

# Youth convention to be Oct. 22-24

The Alaska Federation of Natives' Youth Council has announced that the 1990 AFN Youth Convention will be held Oct. 22-24 in the Egan Convention Center.

The theme of this year's convention is "Alaska Native Youth — Leadership Begins Today."

"The annual youth convention has become an increasingly important learning experience for Alaska Native youth from throughout the state," said

AFN President Julie Kitka. "Delegates from each of the 12 regions participate through drafting resolutions, floor debate of selected topics of concern to Alaska Natives and reporting to the full AFN annual convention."

The agenda for this year's youth convention will include:

- A health workshop on AIDS to be held in conjunction with the Alaska Native Health Board.

- A joint session of the youth convention and elders' conference.

- Review and discussion of 12 mini-grants to be awarded to high schools in each of the 12 Native regions.

- Discussion and adoption of resolutions in both regional caucuses and general assembly.

Each year, the youth convention passes a set of resolutions to be introduced at the full AFN annual convention. Representatives to the youth

convention planning body, the AFN Youth Council also are elected during the convention.

Representatives from the outgoing youth council also report to the full convention on their activities of the past year.

The 1989 AFN youth convention set a record for attendance with 437 students participating from 129 high schools from throughout Alaska.

This year's attendance goal has been set at the 500 mark.