



2022 Tribal Council Election results

Saturday, November 19, 2022, Ak-Chin Community members made their way to the voting booths at Ak-Chin Recreation gymnasium as early as 6 am to cast their votes for three seats on Ak-Chin Tribal Council. By 2 pm, the polls closed and around

245 pm the final results were ready to be shared.

Ak-Chin's newly elected Council members: Gabriel Lorenzo Lopez (231 votes), Cecil D. Peters (219 votes), and Lisa Garcia (193 votes), will begin serving their four-year terms come

McCarty retires from Ak-Chin Tribal Gaming



Ak-Chin Vice Chairman Lemuel Vincent presents Chuck McCarty with a plaque on behalf of the Ak-Chin Tribal Gaming Agency, October 21, 2022.

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Anyssa Justin experiences the Magic at Disney College

Story by R. Peters, photos submitted



For anyone who has ever been able to enjoy a trip to Disneyland or Walt Disney World, it is utterly magical. From the moment you walk through the gates, to your first ride, or Mickey sighting, there's just nothing like it on earth; something I hope everyone gets to experience at least once in their lifetime.

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Over the summer, Anyssa Justin was able to experience a once in a lifetime moment, firsthand, as she was able to learn from and work at "The Most Magical Place on Earth".

Anyssa shares her memorable experience attending the Disney College Program and working at Walt Disney

World with the Runner.

What was the program you recently completed at WDW?

I completed the Disney College Program in Orlando, Florida this past summer. The Disney College Program is a paid internship, that allowed you to gain on-the-job experience with a world-renowned company, providing uniquely Disney learning experiences, all while preparing for your future, building transferable skills, including networking, problem solving, teamwork and effective communication.

Why did you choose to attend this particular program?

Attending the program was not something I always knew I was going to attend. It was an impulse decision to apply. I was up one late night and saw

information on it and I just applied not knowing what would come out of it. It only took a few days before I received a response letting me know I was accepted.

When did you go and how long were you there?

I left in April and returned home at the end of August

How long was program and what did you receive upon completion?

My term was 5 months for the summer season. Upon completion, I received graduation ears, certificate, and joined the Disney Alumni Association.

Where did you train/work while at WDW?

I was placed in Attractions at Under the Sea: Journey of the Little Mermaid and was also trained in Enchantment Fireworks Show. This consisted of crowd

Phoenix Suns pay tribute to Arizona's 22 Tribes - culture, tradition and language



Above, Indigenous youth representing Arizona's 22 tribes pose with Phoenix Suns players to showcase their new 2022-23 Nike NBA City Edition uniform. Representing Ak-Chin is Daria Garcia, (top-fourth from left) and Narin Lopez (top-far right).

Photo courtesy of Phoenix Suns

If you've gone to a Phoenix Suns game lately, you probably noticed their newly distinguished uniforms.

The Phoenix Suns 2022-23 Nike NBA City Edition uniform was unveiled during their home game on November 16, and designed in honor of Arizona's 22 federally recognized tribes.

The vibrant turquoise is the first standout of the uniform, taking a closer look you will see many detailed elements

on the jersey and shorts that are significant to the indigenous cultures of Arizona.

The research and design process for the City Edition uniform began over two years ago and was led by the Suns' in-house marketing and creative teams with consultation from a Navajo designer.

The Suns worked with the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, all 22 tribes, as well as Nike N7, Heard Museum, Phoenix Indian Center and other

indigenous groups to ensure the development of the uniform would be culturally relevant and appropriate to the Arizona tribes.

The turquoise color represents the living or protection stone.

The Native American medicine wheel, depicted on the waistband of the shorts, and on the Suns center court at Footprint Center represents the four cycles of life and the four cardinal directions.

The 22 feathers in the

medicine wheel logo and the 22 arrowheads lining the bottom of the shorts represent each of the state's tribes.

The black tape running down the jersey top and shorts features the word for 'sun' in each of the tribes' unique native languages. All native languages are also displayed on the court.

To kick off the new uniform the Phoenix Suns coordinated with the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona to invite tribal youth from the 22

tribes to participate in a photo shoot on October 14. The youth were also provided an opportunity to meet with Suns Players and then take photos in representation of their respective tribes for a program called Originativ.

