# Preparing for the INFR Tour Rodeos in Canada

# Recommended Border to use - Peigan Border

# This Border Accepts all tribal ID's.

## What are the US Passport Requirements for a Trip to Canada

All travelers crossing into Canada will need both proof of identity and proof of citizenship. For those traveling by air, a passport is required. For those traveling by land or sea, a passport, passport card (often called a "pass-card;" a special wallet-sized ID), Enhanced Driver License or an Enhanced ID Card (EDL/ID) is mandatory.

## Children

All parents bringing children to Canada, whether married or divorced, should bring a signed letter of consent from the absent parent regarding traveling with the child in Canada. Divorced parents must additionally bring documents concerning the legal custody of the child. In the case of children under 18 traveling to Canada overland on school trips (accompanied by adults and carrying parental permission), proof of identity is not required. Such students do not need a passport although they are required to provide their birth certificate or an authorized copy.

## Basic Requirements to cross the United States / Canadian Border

- The driver must have a valid drivers license.
- You must also have your vehicle registration. Border officials are always on the lookout for stolen vehicles or people trying to avoid duties on vehicles purchased out of country.
- Having your proof of insurance showing coverage is recommended.
- Alarm bells will go off anytime you try to cross the border in a car that is not yours. This is
  especially true if you fly across the border, and then try to come back in someone else's
  personal vehicle. See our page on <u>Crossing the Border in a Borrowed Vehicle</u> for instructions
  and a sample permission letter you should bring.
- Rental Cars: Generally speaking, an American citizen can cross the border in a rental car without much problem. It is a bit more complicated for Canadian citizens. We have a separate page with much more detail on taking a rental car across the border.

 As a general rule, neither country will prevent one of it's own citizens from re-entering the country and return home even if you lack the preferred documentation. Of course, you may be subjected to a secondary screening.

## **Documents Needed to Enter Canada**

## **American Citizens:**

A passport is not required but is strongly recommended. Alternatively, you will need other documentation that shows proof of American citizenship such as a birth certificate, a certificate of citizenship or naturalization or a Certificate of Indian Status, plus a photo ID. Remember, you will need to comply with the stricter U.S. entry requirements to return to the U.S.

## For Canadians returning to Canada:

A passport is strongly recommended by the Canadian Border Services Agency. Otherwise, you will need proof of citizenship and a photo identification card. Other forms of identification can include Enhanced Driver's License (EDL)/Enhanced Identification Card (EIC), NEXUS card, Free and Secure Trade (FAST) card, Canadian citizenship card, Certificate of Indian Status, or a Birth certificate in combination with either a driver's licence or a government-issued photo identification. The CBSA warns that these other forms of documentation may cause significant delay and trigger secondary screening as border officers try to verify your information.