



Ak-Chin hosts 2023 AIGA Expo

Celebrating 20 Years of Making a Better Arizona for Us All

Story by Raychel Peters, photos by Runner Staff



L-R: E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, National Indian Gaming Commission Chairman, Judy Ferreira, Executive Director, Arizona Indian Gaming Association, David Bean, Indian Gaming Association Vice Chairman, Teresa Choyguha, MC Goddess and Chairman Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Indian Community and Arizona Indian Gaming Association.

The Arizona Indian Gaming Association celebrated its 2023 AIGA Expo in and around the Ak-Chin Indian Community, November 7-9.

The Desert Classic Golf Tournament, held at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club, #5 Best Course in Arizona, kickstarted the Expo, along with a Welcome Reception at Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center, Tuesday, November 7.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the amazing course at Southern Dunes, as golfers teed off at 8am to perfect weather, followed by lunch and an awards ceremony.

Then it was back to the Community for the Welcome

Reception and light dinner at Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment's Luxe Lounge. The evening concluded with an Expo Bowling Tournament.

On Wednesday morning, close to 250 attendees made their way to Harrah's Ak-Chin Hotel and Casino for the 2023 AIGA Expo Opening General Session.

Welcoming remarks were provided by Judy Ferreira, Executive Director, Arizona Indian Gaming Association and Robert Miguel, Chairman of Ak-Chin Indian Community and Arizona Gaming Association.

2023 AIGA Expo provided updates from key organizers

in Tribal Gaming and various entities including the National Indian Gaming Commission and Indian Gaming Association.

AIGA's goal, "was to bring together Tribal Leaders, Tribal Gaming Enterprise Casino Executives, Management and Staff, and Gaming experts to Harrah's Ak-Chin to celebrate the unity that has and continues to support Indian Gaming in Arizona." Judy Ferreira shared.

"This Expo celebrated the leaders whose visions brought gaming to their Tribal lands for their people and a better future. The Expo celebrated the history and the work by all who help protect Tribal



Ak-Chin Councilmember, Gabriel Lopez is thankful for receiving this beautiful Thanksgiving centerpiece.

Him-Dak Elder Thanksgiving Luncheon

Story by Raychel Peters, photos by Runner Staff

Thursday, November 14, Ak-Chin Him Dak Museum hosted its Annual Elder Thanksgiving Luncheon, at Ak-Chin Service Center.

Him Dak, along with several community departments prepared all the delicious food that was served. The lunch included turkey, stuffing, green beans, yams, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner rolls and salad, for dessert they had apple and pumpkin pie.

It was a very decorative and

festive event with over 80 in attendance. While everyone enjoyed their lunch, the lively Mariachi Azteca DeOro played music to entertain all.

Everyone in attendance also received raffle tickets for a chance to win a donated gift or centerpiece. All gifts and centerpieces were donated by community departments and employees.

The Him-Dak Museum would like to send out a "Thank You" to all the departments

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Indian Health Services Director Tours Ak-Chin

Story by Karen Fierro, Ak-Chin Self-Governance director, photo by Raychel Peters



At top: Ak-Chin Chairman, Robert Miguel and IHS Director, Roselyn Tso discuss healthcare with tribal and IHS leadership while touring the Ak-Chin Health Care facility.

On Thursday, November 9th, Ak-Chin Community Council held a Tribal Delegation Meeting with Indian Health Service Director, Roselyn Tso and Senior Level IHS Leadership, Deputy IHS Director Benjamin Smith, IHS Chief of Staff, Capt. Carmen Clelland, and Phoenix Area Director, RADM Dr. Ty

Reidhead.

The meeting was an opportunity to express the shared commitment in healthcare while highlighting the needs and priorities of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Director Tso and staff toured the Ak-Chin Clinic and other

health related programs around the Community, including the Fire Station-EMS, Purchased Referred Care, and Water Reclamation Facility. Director Tso expressed her appreciation for the Council to make time to visit with her and the opportunity to learn more about the Community.



Above, Winnie is safely contained along Farrell Rd., just east of Ak-Chin Preschool, October 28.

Winnie's Wild Adventures end at Ak-Chin

Story by Raychel Peters, with contribution and photos submitted by Sherry L. Girard

Last month there were numerous FB posts on Maricopa AZ 85138 about a lost dog named Winnie, who was just about to start her new life here in Maricopa.

But first, Winnie would end up surviving a miraculous 19-day search and rescue mission that took her and her followers on a journey all over Maricopa. Followers would post her racing near Casa Grande Hwy

and sightings in numerous Maricopa subdivisions, to the dangers of the desert and the mountains by Hidden Valley, with heat and exhaustion on her trail.

On day 19, Winnie was finally sighted and rescued in the Ak-Chin Indian Community, with the help of Ak-Chin Police and Security staff, as well as her owners, Sherry L. Girard, Maricopa Animal Control and

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Ak-Chin Preschool hosts luncheon for Elders



Evelina Lopez enjoys lunch date with great grandsons Adrian Garcia Jr.(left) and Daniel Lozano Jr.(right).

Story By Stephanie Valdez, photos by Runner Staff
On Thursday November 11, the Center hosted its first Ak-Chin Child Development Thanksgiving collaboration

with the community elders.
The department prepared a traditional meal of chili stew, potato salad, beans, tortillas, as well as an abundance of desserts.
Once the meal was finished all students walked around to the elders and were able to shake their hands and give hugs.

The reasoning behind this event and future collaboration with the elder center is for the young ones in the community to learn from the elders and spend time with them, since

both parties play a vital role in the community. We hope that future collaboration continues and only gets better in the future!



Bernadette White with Granddaughter Paislee Rose White.

Elder Thanksgiving Luncheon continued from Front



Just about everyone was a centerpiece winner at this table.



At left, Wynema Miguel poses with her pumpkin pie eyeglasses and gifts. At right, Mariachi Azteca DeOro keeps the crowd entertained with a variety of songs.



At left, families enjoy gathering together around the table and sharing a meal. At right, Malinda Pete receives a gift basket filled with all kinds of goodies.