The Suns will wear the indigenous inspired uniform during select home games as part

of "ORIGINATIV," a season-long celebration series hosted by Gila River Resorts and Casinos that will honor the 22 Sovereign Nations of Arizona. They will also wear the uniform for seven road games that focus on cities with large indigenous populations.

The Suns will honor a Native American basketball hero during

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Elders gobble to the finish line at first Turkey Trot

Story and photos by J. Peters

November 21st, community elders had an amazingly fun time attending the Ak-Chin Elder Center's first ever Turkey Trot.

Elders and department staff thought it would be a great idea for them to do a fun activity before Thanksgiving, hence, the Turkey Trot was introduced.

Elder Program Assistants Marissa Antone and Sonia Narcia both worked together to come up with different ideas,

thinking outside the box to find new ways to get the community elders moving again.

The turkey trot turned out to be a perfect way to incorporate more low impact exercises that are also fun.

After their morning breakfast elders who chose to participate were dressed to the "T" in their best turkey attire, then lined up outside for the fun activity.

Once they were given

the green light to go the elders trotted down the event course, with a couple running and some wheeling. The course length around the Elder building was just the right distance for the group to enjoy without getting tired.

Employees enjoyed watching and cheering from beginning to end.

The elders trotted to triumph, but there was one participant who was determined to be the #1 Turkey Trotter in

the group and that was Euphrasia Mike. She took off from the get-go leaving her fellow contestants behind.

Euphrasia won a throw blanket, handmade native print Christmas stocking and mittens. Coming in 2nd place was Evelina Lopez, winning Tupperware and a pair of cozy winter socks. Placing 3rd was Analita Laborin, who also won Tupperware and a pair of cozy winter socks. All participants received a blue tote bag with gifts inside.

The Elder department is planning to make this holiday hit an annual activity for the elders, "seeing how much the elders really enjoyed it. We were a bit worried we weren't going to get as much elders as we thought we did, we are hoping each year we do a turkey trot." says Marissa Antone.

As for the elders they are looking forward to being able to do this again next year.

"The elder staff loved being able to plan the event with such a great turn out. The feedback that we got from the elders were nothing but positive. The elders enjoyed dressing up with handmade tutus that the staff had put together and the fun turkey hats and headbands that they also got to wear. We are looking forward to next year's turkey trot."

Above, voters fill out information before getting their ballot, at Ak-Chin Recreation gymnasium, November 19, 2022

January 2023.

The Election Board ensured a safe voting experience for all, with adequate spacing of booths, drive-up voting for members with physical limitations and frequent sanitizing for high touch points.

They also worked closely with Council Secretary Vicky Smith to help coordinate the Meet the Candidate Night, while Elder Director, Leslie Carlyle-Burnett worked to get a Candidate event set up for lunchtime at the elder luncheon.

Meal tickets for Vekol Market were provided to all voters, as an added incentive. Vekol stayed busy pretty much all day

providing the free burger and fries meal, and even had some redeemed on Sunday.

Congratulations to our newly elected Councilmembers!

I am truly humbled, blessed and honored to be elected to serve our people and our community. Thank You Ak-Chin for entrusting in me to Lead our Community. "Ves Ed Vem"

- Gabriel Lorenzo Lopez

Thank you to everyone who came out to vote and elected me to serve on council. I look forward to working with council and the membership for the betterment of our Community.

- Cecil D. Peters



Above, newly elected Councilmember Gabriel Lorenzo Lopez and his wife Salinda, getting campaign signs visible for Election Day.

Elder December Breakfast-Lunch Menu

<p>1.) Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Peaches</p> <p>2.) Sausage Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Fruit Pozole, Succotash, Rolls, Peanut Butter Cookies</p> <p>5.) Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, English Muffin, Fruit Spaghetti, Salad, Toast, Cupcakes</p> <p>6.) Egg, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Hashbrown, Fruit Bar-B-Que Ribs, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Pears</p> <p>7.) Potatoes, Beans, Tortilla, Mix Fruit Squash Casserole, Wild Rice, Salad, Rolls, Mandarin Oranges</p> <p>8.) Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Grapes w/ Cottage Cheese Broccoli Soup, Turkey Sandwich, Tropical Fruit</p>	<p>9.) Boiled Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Banana Cereal Indian Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Jell-O</p> <p>12.) Scrambled Eggs W/ Green Chili, Hashbrown, Toast, Fruit Beef Fajitas, Rice, Beans, Candy Cane Trifle</p> <p>13.) Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, English Muffin, Pears Salad Bar, Potato Soup, Rolls, Fruit Cocktails</p> <p>14.) Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Mix Berries Black Eyed Peas, Chicken Pot Pie (D), Beets, Peas, Apples, Oranges</p> <p>15.) Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Hamburgers, French Fries, Corn on the Cob, Cherry Crisp</p> <p>16.) Masik Tas Holiday - Center Closed</p>
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** Menu items subject to change**

