

## Leo "Chico" Her Many Horses

Leo "Chico" Her Many Horses is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. His name Toka Ka Kiyuch'pe best translates to "His Enemies Are Jealous". Chico is the son of Lorna Her Many Horses and the late Leo "Sioux Boy" Her Many Horses. Chico grew up in Pine Ridge and Rosebud, SD. He now resides in Ethete, WY with his wife, Julie and sons Dawson, Taylor, Kyle, Samuel, Caleb, and Keegan. Chico's older son Chuntay resides in Lakewood, Colorado.

Chico earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Black Hills State University of 1982. He attended graduate school at Montana State University in 1993. Chico has taught in the Todd County School system on the Rosebud Reservation and is currently teaching junior and senior high social studies, industrial arts, and traditional crafts at Wyoming Indian Schools on the Wind River Reservation.

Chico has participated on the powwow circuit since he was a small boy. As a young man he often traveled with his grandmother Grace Pourier, parents, and brothers and sisters. He has been competing in the men's categories since 1968, fancy dancing for 22 years and grass dancing for 8 years. Chico now dances in Men's Northern Traditional. He is very thankful to the many people that have always encouraged him to dance.

Chico enjoys traveling on the circuit as it provides the opportunity to meet old and new friends. He is always spurred on by the competitive aspects of contests while the prize money has never been real important. Chico especially enjoys the Denver March Pow Wow as it marks the beginning of every year. It provides him the chance to see friends that he has not seen since the previous summer and it makes him feel good that everyone has made it for another year.

Chico is very honored to have been chosen to serve as Arena Director at the Denver March Pow Wow. He would like to take this opportunity to thank the many elders and other that have given him direction to speak and act in a proper way and encouraged him to pursue and education.

The Committee is so appreciative of Chico's efforts in keeping the powwow on schedule, they honored him at the 2010 Denver March Powwow by sponsoring a Men's All Around Contest and presenting him with a War Bonnet for his numerous lifetime achievements. Chico is a long-time participant of the Denver March Powwow. He's been attending since it was held at the Denver Indian Center on 16th and Gaylord in the early 1970s. (Photo by D.M. Buck).