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ELDER CALENDER - NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				17 Quiche, Avocado Slices, Fruit Salad, Granola Bar Baked Chicken, Black Beans, Corn, Mandarin Oranges
20 *Chair Volleyball, 9am - 12pm Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Fruit W/ Cottage Cheese Chili Beans, Chicken Tacos, Butternut Squash, Corn Bread, Jell-O	21 *Chair Volleyball, 9am - 12pm Potatoes W/Chorizo, Beans, Grapes, Yogurt & Muffin Fall Festival, Chili Bean Fritos, Corn Dogs, Mini Rolled Tacos, Pop Corn, Mini Churros, Fresh Cut Fruit	22 *Chair Volleyball, 9am - 12pm Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit, Granola Bar Lasagna, Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Carrot Cake	23 Happy Thanksgiving Center Closed 	24 Native American Heritage Day Center Closed
27 *Chair Volleyball, 9am - 12pm Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Peaches	28 *Chair Volleyball, 9am - 12pm Steak and Eggs, Potatoes, Refried Beans, & Salsa, Fruit Bar-B-Que Ribs, Sweet Potato, Peas, Plain Rib/ Potato, Romain Salad, Pumpkin Bread	29 *Chair Volleyball, 9am - 12pm French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Salad Split Peas, Chicken Dumplings, Yellow Squash, Pineapple	30 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Potato Soup, Salad, Rolls, Fresh Cut Fruit	*Chair Volleyball held at Recreation. Questions? Call the Recreation Dept. at 568-1740 **Movie Questions? Call the Elder Center at 568-1760



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included in the next issue.

2023 Employee Bash draws in big crowd

Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn



Four hundred and fifty-two employees and their families came out to celebrate the 2023 Employee Bash held at Ak-Chin Circle on November 9.

Upon arrival employees and guests were given a wristband for activity access and dinner, a game card to play unlimited arcade games during the duration of the bash; Laser tag and bowling lanes were options for anyone in a more competitive mood.

Movie tickets were given out for all to enjoy their choice of the following movies: "Five Nights at Freddy's",

"The Marvel's", "The Nightmare Before Christmas 30th Anniversary" or "Killers of the Flower Moon". Free popcorn and soda were also offered to the moviegoers.

Dinner was catered by Vekol Market and included lasagna, spaghetti, garlic bread,

rolls, salad and an assortment of cookies and brownies as well as tea, water and pink lemonade.

It was my first time attending the Employee Bash, I had a great time seeing my fellow coworkers and their families enjoying each other's time.

Ak-Chin Community Council appreciates the hard work and dedication of all our employees. The Employee Bash is an opportunity to express and acknowledge our gratitude for their dedicated work and service to the Community.



Employees and their families enjoyed an exciting night at the Bash. There was an abundance of food, fun and entertainment for everyone.



Teagan Delma sets PRs with MHS Cross Country

Story and photos by Raychel Peters



Teagan Delma (left) kicks it in high gear to beat this Maryvale runner to the finish line.

Wednesday, October 25, Maricopa High School Cross Country team traveled to Crossroads Park in Gilbert, for the AIA Division I Southeast Sectionals. Among the group was Teagan Delma.

Teagan, a junior for Maricopa High School and an Ak-Chin Community member is in her second year with MHS Cross Country.

"I have been running ever since my sunrise dance

ceremony, but this is (my) second year running cross country." Teagan shared. "I ran because it made me feel good, like when I run, I don't think of anything. Everything in my mind goes away, like I have nothing to worry about except for finishing the race."

Teagan had some good moments running this year, one highlight was being able to achieve a personal record (pr) on her first meet of the

season, with a 29:21.7, placing 67 out of 95 runners.

"I was pretty proud of myself because I finally broke 30 mins. I also made a new personal record and a week later getting a 28:50."

Those were some of her best running highlights. She injured her knee in the latter part of the season, so she was not able to fully compete during the sectional.

Teagan said after her cross-country season was over, she planned to try out for the basketball team at MHS, "but I don't know because of my knee, but hopefully I get to play this year."

Family and friends shared on facebook that she made the varsity team along with several NABI teammates from the community.

Congratulations Teagan on achieving your PRs and good luck in basketball!



Teagan with her family (left) and with Coach "Grandpa" Manuel Quintana (above).



Chairman Miguel re-elected Chairman of Arizona Indian Gaming Association & Vice-President of Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona

During the Annual Tribal Leaders Meeting of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA) held on October 20, 2023, at the Ak-Chin Entertainment Center, Member Tribes of the organization elected Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel by acclamation, which resulted in continued leadership for the next two years. The election of Chairman Miguel makes it two straight terms that he'll be leading the association.

"I am truly humbled by the overwhelming support of my fellow leaders to allow me to continue in the office of AIGA," Chairman Miguel stated. "We as an association together, will continue to advocate, educate, partner and promote Tribal Gaming to protect Tribes' exclusivity. As we see the continued success of Tribal Gaming, we maintain the integrity of Tribal Gaming, that benefits all Arizonans."

AIGA was established in November of 1994 by Arizona Tribal Leaders. The Association is committed to advancing the lives of Indian peoples – economically, socially and politically – so Indian Tribes in Arizona can achieve their goal of self-reliance.

"I look forward to the continuation of Robert

Miguel's leadership to as AIGA Chairman," White Mountain Apache Tribal Chairman Kasey Velasquez stated.

"Chairman Miguel understands the importance of Tribes inherent right to have Tribal Gaming on our lands and that it impacts, not just our Tribal members, but our neighbors and all Arizona. Chairman also recognizes that a unified effort benefits everyone when it comes to protecting Tribal Gaming in Arizona. I look forward to standing beside him to maintain and enhance that unity."

Chairman Velasquez currently serves as Chairman of the Arizonans for Tribal Government Gaming (ATGG)

A few months ago this year, Chairman Miguel was selected unanimously by Tribal Leaders for a second consecutive term as Vice-President of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA).

Last week, Chairman Miguel also was requested by the State, to give the Keynote Address during the Indian Nations & Tribes Legislative Day at the State Capitol before Governor Katie Hobbs and members of the Arizona House of Representatives.

