



**MEDIA ADVISORY**

For events occurring 12/14/18

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**42nd Annual Lakota Nation Invitational  
Grand Entrance Ceremony Features  
Olympic Gold Medalist Ruthie Bolton**

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA (December 13, 2018) Mitakuyapi, at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lakota Nation Invitational, Alcohol Justice has teamed up with two-time Olympic gold medalist Ruthie Bolton to talk with young Lakota and Native American athletes about the challenges facing young people of Color in society today. Bolton, an Army veteran, WBA Hall of Fame member, author, and internationally admired inspirational speaker will share stories of empowerment and overcoming adversity.

- WHAT:** Athletic events, music, dancing, spoken word, games.  
Being honored: Bill Russell – former NBA star, and Ruthie Bolton
- WHERE:** [Rushmore Plaza Civic Center](#)  
444 N Mt Rushmore Rd, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701
- WHEN:** December 12, 2018 to December 15, 2018
- **Grand Entrance Ceremony Friday, 12/14 5:15 pm** - Honoring All Veterans & Special Honoree Marcella LaBeau
  - 5:45 pm - Wiping of the Tears Ceremony, Doran White Eagle
  - 6:00 pm - Grand Entry: Basketball Players, Cheerleaders, Wrestlers, Officials & Winners of All Activities.  
\*Flag Song, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte Upper Elementary



- WHO:**
- Sonny Skyhawk, Founder and CEO, American Indians in Film and Television, Alcohol Justice Board Member
  - Bryan Brewer, former Oglala Sioux Tribal President
  - Ruthie Bolton, author, speaker, two-time Olympic gold medalist

**WHY:** “The Lakota Nation Invitational (LNI) has enjoyed 41 years of wonderful athletics in the bright spirit of good will and camaraderie and will continue to actualize these same positive intentions, with particular focus on Native youth, for years to come. Teams from across the U.S. gather in great excitement to present their friendly competitive best in basketball, volleyball, cross-country, hand games, cheerleading, business plans, wrestling, a powwow, Lakota language bowl, art show, knowledge bowl, poetry slam - just to name a few. During LNI, tens of thousands gather online and in person at the foot of the scenic and sacred Black Hills in Rapid City, South Dakota. The world gives thanks to LNI Founder and Director, Bryan Brewer, and the LNI board for organizing an annual event capable of bringing together so many Native Americans and Non-Natives alike in peaceful, wonderful ways in WoLakota.”

Live coverage online:  
<http://www.sdpb.org/live/2/>

Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/LakotaNationTournament/>

More information:  
<https://www.lakotanationinvitational.com/>

Ruthie Bolton:  
<https://mightyruthiebolton.com>

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