To Enrolled Ak-Chin Community Elders

Please come and receive your Christmas gift card and a nice lunch!

Ak-Chin Elements Ballroom
Thursday, December 8, 2022
11 AM to 1 PM

Stockings including nuts, fruit and candy will be provided to the first 60 Elders.

For questions or transportation call the Elder Center at 568-1760

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DEADLINE
Don't forget the DEADLINE for the Dec 16, 2022 - Jan 5, 2023 issue is due by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**

Material submitted after the **DECEMBER 9TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

McCarty continued from Front Charles
"Chuck" McCarty was recently honored by the Ak-Chin Indian Community for his dedicated years of service to the Ak-Chin Tribal Gaming Agency.

Mr. McCarty began his career as Executive Director, March 27, 2006. During his tenure Chuck overseen the Enforcement, Compliance, Audit, Administration and Licensing Divisions of Ak-Chin's Tribal Gaming.

He worked with the Tribal Gaming Commission and legal counsel on Compact Amendments to ensure compliance of games, standards for the operation of gaming machines, required background investigations for

licensing of casino employees, vendors and other areas.

"Chuck has a kind heart and was there for members in their times of grief, sadness, and celebratory occasions." Sandra Shade, Gaming Commission Chairman shared. "The Council, Gaming Commission, and Staff wish him well as he begins his much-awaited retirement."

Chuck is very proud of the leadership he leaves behind at TGA, "One of the strongest management teams I have worked with... we have very strong first-line supervisors. I can't commend my staff enough, they made my job easy."

He is also thankful for

the support received from the tribal council during his 17 years at Ak-Chin.

Chuck has been pretty busy since his retirement, though he does have a bucket list he tends to get to eventually. His immediate plan when he finds time is to take a self-paced Spanish class and maybe a cruise to Ensenada. He plans to do some fishing and golfing as well.

"In a year that's what I'll be doing - fish one day, golf one day, relax on the weekend, watch the games on Saturday and church on Sunday - that's my plan."

Best wishes to you Chuck on your retirement!



Chuck with his staff, sharing a happy moment together at his retirement party, October 21. Story by R. Peters, photos by J. Peters

Ak-Chin Recreation Employee Duel in the Desert Chair Volleyball Tournament

The 2022 Ak-Chin Recreation Employee Duel in the Desert Chair Volleyball tournament had 15 teams come out for some friendly banter and final bragging rights for 2022.

Recreation had a couple challenges that pushed their start time back, but with some quick assistance from Ak-Chin Fire, the games commenced.

Story and photos by R. Peters



CHAMPIONS - AK-CHIN FIRE



SECOND PLACE - AK-CHIN R US

UofA trivia questions were announced by Chairman Robert Miguel, who served as announcer. Winners were determined by how quickly they made it to the announcer stand and of course shouting out the right answer.

Prizes included team themed socks, blankets, coozies, chairs and more.

Championship game was a winner-take-all between the Fire Department and Ak-Chin R Us, with Fire winning and offering up the only loss to Ak-Chin R Us who came in

Teams played for 10-minutes or first to score 11 points, whichever came first. Teams consisted of department employees, with smaller departments joining up to make a team.

A new member of the Parks and Rec staff said "I've never participated in a game like this before. It was a lot of fun."

To make the night even more fun between games, ASU-



THIRD PLACE - THE RINGERS

second, with The Ringers coming in third.

Ak-Chin Recreation staff thanks everyone for coming out and encourages teams to work together, build camaraderie, practice communication and have a good time.



Team Ka-Ching and Harrah's Ak-Chin volley for bragging rights as everyone else follows along.

