

Shawnee County Allied Tribes Princess 2008 – 2009 part of Royal Valley Native American Dancers who took first place at Bartlesville, Oklahoma

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Members of the Royal Valley Native American Dancers posed for a picture at the conclusion of the "Battle of the Plains" dancing competition held recently in Bartlesville, Okla. The team took first place at the competition by earning 71 points. More than 50 dancers from the school competed at the one-day event. Submitted photo



Connie Peters (left) and Anita Evans (right), sponsors for the Royal Valley Native American Dancers, proudly posed in front of the team's several trophies earned annually at the "Battle of the Plains" dancing competition. The team has won first place titles in 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009. The 2007 competition was cancelled due to bad weather. Submitted photo

RV takes 1st at Native American Dance

The Royal Valley Native American Dancers placed first at the “Battle of the Plains” dancing competition held on Jan. 24 in Bartlesville, Okla.

The competition is open to any Title VII or Johnson O’Malley Indian Education Program in the state of Oklahoma with Royal Valley invited as special guests.

Other teams that competed at the 2009 “Battle of the Plains” included dance groups from Jay, Skiatook, Pawhuska, Bartlesville, Shawnee, Owasso and Norman, Okla., as well as a team from Atmore, Ala.

Royal Valley placed first, Pawhuska second and Owasso third. Royal Valley has won first place titles in 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009. The 2007 competition was cancelled due to bad weather. Sponsors for the dance group are Anita Evans and Connie Peters.

The “Battle of the Plains” is a one-day event where individuals compete in various categories that are broken down by age groups and by styles of dances. When an individual places in his or her event, points are added to their team score.

Royal Valley won the competition with 71 points by entering 50 dancers in the competition with a total of 54 dancers representing Royal Valley.

The Native American Dancers placed in the following categories:

Ages 5-7 Girls Fancy

Mae Joslin, first; and Delilah Trager, second.

Ages 5-7 Cloth

Kiikto Green, first; and Jaina Serna-Blakemore, honorable mention.

Ages 5-7 Jingle

Pudge Coon, second; Madison Boswell, third; and Violet Mesa, honorable mention.

Ages 5-7 Boys Grass

Mando Tinajero, first; Kobe Jordan, second; and Edgar Higine, third.

Ages 8-10 Girls Fancy

Tamo Green, second; Kishno Bell, honorable mention; Isabella Wamego-Martinez, honorable mention; and Candy Alcantar, honorable mention.

Ages 8-10 Cloth

Sage Pahnahmie, honorable mention; and Felicity Price, honorable mention.

Ages 8-10 Girls Jingle

Taryn Boswell, first; and Dania Ortero, second.

Ages 8-10 Boys Fancy

Daniel Scholfield, second; and Zach Wahweotten, honorable mention.

Ages 8-10 Boys Grass

Darius Thomas, first; Bryce Garrison, second; Blake Garrison, third; Dubba Wilson, honorable mention; Jason Serna-Blakemore, honorable mention; and Pak-to Mitchell-Alvarado, honorable mention.

Ages 8-10 Boys Traditional

Jaiden Serna-Blakemore, first.

Ages 11-14 Girls Fancy

Alicia Scholfied, first; Brenna Wahweotten, second; Pam Knoxsah, honorable mention; Faith Potts, honorable mention; Kacie Boswell, honorable mention; Leonna Wilson, honorable mention; Danielle Lesdesma, honorable mention; LaKota Knoxsah-Duncan, honorable mention; Micaela Wamego-Martinez, honorable mention; and Pre-Qwas Hernandez, honorable mention.

Ages 11-14 Cloth

Sylvana Levier, third place; and Rebekah Navarro, honorable mention.

Ages 11-14 Girls Jingle

Sierra Pahnahmie, honorable mention; Kek Mitchell, honorable mention; Hannah Wahwassuck, honorable mention; and Sandra Solis, honorable mention.

Ages 11-13 Boys Fancy

Cody Garrison, honorable mention.

Ages 11-13 Boys Grass

Rory Lange, honorable mention; and Eugene Masquat, honorable mention.

Ages 14-18 Girls Fancy

Elizabeth Gaona, second; and Andrea Alvarado, third place.

Ages 14-18 Cloth

Sam Wahwassuck, honorable mention; and Amber Mahkuk, honorable mention.

Ages 14-18 Boys Traditional