, welcoming all singers, dancers, traders, as well as spectators regardless of culture or Native heritage. Our purpose is to maintain and share our unique culture, activities, cuisine, and crafts." In August 2026, the Council is holding its forty-fourth annual powwow.

Sources:

American Indian Council, Inc. <https://www.aicindiana.org/home> Accessed 28 July 2026.

Pow Wows, Inc. "44th Annual American Indian Council Pow Wow 2026"
<https://calendar.powwows.com/events/american-indian-council-inc-annual-pow-wow/>
Accessed 28 July 2026.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of digital (jpg) photographs and audiovisual footage taken by Rev. Carl V. Nelson of events held by the American Indian Council, Inc., in Boone County, Indiana, from 2012 through 2017. They depict gatherings such as spring and summer powwows, annual picnics, and Christmastime socials. Many of the participants appear in Native American dress. Dancing and other activities are shown. There are also digital (pdf) images of flyers advertising some of the events and of a booklet for the 2016 spring powwow. There are also a few copies of a portrait of Rev. Carl V. Nelson, who identifies himself as a Black Indian.

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SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: 2012 Events

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Portrait of Rev. Carl V. Nelson

Summer Pow Wow: copy of flyer advertising the Pow Wow on August 18th and 19th at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ind.; 154 digital photos taken of booths, activities, vendors, participants, and attendees.

Annual Picnic: 19 digital photos of attendees at a picnic under a pavilion in a park; includes 3 photos of a Native American–style blanket.

Christmas Social: 36 digital photos of activities, vendors, participants, and attendees at indoor gathering.

CONTAINER

Digital file: 0 Rev Carl V Nelson Photographer

Digital files: 0 2012 Sum Pow Wow.jpg; 2012 Sum Pow Wow (01) – (154)

Digital files: 2012 Picnic (01) – (19)

Digital files: 2012 Christmas Social (01) – (36)

Series 2: 2013 Christmas Social

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Twenty digital photos of attendees, activities and vendors at indoor gathering.

CONTAINER

Digital files: 2013 Christmas Social (01) – (20)

Series 3: 2014 Events

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Spring Pow Wow: copy of flyer advertising the 23rd Annual Traditional Spring Powwow on April 26th and 27th at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ind.; 166 digital photos of cooking, activities, vendors, participants, and attendees.

Spring Dancing: four segments of audiovisual footage, lasting 51 seconds, 1 minute and 11 seconds, 21 seconds, and 34 seconds.

Annual Picnic: 16 digital photos showing cooking and attendees under a pavilion in a park.

CONTAINER

Digital files: 2014 23rd Annual Powwow Flyer.pdf; 2014 Spr Pow Wow (01) – (166)

Digital files: Spr Dancing (01).MOV – (04).MOV

Digital files: 2014 Picnic (01) – (16)

Summer Pow Wow: copy of flyer advertising the 32nd Annual Traditional Powwow on August 16th and 17th at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ind.; 83 digital photos of participants, attendees, activities, and vendors.

Digital files: 2014 Sum Pow Wow Flyer.pdf; 2014 Sum Pow Wow (01) – (83)

Series 4: 2015 Events

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Portrait of Rev. Carl V. Nelson (duplicate of 2012 photograph)

Spring Pow Wow: 100 digital photos of vendors, participants, attendees, and activities at indoor gathering.

Summer Pow Wow: 153 digital photos of participants, attendees, activities, and vendors at outdoor gathering.

Christmas Social: 47 digital photos of attendees and activities held in the Boone County Farm Bureau, Inc. Community Building.

CONTAINER

Digital file: 0 Rev Carl V Nelson Photographer

Digital files: 2015 Spr Pow Wow (01) – (100)

Digital files: 2015 Sum Pow Wow (01) – (153)

Digital files: 2015 Christmas Social (01) – (47)

Series 5: 2016 Events

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Portrait of Rev. Carl V. Nelson (duplicate of 2012 photograph)

Spring Pow Wow Grand Entry – audiovisual footage lasting 2 minutes, 50 seconds.

Spring Pow Wow: copy of flyer advertising the 25th Annual Traditional Spring Powwow on April 9th and 10th at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ind.; 138 digital photos of vendors, participants, attendees, and activities at indoor gathering.

Copy of 25th *Annual Spring Traditional Pow-wow* booklet (some of the pages appear sideways).

Annual Picnic: 14 digital photos showing cooking and attendees under a pavilion in a park.

CONTAINER

Digital file: 0 Rev Carl V Nelson Photographer

Digital file: 2016 Spr Pow Wow Grand Entry.MOV

Digital files: 0 AIC 2016 Spring POWWOW.pdf; 2016 Spr Pow Wow (01) – (138)

Digital file: 0 AIC 25th Pow Wow Booklet.pdf

Digital files: 2016 Picnic (01) – (14)

Summer Pow Wow: copy of flyer advertising the 34th Annual Traditional Powwow and Indian Trade Market on August 20th and 21st at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ind.; 110 digital photos of vendors, participants, attendees, and activities.

Digital files: 00 AIC 2016 August POWWOW.pdf; 2016 Sum Pow Wow (01) – (110)

Summer Pow Wow Grand Entry (outdoors): three segments of audiovisual footage, lasting 1 minute and 25 seconds, 1 minute and 32 seconds, and 1 minute and 57 seconds.

Digital files: 2016 Sum Pow Wow Grand Entry (01).MOV – (03).MOV

Summer Pow Wow dancing (indoors): two segments of audiovisual footage, lasting 13 seconds and 36 seconds.

Digital files: 2016 Sum Pow Wow Dancing (01).MOV – (02).MOV

Summer Pow Wow rain storm: audiovisual footage lasting 31 seconds.

Digital file: 2016 Sum Pow Wow Rain Storm.MOV

Christmas Social: 11 digital photos of attendees and activities at indoor gathering.

Digital files: 2016 Christmas Social (01) – (11)

Series 6: 2017 Events

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Portrait of Rev. Carl V. Nelson (duplicate of 2012 photograph)

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Digital file: 0 Rev Carl V Nelson Photographer

Spring Pow Wow: copy of flyer advertising the 26th Annual Traditional Powwow on April 8th and 9th at the Witham Pavilion, Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ind.; 91 digital photos of participants, activities, blankets, and vendors.

Digital files: 0 2017 Spring Pow Wow.pdf; 2017 Spr Pow Wow (01) – (91)

Summer Pow Wow: copy of flyer advertising the 35th Annual Traditional Powwow and Indian Market on August 19th and 20th at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ind.; 125 digital photos of blankets, vendors, participants, attendees, and activities.

Digital files: 0 2017 Summer Pow Wow.pdf; 2017 Sum Pow Wow (01) – (125)