



**CIRCLES Alliance Fall Gathering
October 12-14, 2023
Spearfish, South Dakota**

All events will take place at the Joy Center on Black Hills State University's campus except where otherwise indicated.

Thursday October 12, 2023

2:00-4:00 PM Advisory Board Meeting & Project Overviews from States

Project Welcome – Aaron Thomas

Prayer – John Red Cloud

Welcome – Ben Sayler

Land acknowledgement – Rosie Sprague

Overview of the Black Hills from a Native Perspective – Rosie Sprague

Introductions – Advisory Board & Project Team

Project overview and role of the Advisory Board – Aaron Thomas

5-minute updates from each state and the evaluation team

Discussion & Questions

4:00-5:00 PM Advisory Board Closed Session

The project team is invited to socialize and/or explore the BHSU campus during this time.

Refreshments will be available for all attendees.

5:00-5:30 PM Report from Advisory Board

5:45 PM Dinner at Killian's restaurant near the Joy Center (539 W Jackson Blvd, Spearfish)

Friday October 13, 2023

Friday morning's sessions and lunch will take place at Black Hills State University. Weather permitting, Friday afternoon's sessions will take place at the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF). Please remember to wear long pants and close-toed shoes for the visit to SURF.

8:15 AM Depart by van from Spearfish Holiday Inn to BHSU (or drive yourself)

- 8:30 AM Welcome & Overview of the Day at Joy Center, BHSU
- 8:45 AM Overview of the BHSU Center for American Indian Studies (Rosie Sprague and Urla Marcus) & of Red Cloud Renewable (John Red Cloud)
- 9:15 AM Experience a science lesson/module – Ben Sayler
- 10:15 AM Break
- 10:30 AM Discussion of the science lesson/module — Stephanie Higdon
- 11:15 AM Idea for CIRCLES Math Activity — Stephanie Higdon
- 11:45 AM Discussion of Math Activity — Kim Webber
- 12:15 PM Lunch at BHSU Cafeteria
- 1:15 PM Depart for Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF) – Possibly Virtual
Overview of SURF and Cultural Video
Discussion of SURF E&O
Tours of Hoist Room and Sacred Circle Garden (weather dependent)
Optional Tour of Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center (weather dependent)
- 4 – 5:15 PM End time for afternoon (depends on whether or not we travel to SURF)
- 6:00 PM Dinner at Farmhouse Bistro (2525 Yukon Pl in Spearfish)

Saturday October 14, 2023

- 8:00 AM Evaluation Session for CIRCLES Team
- 10:00 AM Break
- 10:15 AM Strategic Plan Year 2
Presentation and discussion. Leadership Team members will present year 2 plans for each objective.
- 11:45 AM Closing session
- 12:30 PM Box lunch provided

Optional afternoon excursions include: Journey Museum in Rapid City, Bear Butte State Park (hiking and interpretive center) in Sturgis, Crow Peak (hiking) in Spearfish, Spearfish Canyon National Scenic Byway, in Spearfish, Devil’s Tower (walking and interpretive center) in northeast Wyoming, Wind Cave National Park, south of Rapid City.