

Native Dress Review looks for participants

The Native Dress Review, which encourages Native teenagers to become involved in their heritage is looking for more participants.

The Dress Review is sponsored by the Cook Inlet Native Association in Anchorage and is a frequent featured attraction at cultural events in the Anchorage area.

Dress Review participants will be in the Fur Rendezvous parade on Feb. 19. The Review's float will be in the shape of a dog-sled and the students will model their Native Alaskan and American Indian outfits.

The Native Dress Review was started in November of 1980. It is sponsored by the Johnson O'Malley Program under the Community Education Department of CINA.

Students who are a part of the Dress Review learn about the different cultural groups in Anchorage and across the state and country.

Students have a chance to make and learn about Native clothing through modeling those clothes.

Students also learn how to present themselves before an audience gracefully and show the pride and respect of all of

the different cultures in the state.

The group is open to Johnson O'Malley-certified students ages three years to the 12th grade but anyone is welcome to help the group as a model, sewing instructor, story teller, or a cultural resource person.

The group practices every Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Alaska Native Services Hospital in the sixth floor solarium.

A student must attend at least two consecutive practices before he or she can be in a show.

Students are responsible for

the outfit they model and any damage to outfits must be paid for by the student.

Students must complete sewing projects that they start.

Schools, non-profit organizations, conventions, and businesses wishing a presentation by the Dress Review must

notify Review Co-ordinator Audrey Ambrose Armstrong at least two weeks in advance if they want a show. Her number is 265-3185. The groups also must be able to provide a microphone system and a dressing area.

The Review accepts any donations.