



# Wings of America

American Indian Youth Development Programs

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### **Wings of America Announces the 2011 USATF X-C National Team!!!!**

The USA Cross Country Championships will be held in on February 5, 2011 in San Diego, California.

The selection process for the 2011 Wings of America team was based on performance at the Nike Cross Nationals REGIONAL RACES. For individuals unable to make a Nike Regional race and those in college, the application process was available. Overall time related to course difficulty, course conditions and weather conditions, were considered by the Coaches to select the top six individuals.

### **Wings of America is proud to announce the 2011 National Team:**

#### **Young Women:**

**Julia Foster** - Navajo/Jemez/Mohawk

**Rolonda Jumbo** – Navajo

**Tamara Lementino** – Zuni

**Leanne Lee** – Zuni

**Mikayla Hudgins** – Navajo

**Felicia James** – Navajo

#### **Young Men:**

**Johnathan Yazzie** – Navajo

**Troy Madalena** - Jemez/Navajo

**Kyle J. Fast Wolf** - Oglala-Lakota

**Maurice Cruz** - Ohkay Owingeh

**Lucien Corriveau** – Kiowa/Apache

**Justin Lueras** - Zuni

The new selection process has reduced the amount of post State Championship races and stress, relieved financial demands prior to the holiday season and ensured a fair method of selection.

Every year Wings selects teams of junior runners (ages 14-19, cannot turn 20 in 2011) from all over the country for a FULLY SPONSORED trip to the USA National Junior Cross Country Championships. The qualifier for the USA World Cross Country Team, the championships are held in February of each year. Wings runners have captured twenty national junior team titles since 1988, an unprecedented accomplishment in this country. Wings showcases the talents and positive achievements of American Indian youth at this event, and provides them with a cross-cultural experience. This program brings Native youth together from across the nation and offers them intercultural and cross-cultural exchange. Many of the participants continue to stay in touch with each other and form lasting friendships.