AK-CHIN PARENTS and GUARDIANS

If you have a student-athlete from Ak-Chin participating in an upcoming event and would like them covered in future editions of the Runner, please let us know!

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THANK YOU

Employee Health Fair

Story By Tyaun Marshburn, photos by Runner Staff



Ak-Chin Human Resources Team as "Grease" characters; (l-r): Joan Jackson-Deal, John McCullough, Blanca Briones, Salinda Lopez, Marla Antone and Maria Carlyle-Zepeda.

The Ak-Chin Employee Health Fair was held at Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Elements Event Center on November 8, between 9 am and 2pm.

The theme was Happy Days (the 50's). Ak-Chin Human Resources staff did an awesome job of capturing the 50's dressed as The Pink Ladies and Danny Zuko from the movie "Grease".

Employees were granted 1.5hr of administrative leave to attend the fair.

Upon arrival employees

checked in and received a goodie bag and Bingo card to be turned in for a chance to win a prize drawing.

Citizen's RX and Lyric, the new EAP and Telemedicine provider held presentations at the top of every hour and remained onsite to answer questions.

Yoga started new sessions 15 minutes after each hour and had a 30-minute session as well.

Those who attended a yoga session said the room was aromatic and

relaxing. Ak-Chin Fire department administered flu shots to employees at their booth.

Many vendor booths were set up throughout the event center, each offered employees the opportunity to receive health and benefits information, some free swag or discounted items and a stamp on their Bingo cards.

Once employees completed a Bingo they were entered into a drawing where they could win gift cards and other cool prizes.

Congratulations to winners; Adrian Simarouba, Melanie Toledo, Mayra Bandin, Cliff Myers, Lydia Rueda, Deb Salmons, Barb Hawkins, Vanessa Soliz, Thomas Carlyle and Raychel Peters.

For lunch, Elements provided a sandwich station with all the toppings, chips, salad, fruit and drinks.

The HR department would like to send a thank you to all for attending the 2023 Ak-Chin Employee Health Fair.



At left: Employees receive benefits information from booths. At right: employee receives flu shot.



Ak-Chin Child Development 2023 Fall Festival

Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn



Students have fun creating art at Fall Festival.

On November 1st, the Ak-Chin Child Development Fall Festival returned in a small way in an effort to build back up to the capacity it was previously, and provide resources for young students and families.

"The Fall Festival was an event we had pre covid," Stephanie Valdez, Ak-Chin Early Childhood Education Manager shared. "The purpose of this festival is to introduce families to all kinds of resources that are available to them, as well as the center to

promote early education and its importance. It also helps us build strong relationships with the families."

The Fall Festival was a FREE event with information booths set up for children aged birth-5 years old, with crafts, games and prizes. Resources on hand included; Ak-Chin Fire, Ak-Chin Language, Teri DeLaCruz with Ak-Chin Heath Education Car seat safety, Easter Seals Blake Foundation, First Things First, Ak-Chin Runner, U OF A COOPERATIVE Extension and Fun Van.



Families enjoy some music at the Fall Festival.



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AIGA Expo continued from Front

Gaming in Arizona so that sovereignty, partnership and shared prosperity can continue.”

“This year’s Arizona Indian Gaming Association Expo was the first time the Ak-Chin Indian Community hosted the event and we are thankful that our community was selected by the Association,” AIGA and Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel shared.

The two-day Expo offered many breakout sessions of pivotal topics on tribal government gaming and education, economic growth and tribal sovereignty.

Wednesday evening offered the highly anticipated AIGA Chefs Challenge, where tribal enterprises culinary masters will vie for this year’s Top Chef title. (Story is at right)

Thursday’s Expo, began with a blessing song performed by Ak-Chin Language and Welcoming by Judy.

There was also a Featured Panel: Tribal Leaders Symposium on Gaming that brought up three distinguished Tribal Leaders who shared their valuable perspectives on pioneering moments in Tribal Gaming; Cocopah Indian Tribe Chairwoman

Sherry Cordova, Tohono O’odham Nation Chairman Verlon Jose and Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation President Bernadine Burnette.

Moderated by Councilman Jerold Altaha, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Jerold asked panelists to share their invaluable experience on the past and future contributions that tribal gaming has brought to their communities, as well as their personal contributions over the years.

Tribal Leadership and an Eagle from Liberty Wildlife welcomed Expo attendees into the Tradeshow.

The Tradeshow floor served as a hub, spotlighting esteemed partners and collaborators who’ve contributed to AIGA ventures.

AIGA would like to acknowledge the Ak-Chin Indian Community for being the Host and Presenting Sponsor and providing the hospitality and welcome to all of those in attendance.

Thank you for sharing your Community with AIGA. Harrah’s Ak-Chin provided an excellent setting for the Conference, Trade Show, Chefs Challenge and Welcome Reception.

Thank you, Harrah’s and Tribal staff, for providing outstanding service and hospitality!

AIGA also celebrates, over 30 years of tribal gaming on tribal lands.

“Proposition 202 recognized a commitment in 2002 by Arizonans to honor the sovereign rights of Tribal Nations for exclusivity of Tribal Gaming on Indian lands, that created opportunities to generate economic growth including more than 23,000 jobs.” Judy continued.

“It also paved the way for shared revenues in education, emergency and trauma services, wildlife conservation and tourism, and investment to Cities, Towns and Counties of Arizona. In 2023, the \$2 billion mark was surpassed with record contributions continuing today that benefit all Arizonans.”

AIGA greatly appreciates the support of tribal gaming by sponsors, exhibitors and the attendees who made the return of the AIGA Expo a great success.

“From all the feedback I received, attendees and plenty of others commented on how great and successful the Expo was.” Chairman Miguel added.

Chefs Challenge



Chef Laura I. Gonzalez from Desert Diamond Casino and her award winning dish.



Chef David Salazar



Chef Agustin Flores Jr.



Chef Alex Rivera



Chef Miguel Lopez



Chef Edward Harris



Chef Colin Ribble

Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn

On Wednesday November 8, the AIGA Chefs Challenge brought together premier casino and resort culinary masters to compete for the Best of Show and People’s Choice Award at Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino Resort

Once the sun disappeared for the night, lights hanging over the patio outside of Oak and fork lit up the evening, creating a great ambiance for the Chefs Challenge.

