



# Wings of America

American Indian Youth Development Programs

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### **Wings of America Announces NEW National Team Selection Process!!!!**

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

**The selection process for the 2011 Wings Team will be based on performances at the Nike Cross Nationals REGIONAL RACES.**

See [www.runnerspace.com/nxn](http://www.runnerspace.com/nxn) for more information on locations of Regional races.

### **What do you have to do?**

REGISTRATION IS FREE – NO FEE!

Register either online or in person at the regional site.

#### **ONLINE:**

Email [wingsprgrmdir@aol.com](mailto:wingsprgrmdir@aol.com) OR Comment on our Facebook page the following items:

- 1) Your NAME and Tribe AFFILIATION.
- 2) THE NXN REGION you are in.
- 3) THE RACE you will be participating in. Open or Championship.

#### **IN PERSON:**

At each regional site, Wings of America will have a registration tent located next to the NXN packet Pick-up.

Complete the Registration Form at the Wings of America tent.

### **THAT IS ALL!!!! RUN FAST!!!!**

**Once all the NXN Region races are complete, the team coaches will choose the top six junior women and men. Athletes who are not in high school and meet USATF eligibility requirements can compete in the NXN Regional CITIZENS RACES for the same consideration.**

This new process will reduce the amount of post State Championship races and stress, relieve financial demands prior to the holiday season and ensure a fair method in selection.

Every year Wings selects teams of junior runners (Athletes must be 14 years or older on the day of competition and may not become 20 years of age during 2011) from all over the country for a FULLY SPONSORED trip to the USA National Junior Cross Country Championships. 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.