Delia Carlyle recognized with Chairman's Leadership Award



During the 2022 Indian Gaming Mid-Year Conference Delia was one of the panelists for Remembering the Fort McDowell Casino Raid on November 15th. After the session she and the other panelists were presented with the Chairman's Leadership Award.

Submitted by Rosalva Madrid Ak-Chin Tribal Gaming



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AK-CHIN FARMS HAS ONE (1) VACANCY FOR A REGULAR FARM BOARD MEMBER

Qualification Requirements

- 1.) Must be able to regularly attend Farm Board Meeting, once a month, on the last Tuesday of the month and any special meetings set. The appointed term shall be for 5 years.
- 2.) Must familiarize yourself to the Farm Plan of Operations which govern and spell out the duties of a Regular Farm Board Member.
- 3.) The Farm Board consist of (3) Regular Farm Board Members (2) At-Large Experienced Farm Board Members, making a total of (5) Board Members. The Three (3) Regular Members of the Board shall be enrolled members of the Community or persons who are not members of the Community but who are employees; provided that, regardless of Community membership status, preference shall be given to persons who have agricultural experience or management experience.

All interested parties who desire to serve on the Ak-Chin Farm Board must submit a letter of interest detailing why they are interested in serving on the Ak-Chin Farm Board and your agricultural or management experience if any. In your letter of interest, please note which Board, Commission, or Committee you currently serve on, and when your term expires.

Community/Farm employees must also submit documentation from their supervisor allowing them to serve on the Ak-Chin Farm Board.

All letters of interest may be mailed to:
Ak-Chin Farm Board
Attn: Farm Manager
42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd.
Maricopa, Az. 85138

Deadline for letters of interest: **December 15, 2022**

IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT 45525 West Farrell Road Maricopa, AZ 85139 Phone (520) 568-1385 Fax (520) 568-1386	
In the Matter of the Adoption of:	CASE NO.: CV-2022-024-VIL
A.M.A D.O.B: 03/24/2006	CIVIL SUMMONS
THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:	
Alonso Arellanes Burgos	
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Civil Action has been filed against you in the Court of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.	
YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO FILE A FORMAL WRITTEN ANSWER in the said matter within a period of 20 days if you are served within the boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Community; 30 days if you are served outside the boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Community at the Clerk of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court, accompanied by the necessary filing fee; further you must send a copy of your written answer to:	
Silas Curtis Norris 41940 W. Pecan Lane Maricopa AZ 85138	
After you have been served and the written answer period has lapsed, the Tribal Court shall set a date for a hearing of this matter, and you will be notified of the time and date that you will be required to appear.	
IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS SUMMONS a judgment by default will be entered against you and the opposing party shall be awarded the relief demanded in this matter.	
GIVEN under my hand and seal of Ak-Chin Indian Community Court in the State of Arizona this 29th day of November, 2022.	
Dearnna Rascon Dearnna Rascon, Court Administrator of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court	

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

NOTICE
2023 Agricultural Lease Payment

The 2023 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 20, 2023, 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 12, 2022.
Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 20, 2023. 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 12, 2022.

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 20, 2023.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.
*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon former payments received by January 3, 2023.

Ak-Chin Library celebrates Native American Heritage Month with Gertie Lopez

Photo by D. Villegas, Story by Milo Antone, Ak-Chin Library

As a way to contribute to celebrating Native American Heritage Month, the Ak-Chin Library held a special event bringing in a Native artist from one of the surrounding native communities, Gertie Lopez.

Ms. Lopez is a well-known musician in the Willa Music scene, a genre of music popular among tribes and others. She shared a brief history on Willa music and how she began playing music.

Gertie provided insight

into where her musical path has taken her, the trials she faced through and where her career is now. She shared the processes of creating albums and of course performed a show for the audience.

As the night of music went on Gertie and her bandmates signed merchandise and took pictures with their fans.

Ms. Gertie is also a Librarian at the San Xavier Community on the Tohono O'odham nation.



Gertie and friends at the library event.

Multi-Media Mondays

Story and photo by T. Marshburn

Looking to add a little music to your Monday? The Ak-Chin Library is now hosting Multi-Media night.

Every Monday at 5pm under the direction of Wilson "Milo" Antone, members, employees and their families are welcomed to join a night of musical magic.

I sat in during one of their jam sessions and I was amazed at how talented the kids were. Zachary "Zack" Garcia put on quite a show for fellow media students.