All stations were uniquely setup with excellent presentations of each dish.

When I first entered, I was greeted by a guest telling me I had to try Chef Laura Gonzalez Reyes dish. The line was long so I proceeded to try the other dishes while I waited. Each dish had its own flavors and traditional delicacies.

Chef Alex Rivera from Bucky’s Casino served baked quail with barley, wild mushrooms, walnuts, spinach and sauteed baby carrots under an agave and fig glaze.

Casino Del Sol was represented by Chef David Salazar, the dish of choice was a red chili braised bison on a flat

green chili enchilada with native tepary beans, cotija-crema espuma and crispy corn.

One guest I spoke with said they loved that this one had a slight spice.

Talking Stick Resort served prosciutto wrapped and stuffed wild boar tenderloin under the direction of Chef Agustin Flores Jr.

Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino Chef Colin Ribble’s TOHONO was sous vide venison lion, prickly pear demi-glace, marinated and roasted pearl onions, sous vide butternut squash and sweet potatoes, tepary beans over frybread with corn garnish.

Paradise Casino’s Chef David Dobransky’s dish of choice was sauteed three sisters’ pinto beans, fresh corn on the cob and delicata squash.

Chef Miguel Lopez from Gila River Resort & Casino prepared miso marinated black cod with hajikami shoga.

When I asked guests what was their favorite dish this



Chef David Dobransky

one was mentioned a lot.

Chef Laura I. Gonzalez Reyes was named the Chef Challenge winner for both People’s Choice and Best of Show.

The dish that had everyone talking was her mesquite slow braised short ribs with blue corn mais polenta and pickled cholla buds.

I personally haven’t stopped thinking about this dish since the competition.

Chef Gonzalez has worked her way up from prep cook, line cook, catering cook, catering chef, business owner, executive chef and currently Nineteen 86 steakhouse chef at Desert Diamond Casino.

Chef Gonzalez has also appeared on Food Network’s “Chopped” and “Beat Bobby Flay” and now holds the title of AIGA 2023 Chef Challenge winner.



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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS AT 12 NOON

November 19th

Bishop Olmsted

November 26th

Fr. Peter Teresa McConnell

November 23rd – Thanksgiving Day Mass

7AM | Fr. Peter Teresa McConnell, FHS

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NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EDUCATION

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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and Employee immediate family

members.

RECREATION

CHAIR VOLLEYBALL

Monday - Thursday

Relay for Life supports cancer survivors, patients and remembers those that have passed

Photos and story by Rebecca Rosoff

The warmth of the sun on Saturday, November 4, 2023 brought a feeling of hope to the group gathered at the Relay for Life of Maricopa presented by Harrah's Ak-Chin at Copper Sky Regional Park.

Participants had the opportunity to create or join a team and help raise awareness and funds for cancer treatment and prevention.

There were 20 teams in all

raising over \$18,000 for the American Cancer Society. Fundraising efforts also included a silent auction, a raffle, a cake walk, face painting, and luminarias.

Entertainment was provided by DJ Corey, Polynesian Dance Maricopa, Rhythm in Pink, Tae Yan's Tae Kwon Do Studio Demo and Learn with Aloha – Hula Performance.

At the center of the event,

next to the stage, stood a single, white tree that held the ribbons of cancer victims and survivors. Each color of the ribbons corresponded with the type of cancer the individual was fighting.

To the right side was a table, known as "The Empty Table", which had a single plate with lemon and salt symbolizing the bitter battle of those fighting cancer.

In the U.S. alone, over 18 million faced this difficult diagnosis in 2022 and cancer diagnosis are projected to reach 26 million by 2040 according to the National

Winnie continued from Front

HARTT.

Sherry L. Girard, was the main force behind the search on Facebook. I reached out to her when a community-wide email was sent out about Winnie being located in Ak-Chin.

I asked if she would share Winnie's Wild Adventure story, so thankful for Sherry's story below.



Winnie, a 7-month-old Chocolate Labradoodle, was all set for the next chapter in her life. New home and new doggie parents Curt and Babette Beaupre.

Curt and Babette had just purchased her from a Craigslist ad by someone who lived in Tempe. She seemed a little bit dirty to them so they decided to stop at one of the pet grooming facilities in Maricopa where they lived before taking her to their home. Winnie got all shampooed and groomed and even was given a pretty little ribbon from the groomer.

As they were leaving the groomers to head home the unthinkable happened. Winnie pulled out of her collar as they were loading her up and ran off. She now was loose in an unknown area and hadn't even had a chance to really bond with her new owners. Curt and Babette were devastated!

Winnie went into what is called "flight mode" and was not coming to anyone calling her.

It was not until 18 days later that she would finally be trapped. Her journey would turn out to be a long and wild one with many people helping along the way to try and contain her.

She started out on Smith-Enke Road and John Wayne Parkway heading East. The next time she was seen...a day or so later...was over at the Maricopa Unified School District offices and into the nearby Senita Subdivision.

She then traveled down the



Cancer Institute.

Relay for Life is an event that started in 1985 when a physician in Tacoma, Washington alternated between walking and running around a track to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Dr. Klat's goal was the draw attention to the needs of patients being treated for cancer with the hopes that

one day a cure would be discovered. Almost forty years later, survivors and supporters gather across the world to walk, run and share stories through the Cancer Society Global Relay for Life Partners program. In the United States, an estimated 4 million people participate in the event on an annual basis.

canal, along the Casa Grande highway, clear down and across the highway from Walmart close to the Santa Rosa neighborhood. She was hunkered down by a line of trees out in one of the fields there. The owners, Maricopa Animal Control Officer Luke Zacardi and I were trying to catch her there but she ran off again.

It was probably another day or so before we got another sighting and we would be shocked to learn she had traveled West, all the way to the Thunderbird Farms area out in Hidden Valley! At this point we called HARTT, a professional trapping organization, and started working with one of their trappers, Carolyn Rodriguez-Barreras.

Winnie was now hiding out up on the side of one of the mountains there and was still extremely scared and skittish. Carolyn set a couple of traps there on the mountain but Winnie never came anywhere near them.

