



## 2011-2012 Native American Cultural Exchange Program



The purpose of the program is to give students of different cultures the opportunity to meet each other face to face in a friendly atmosphere at which time they should learn about each other's way of life and at the same time develop friendships that will hopefully carry on onto adulthood.

The exchange program was developed during fiscal year 1991-1992. Since that time more than 150 exchanges have taken place. Several thousand children of different cultures have had the opportunity to meet and become friends thanks to the Knights of Columbus.

All of the schools involved in this program have reported excellent results. Each fall letters and vouchers are sent to schools informing them of the program. Since exchanges are not required, many schools do not take part. Teachers who want to give students this opportunity to take part in an exchange are needed as they are the one who get permission from their school to set up exchanges.

Most exchanges take place on the same day as it is not easy to handle students on overnight trips. Most of the time only one grade level of students takes part in an exchange reimbursement. Vouchers are used which are submitted to the Supreme Council from where checks are issued and sent directly to the schools involved. The South Dakota State Council of the Knights of Columbus provides information, vouchers, postage stamps, etc....

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