Navajo Linguistics Workshops

Our workshops offer
- A course in a different subfield of linguistics each year (syntax, phonology, semantics, morphology)
- A course in Navajo verb structure
- Classroom techniques for teaching verb forms
- An overview of linguistics
- Colloquia by scholars
- Presentations and discussions of research in progress
- Discussions of language planning
- Time for collaborative research or lesson planning

The 2010 workshop will be held at from July 6-30 at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. See our website for location and further information:
http://www.navajolanguageacademy.org

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The Navajo Language Academy, Inc. is a non-profit educational organization devoted to the scientific study and promotion of the Navajo language.

Members of the NLA have been working together since the early 1970s to further the goals of Navajo language scholarship through research on Navajo grammar, the development of pedagogical materials, and work in language planning. During the 1970s and 1980s, members of the NLA helped to organize and teach summer Navajo linguistics workshops at Hunters Point, Rough Rock, Tohatchi, Kinlichee, and Navajo Community College, Tsaile. The name Navajo Language Academy was adopted in 1997, and a non-profit corporation was formed in 1998. Workshops in recent years have been held at Dine College (Tsaile, AZ), University of New Mexico (Albuquerque, NM), Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff, AZ), and the College of Eastern Utah (Blanding, UT).

We are non-profit so we need your help. Contributions are tax deductible.

We have an all-volunteer staff, so 100% of your contributions go directly to our programs.

The NLA does not duplicate the work of the Division of Dine Education, Dine College, or the Navajo Language Teachers Association. Like these organizations, we support Navajo language education. However, the NLA approach is to teach people how to do scientific research on the Navajo language, to discover the rules and principles underlying the grammar. Diné College offers undergraduate courses in speaking and writing Navajo and in using the Young & Morgan dictionary.

Our work covers complicated areas of grammar that are beyond the scope of courses offered elsewhere. Our courses teach students how to apply the scientific method to language studies, allowing them to build analytical skills, something not emphasized at other institutions.