The search stayed at this Mountain area for a couple of days and steps were taken to bring in not only a drone to survey the area looking for her but also a small plane equipped with someone with special equipment for locating objects down below. Winnie was nowhere to be seen.



Next thing we know there was a sighting Northeast of the mountain at one of the Palm tree farms so Carolyn moved the traps quickly to that area. Nothing...traps left overnight.

Now we are at day 18 and everything falls into place for the final day. Two sighting calls early morning over off Ralston and Farrell and heading towards the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

As Carolyn, Curt, Babette and I are gathering together to formulate a plan of what to do next we have two nice gentlemen from the Reservation pull up to chat.... Lieutenant David Villescaz from the (Ak-Chin) police department and Security Guard William Narcia.

We explain what we were doing and they both eagerly jumped in to assist. They both head out to look and within 5 minutes Officer Villescaz calls Carolyn and says he sees Winnie! She has gone into the front of a building and is laying down in the shade looking like a stuffed animal she's so still.

When we get there, we quickly pull the trap out of Carolyn's truck and commence to set it up but she gets up and leaves. Now she's heading back out to the main road, Farrell. I go out to the main road and start throwing food at her to keep her in the area while Carolyn and Officer Villescaz load the trap back up.

Now of course we're on the main road going back and forth so Security Guard William Narcia pulls up and he and Officer Villescaz help with traffic.

After about 5 minutes or so of her wandering back and forth on the road and to trap she finally goes in! Winnie's Wild Adventures are now over! Well over 19 miles and 18 days later!

It took a village of people along the way to help but we never gave up on her! She is now at her new home and adjusting nicely!

But Winnie's story does not end here, as Winnie's story was recently shared on Fox10 news as well!

Winnie's parents are so thankful to everyone who reached out over those long stressful weeks to offer their support and advocate for Winnie's safe return. There were so many who stepped up to volunteer and help locate Winnie. Updates were being posted daily on FB and many searched far and wide for hours, hoping for a glimpse or sighting of her.

How great to see the Communities of Maricopa and Ak-Chin rally together to ensure Winnie safely made it back to her new parents and her fur-ever home.



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Ak-Chin Education Department

Scholarship Program

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring 2024 Semester	Summer 2024 Semester	Fall 2024 Semester	OPEN ENTRY/ OPEN EXIT Technical Programs
November 30 th	April 30 th	June 30 th	2-months prior to start date

Application Requirements

- Be an enrolled Ak-Chin Indian Community member
- Must have a high school diploma or GED Certificate
- Must be accepted into a higher education institution

Contact Information

- Ak-Chin Scholarship Program
- Lenny Dempsey, Enrollment / Academic Advisor
- Phone: (520) 568-1291
- LDempsey@ak-chin.nsn.us

Hearing Notice

Ak-Chin Indian Community

Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following case at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 28, 2023 at the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Conference Room, 46200 W. Ralph Street.

CASE: SD-01-23: Southern Dunes New Well #2:

Project Applicant, Water/Wastewater Plant Manager, Carlton Carlyle, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan approval to construct a new irrigation well for Southern Dunes Golf Course. The project consists of:

- Drilling a pilot hole and test water quality;
- New hole will be drilled and provided with a casing, well pump, electrical utilities and site fence; and
- An access road retention basin will be constructed east of the new well hole.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

NOTICE

2024 Agricultural Lease Payment

The 2024 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On Friday, January 19, 2024, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729
(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)
The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 11, 2023.
Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 19, 2024. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 11, 2023.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 19, 2024.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.
*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmed payments received by January 2, 2024.

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS...

SPONSOR A RUN SERIES**FEATURED RUN #2:
PHOENIX HOT CHOCOLATE RUN
DECEMBER 17, 2023 | 7:25 AM**INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN
PHOENIX HOT CHOCOLATE RUN? NOW
IS YOUR CHANCE! WE ARE PLEASED TO
ANNOUNCE AK-CHIN HEALTH
EDUCATION WILL SPONSOR 30
INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
IN-PERSON EVENT.**HOT Chocolate
RUN**DETAILS:
PHOENIX HOT CHOCOLATE RUN WINDS
THROUGH THE STREETS OF
DOWNTOWN PHOENIX.DECEMBER 17TH IS RACE DAY! THE
RACE BEGINS AT 7:25AMPLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION FOR A REGISTRATION WEBSITE/INSTRUCTIONS AND GROUP CODE.
EVENT IS OPEN TO AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AK-CHIN RESIDENTS, AND AK-CHIN
EMPLOYEES.**TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED TO THE EVENT. PROOF OF
PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED. NO SHOW INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT BE
ABLE TO REGISTER FOR FUTURE AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION
SPONSOR A RUN SERIES EVENTS.**

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT MARTINA PETERS AT (520)568-1085 OR MGUY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US

**SAVE THE DATE
CHRISTMAS TREE
LIGHTING &
COMMUNITY DINNER**

DECEMBER 1, 2023

MILTON ANTONE PARK &
AK-CHIN GYMMORE INFORMATION TO
COME**JOB
OPENINGS**

Compensation Analyst

Detention Officer
(non-certified)

Firefighter/EMT

Library Clerk

Maintenance Technician
(4)

Motor Pool Technician

Plant Electrician

Plant Electrician
& Instrumentation
Technician

Police Officer (certified)

Police Officer
(non-certified)To review the full job
description and apply
visit www.ak-chin.nsn.us,
Job Openings, and apply
online. ALL positions close at
midnight (12:00 p.m.) on the
closing date.Great benefits Health
Insurance (medical/dental/
vision), Vacation/Personal
Sick leave, 14 Holidays, 401K**Birthdays**

November 17 - 30



Nov. 17

Dallyss Peters
Malinda Velasquez
Austin Lopez

Nov. 18

Andi-Kiowan Santiago

Nov. 19

Persilia Hernandez
Albertino Santiago
Dallas Peters
Raven Santiago
Davis Garcia Sr.

