

**STRONG MEDICINE with Ted Skenandore**  
**A Native of Journey in Song, Dance, and Story**

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**DESCRIPTION**

"I am a Native American living in a contemporary world. As a musician and song writer, I am influenced by both my culture and the music from other cultures." Strong Medicine's colorful presentation includes Native languages, culture, stories, legends and the sounds of blues, rock, country, and powwow music. Students will hear original music, see traditional dance to contemporary music, learn about Native people and customs through traditional stories, and participate by singing and dancing. From the powwow drum to drum set, Strong Medicine is an evolution of arts and culture.

**NOTE: All programs are adaptable in time and age levels.**

**WORKSHOPS/PROGRAMS**

Legends of Music & Dance (kindergarten and up, 50 minutes): In this presentation students will learn about native culture and values through the Creation Story and contemporary songs that echo the themes within the story. The presentation includes student participation.

Many Nations in Wisconsin (kindergarten and up, 50 minutes): This presentation focuses on the different tribal nations in Wisconsin. Students will learn native words from Menominee, Oneida, and Ojibway languages in a contemporary powwow format that brings everyone together. The presentation includes student participation.

Native Powwow Singing (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, 50 minutes): Using a hand held drum, Ted teaches the children, through call and response, the format of Powwow music. Children are introduced to melodic vocables, chants and Native words as they learn a song to sing with the band.

Native Powwow Dancing (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, 50 minutes): Dancers from the group show the students basic inter tribal dance steps. The students also learn about the part of the pow-wow outfits and some the meaning behind the symbols and materials used in making the outfits.

**FEE STRUCTURE**

Single Performance is \$800, \$200 for additional back-to-back performances  
Workshops that includes hands on activities are \$175 (for two hours)  
Residencies are \$320 per day or \$1,400 per week

**ADDITIONAL COSTS**

Mileage is figured from Green Bay to your school at .50 per mile, round trip for two vehicles and Milwaukee to your school at .50, round trip for one vehicle.

**EXPERIENCE**

Communications at UW-Green Bay and UW-Stevens Point  
Eagle Singers, traditional Pow Wow drum 2004 - present  
Blue Cats, 1983 – present drummer  
Little Big Band, 1980 – 1985 drummer  
Acoustic Warriors, Wisconsin Area Music Industry Award 2004

Tour of Asia (touring Navy bases in Asia) with Lone Wolf Entertainment, 2003  
Indian Sunrise, 1972-1976 drummer  
Bullet Proof, 1977 – 1990  
Agricultural Supervisor at Tsyunhehkwa (Oneida organic Farm)

**WHAT THE CRITICS SAY**

“The presentation was amazing! Perfect for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade level, filled with great facts and very easy to understand. Many of the kids left saying it was one of the coolest things they have ever seen.” teacher at Forest Glen Elementary School in Howard, WI.