Nov. 20

Shane Antone
Ricardo Deleon Jr.
Ronin Gloria

Nov. 21

Ezequiel Santiago

Nov. 22

Faith Batopis
Morgan Peters

Nov. 23

Carmen Narcia
Sterling Zappia
Lemuel Vincent
Monique White
Jasmine Carlyle-Miguel
Maria Peters

Nov. 24

Brian Ruelas

Nov. 25

Ciera Lopez

Nov. 26

Miguel Moreno-Kaniatobe
Marciano Joaquin
Brandon Peters

Nov. 27

Rommel Lyons
Joe Miguel Jr.
Larisa Rascon
Karen Kaniatobe
Joaquin Dickerson
Richard Joaquin
Kobe Santiago

Nov. 28

Michael Enos
Nicholas Narcia

Nov. 29

Tashina Salcido
Matilda Balderrama
Victor Andaverde
Lee Smith

Nov. 30

Michael Luz
Julio Gloria
Kylee Carlyle
Taylor Santiago
Kateri Lopez
Lina Batopis**Wishes**Happy Birthday to my
daughter Carmen
Love, MomHappy Birthday to my
granddaughters Dallyss,
Morgan and Maria and
my grandsons Dallas and
Brandon
Love,
GrandmaHappy
Birthday
Morgan
"Monet"!We hope you
have a great
time and
enjoy your special day!
Love, Dad, Mom and FamilyHappy Birthday Jazzer!
Hope you have the best
birthday yet!!
Love, Goddaddy and
Godmama**EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS**

11/17 - 11/30

17-Nov

Marilyn Velasco, Health Education

18-Nov

Pamela Thompson, Social & Health Services

19-Nov

Davis Garcia, Law & Order
Albertino Santiago, TGA

21-Nov

Autumn Gonzalez, Law & Order

22-Nov

Michelle Shiley, Fire & Safety

23-Nov

Lemuel Vincent, Community Government
Carmen Narcia, Him Dak Museum

24-Nov

Lawrence Sordia, Law & Order

26-Nov

Brandon Peters, Finance

27-Nov

Luis Coronado, Law & Order
Steve Tiemann, Finance
Richard Lopez, Early Childhood

Ak-Chin Masik Tas

Toka Tournament

December 3, 2023

CHECK-IN: 7 AM
GAMES START: 8 AM
RAIN OR SHINE
REGISTRATION OPEN
TO FIRST 12 TEAMS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 18, 2023
EACH TEAM MUST HAVE 15
PLAYERS INCLUDING COACH

CONTACT THE AK-CHIN LANGUAGE DEPT
REGISTRATION:
520-568-1367
Vlopez@Ak-chin.nsn.us

The Ak-Chin Indian Community will not be responsible for any damages, accidents, or injuries resulting from participation in this event.

AK-CHIN MASIK TAS

SONGIVUL TOURNAMENT

December 3, 2023

CHECK-IN: 7 AM
GAMES START: 8 AM
RAIN OR SHINE

PRE- AND ON-SITE
REGISTRATION WILL BE
AVAILABLE UNTIL CHECK
IN TIME DECEMBER 3RD

CONTACT THE AK-CHIN YOUTH COUNCIL
REGISTRATION:
520-568-1044
jdavis2@Ak-chin.nsn.us

The Ak-Chin Indian Community will not be responsible for any damages, accidents, or injuries resulting from participation in this event.

AK-CHIN MASIK TAS ALL INDIAN ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

December 9-10, 2023

Entry Fee: \$150

Deadline: November 27, 2023

1st-3rd Place AWARDS
All-Tourney and MVP Awards



For more information, please contact
Jordan Gusse 520-251-8272 Text
520-568-1754 Call
Email: Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

AK-CHIN MASIK TAS ANNUAL ALL INDIAN MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

December 8-10, 2023

Entry Fee: \$250

Deadline: November 24, 2023

1st-3rd Place T-shirts
Special Award for Championship Team
All-Tourney and MVP Awards



For more information, please contact
Jordan Gusse 520-251-8272 Text
520-568-1754 Call
Email: Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

2ND ANNUAL AK-CHIN MASIK TAS SPIRITUAL RUN DECEMBER 2, 2023

Continuing from last year, the Ak-Chin Youth Council is organizing a Spiritual Run with the purpose of blessing the community grounds for the upcoming Masik Tas Celebrations.

Any community members (youth or adult) who are interested in participating are invited to attend a meeting for the runners on November 29, 2023 | 6 PM | Ak-Chin Service Center

Any questions participants may have can be addressed at this meeting, and we will also be signing waivers, so if you are under 18 please have a parent/guardian accompany you.

If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to the YC Coordinator Joseph Davis
(520)568-1044 or jdavis2@ak-chin.nsn.us

THE AK-CHIN YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENTS.

Masik Tas Community Celebration December 10, 2023 1-9 PM Old Vaila Site

DANCE CONTEST POPOVER CONTEST
WOOD CHOPPING CONTEST MENU DO CONTEST



ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE YOUTH COUNCIL
520-569-1044 JDAVIS2@AK-CHIN.NSN.US

THE AK-CHIN YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENTS AK-CHIN MASIK TAS CHUDTH

December 13 | Old Vaila Site | 6 - 8 PM

Come out and join us for an evening of singing and dancing to celebrate the Ak-Chin Indian Community's Birthday!

DRESS WARM | BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS | REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



Any questions reach out to the Youth Council
(520)568-1044 jdavis2@ak-chin.nsn.us

Masik Tas Celebration Event Schedule

Registration Opens - 1 PM

Wood Chopping Contest - 2 PM

Popover Contest - 3 PM

Menu do Registration/Dropoff 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Menu do Tasting - 5 PM

Dance Contest - 6 PM

Dance Contest Info:

Youth and Adult Categories

Vaila (One Step), Chote (Two Step), and

Cumbia Categories

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes for Contests

All registration will be done on site!

REIK Takes the Stage at the Events Center at Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino for a Passion-Filled Latin Pop Performance

Submitted



(MARICOPA, Ariz.– Aug. 9, 2023)–REIK, an award-winning Latin pop trio from Mexicali, Baja California, is set to take the stage at the Events Center at Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino on Friday, Dec. 1 for a passion-filled performance.

The trio, comprised of Jesús Navarro on vocals, Julio Ramírez on acoustic guitar, and Bibi Marín on electric guitar, has gained notable recognition across the U.S. and Latin America through their Latin pop songs and romantic ballads.

REIK has performed hundreds of concerts and won multiple awards since their debut single “Yo Quisiera” released in 2005, earning them a place in the music scene.

Since then, the trio has won multiple recognitions such as three 2005 MTV Music Awards for Best Group, Best Artist, and Best New Artist. REIK was also the 2009 MTV Award winner for Best Pop Group and Latin Grammy winner for Best Duo or Group Album.

The Latin pop trio and radio sensation is coming to the Events Center stage at Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino to connect with fans through their artistry.

Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino proudly presents:
REIK
Date:
Friday, Dec. 1, 2023
Doors: 7PM
Showtime:8PM
Location:The Events Center at Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino
Tickets: \$99.50; \$79;50; \$59.50
Ages:
Minors with Guardians

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Ak-Chin Circle ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

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THE HUNGER GAMES:
THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS & SNAKES

THANKSGIVING

NEXT GOAL WINS

THE MARVELS

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM
PRISCILLA

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY’S

KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
SANITATION HOLIDAY
SCHEDULE

11/16 - Recycle Pick Up
11/17 - Trash Pick Up
11/20 - Trash Pick Up
11/23 - NO Recycle Pick Up
11/24 - Trash Pick Up
11/27 - Trash Pick Up
11/30 - Recycle Pick Up
12/1 - Trash Pick Up

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BUILD YOUR OWN OATMEAL
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R.T.B.
roasted red peppers, tomaotes, bacon, swiss, garlic aioli, toasted brioche

CRAB STUFFED SHRIMP
maryland blue crab stuffed shrimp, roasted asparagus, red pepper polenta, meyer lemon buerre blanc

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Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO

November 2023

CAESARS REWARDS.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 MULTIPLY YOUR MONDAYS MONDAYS, NOVEMBER 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2023 MONDAYS JUST GOT BETTER WITH 3X THE TIER CREDITS		 1 NIZONI TRANQUIL COLLECTION GIFT GIVEAWAY*	 2 GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY	 3 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS FOREVER YOUNG FRIDAYS KIOSK GAME AIR SUPPLY LIVE!	 4 ELITE AIR FRYER GIVEAWAY	
 5 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS INDUSTRY NIGHTS KIOSK GAME	 6 MULTIPLY YOUR MONDAYS	 7 PARINI CAST IRON SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	 8 PARINI CAST IRON SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	 9 WHEN YOU'RE READY FOR A GETAWAY... COMP IT LIKE IT'S HOT! COMP IT LIKE IT'S HOT!	 10 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS FOREVER YOUNG FRIDAYS KIOSK GAME	 11 JOSH TURNER LIVE! PICK A PRIZE VETERANS DAY
 12 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS INDUSTRY NIGHTS KIOSK GAME	 13 MULTIPLY YOUR MONDAYS	 14 PARINI CAST IRON SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	 15 PARINI CAST IRON SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	 16 PEPSI® PRODUCT GIVEAWAY	 17 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS FOREVER YOUNG FRIDAYS KIOSK GAME	 18 GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY
 19 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS INDUSTRY NIGHTS KIOSK GAME	 20 MULTIPLY YOUR MONDAYS	 21 PARINI CAST IRON SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	 22 PARINI CAST IRON SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	 23 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	 24 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS FOREVER YOUNG FRIDAYS KIOSK GAME TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	 25 RENT A CABANA ON YOUR NEXT STAY!
 26 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS INDUSTRY NIGHTS KIOSK GAME	 27 MULTIPLY YOUR MONDAYS	 28 PARINI CAST IRON SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	 29 PARINI CAST IRON SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	 30 THE SPA-AHHHH!	 PLAY YOUR WAY INTO 2024 SAVE THE DATE DECEMBER 31, 2023	

*Wednesday, November 1, 2023 gift is part of the October 2023 Gift Giveaway. Please refer to the October 2023 communications to see if you qualify for freerights.
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Ak-Chin Indian Community

2023 MASIK TAS CELEBRATION

LIGHT PARADE

 Saturday, December 9, 2023
 Starting at 7:00 PM

**FREE CARNIVAL
& RODEO**

December 15 - 17, 2023

 Food & Craft Vendors Wanted
 For questions, information and
 application/registration submittals

Email: AllEventsStaff@ak-chin.nsn.us

RODEO EVENTS Ak-Chin Circle Arena 16000 N. Maricopa Rd.

ROPING Thursday December 14th

**BOOKS OPEN
AT 9AM**
1ST ROPING:

 #9 Pick1 Draw 2 for \$150.00
 Enter 2Xs Capped at a 5+

2ND ROPING:

 #11 Pick1 Draw 2 for \$150.00
 Enter 2Xs Capped at a 6+

3RD ROPING:

 Cowboy Draw
 Draw 3 for \$150.00 Enter: 2Xs

 All Ropings are 3-steer
 Progressive After 1
 100% Payback

Flaggers Decision Final (MANAGEMENT MAY CHANGE ANY ROPING)

Ak-Chin Indian Community and Stock Contractor are not responsible for accidents, injury, loss or theft during this event.



JR. RODEO Friday December 15th at 9am

**ENTRY
CATEGORIES:**
5 YEARS & UNDER

 Sheep Riding (limit 20)
 Dummy Roping (limit 20)
 Stick Horse Race (limit 20)
 Stick Horse Barrels (limit 20)
 Entry Fee: \$30

6-9 YEARS OLD

 Calf Riding (limit 20)
 Ribbon Roping (1x) (limit 20)
 Barrel Racing (limit 20)
 Goat Tail Pull (limit 20)
 Entry Fee: \$35

10-13 YEARS OLD

 Steer Riding (limit 20)
 Ribbon Roping (1x) (limit 20)
 Barrel Racing (limit 20)
 Breakaway (limit 20)
 Team Roping 2X (limit 20)
 Entry Fee: \$40

14-17 YEARS OLD

 Bull Riding (limit 20)
 Ribbon Roping (limit 20)
 Barrel Racing (limit 20)
 Breakaway (limit 20)
 Team Roping 2x (limit 20)
 Entry Fee: \$45

 Buckles & Jacket
 to All-Around
 (6-9, 10-13, 14-17)

Safety Vest required for All Rough Stock events. Western Attire Enforced

 No late entries, no phone entries, no refunds. *Except with an acceptable doctors/vet note. Contact Rodeo Secretary 24 hours prior to start of rodeo. All payments must include rodeo entry form. **To receive payout, contestants must show birth certificate.**

ONE TIME ADMIN FEE OF \$20 PER CONTESTANT

**Contestants must stay in their own age category.

**Ribbon Roping Muggers in the 6-9 & 10-13 age divisions only.

***Team Roping & Ribbon Roping partner must be 18 years or older

 MAIL-IN ENTRIES OPEN
 October 23, 2023

 ENTRIES MUST BE
 POSTMARKED BY
 December 4, 2023

 MAIL ENTRIES TO
 Ak-Chin Indian Community
 ATTN: Community Events
 42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd.
 Maricopa, AZ 85138

 WALK INS
 December 9 | 10am - 6pm
 Ak-Chin Entertainment Center
 16000 N. Maricopa Rd.
 Maricopa, AZ 85138

WEBSITE POSTING 12/12/23

**MANDATORY CHECK-IN | All contestants must sign a waiver.
NO EXCEPTIONS**

 Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted.
 Please make payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2023 Rodeo
 **No personal checks accepted.

Ak-Chin Indian Community and Stock Contractor are not responsible for accidents, injury, loss or theft during this event.



BULL BASH Friday December 15th at 4pm

Events

Open Bull Bash (limit 30)

Fee

\$200

Added \$

\$500

Open Novice Bull Riding (limit 10)

\$150

\$500

Open Women's Steer Riding (limit 10)

\$75

\$500

 ONE TIME ADMIN FEE
 OF \$30 PER CONTESTANT

 To receive payout, contestants must complete
 W-9 and provide a form of identification.

**MANDATORY CHECK-IN
All contestants must sign a waiver.
NO EXCEPTIONS**

 All payments must include Rodeo Entry Form.
 Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted. Please
 make payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2023 Rodeo
 **No personal checks accepted

BOOKS OPEN UNTIL EVENTS ARE FILLED.
LATE FEE OF \$20 PER CONTESTANT AFTER DECEMBER 9, 2023.
ENTRIES MUST BE PAID ONE (1) HOUR BEFORE EVENT

Ak-Chin Indian Community and Stock Contractor are not responsible for accidents, injury, loss or theft during this event.

OPEN WILD HORSE RACE December 16th & 17th

\$500 per Team | 18 Team Limit

 ONE TIME ADMIN FEE OF \$30
 PER CONTESTANT

No phone entries, no refunds.

Contact Delbert White:

dwhite@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-414-5515

All teams must be paid up by 11am Saturday, December 16, 2023

MANDATORY CHECK-IN

 To receive payout, contestants must complete W-9 and provide
 a form of identification. All contestants must be 18 years old to
 participate and sign a waiver. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Ak-Chin Indian Community and Stock Contractor are not responsible for accidents, injury, loss or theft during this event.

Walk-ins on-site. Books Open 8am-11am

Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted.

 Please make payable to Ak-Chin Indian
 Community-2023 Rodeo

**No personal checks accepted

**ALL ENTRY MONEY IS 100% PAY
OUT ALONG WITH ADDED MONEY**


OPEN RODEO December 16th & 17th

PERFORMANCE TIMES

 Performances on Saturday & Sunday at 12pm
 Slack at 8am (if needed)

 Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted. Please make
 payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2023 Rodeo **No personal
 checks accepted. No phone entries, no refunds. *Except with
 an acceptable doctors/vet note. Contact Rodeo Secretary 24
 hours prior to start of rodeo. To receive payout, contestants must
 complete W-9 and provide a form of identification. **BOOKS OPEN
UNTIL EVENTS ARE FILLED. LATE FEE OF \$20 PER CONTESTANT
AFTER DECEMBER 9, 2023.**

 MAIL-IN ENTRIES OPEN:
 October 23, 2023

 Entries must be postmarked by:
 December 4, 2023

 Mail Entries to:
 Ak-Chin Indian Community
 ATTN: Community Events
 42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd.
 Maricopa, AZ 85138

 Walk-In Entries:
 December 9 | 10am - 6pm
 Ak-Chin Entertainment Center
 16000 N. Maricopa Rd.
 Maricopa, AZ 85139
 On-Site Entries:
 December 16 | 8am - 10am

Events

Bareback (limit 20)

Fee

\$150

Added \$

\$1000

Saddle Bronc (limit 20)

\$150

\$1000

Bull Riding (limit 30)

\$150

\$1000

Steer Wrestling (limit 30)

\$150

\$1000

Tie Down Roping (limit 30)

\$150

\$1000

Ladies Barrell Racing (limit 50)

\$150

\$1000

Ladies Breakaway Roping (limit 40)

\$150

\$1000

Ladies Team Roping (2Xs) (limit 50)

\$300/Team

\$2000

Team Roping (2X) (limit 100)

\$300/Team

\$2000

Century Team Roping (2Xs)* (limit 50)

\$300/Team

\$2000

4 Tribes Team Roping (2Xs)*

\$300/Team

\$2000

 *Century Team Roper Participants must be 50+ *4 Tribes Team Roper Participants must be enrolled member of Ak-Chin, Gila River, Tohono O'odham, or Salt River, must provide proof upon request. *Will not count for All-Around/Only one highest placing money won in Team Roping will count toward All-Around. **Must be 18 years old to participate!** One time Admin Fee of \$30 per contestant. Team Ropers must pay for full team in ONE envelope with separate entry forms. **All payments must include Rodeo Entry Form.**
MANDATORY CHECK-IN

 All contestants must sign a waiver. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Ak-Chin Indian Community and Stock Contractor are not responsible for accidents, injury, loss or theft during this event.

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