The program currently offers lessons on audio and video as well as playing instruments.



Above, youth listen to music as Wilson "Milo" Antone, library video production asst. observes.

Antone has been involved in music for 15+ years.

He currently knows how to play 7 instruments personally, but has many friends who play different instruments and can help if anyone wants a lesson on an instrument he doesn't know.

Antone's ultimate goal is to help the children build knowledge and confidence to shoot videos on their own.

That goal may be closer than he thinks as the kids are learning quick and really enjoyed their time at Multi-Media Monday.

Maricopa Legacy Boys Volleyball play Desert Winds Middle school

Story and photos by J. Peters

It was a noisy afternoon as they played against Desert Winds Middle School. The Legacy Lions triumphed through their game against Desert Winds, with a few error

here and there the boys were able to keep up with the opposing team as they played an exciting match, with each team winning one and one with Legacy Lions coming out 2 - 1.

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Antonio Rodriguez bumps the ball to set it up for his teammate.



William Martinez looks and waits to go up for a block.

Health Education brings back Annual Diabetes event and Rival Walk/Run

Story and photos by T. Marshburn

On November 16th, Ak-Chin Health Education hosted their annual Diabetes event, this year was the first in person event since 2019.

For the past two years the event was only offered virtually. As the event grows, many changes have been added to make the event even more fun.

In 2015 the Rival Run was added, now participants can choose T-shirts to rep their favorite team. So, whether you're a fan of current champions UofA, or the true champions ASU there's room for everyone.

The farmer's market



produce giveaway was added in 2016.

Participants are given a hefty bag of fresh produce which includes a variety of fruits and vegetables. It takes a whole team to pull off this event and as someone who attended the event their efforts didn't go unnoticed.

Health Education would like to send thanks to the Sanitation/Public Works Department for all their help with route maintenance, lighting, and table and chair set-up/breakdown. Ak-Chin Youth Council Members for their assistance at the water station, registration, and produce distribution. Ak-Chin Fire Department for the additional lighting and standby assistance.

A special thank you to Waylon and Clayton Antone. Thank you to Vekol Market for providing a delicious dinner. Lastly Thank you to all the participants who joined us for an evening of fun and fitness.



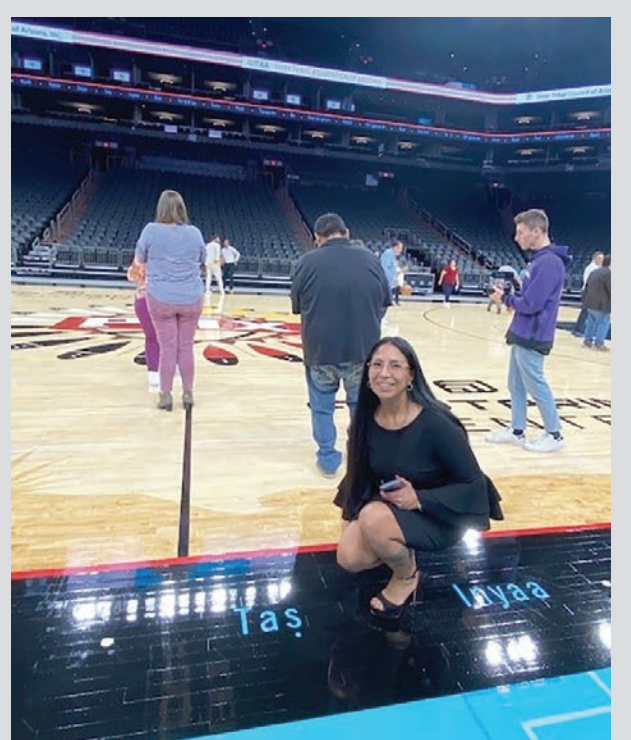
Staff members gather for a photo.

Suns continues from Front

each game of the ORIGINATIV series starting with Phoenix Mercury alumni and Arizona State University Sports Hall of Famer Ryneldi Becenti. Hailing from Fort Defiance within the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Becenti was the first Native American woman to play in the WNBA during the team and league's inaugural season in 1997.

Throughout the game, fans will have the opportunity to learn about the history and traditions of Indigenous communities in Arizona and about local Native American businesses and personalities.

ORIGINATIV remaining game nights: Dec. 2 vs. HOU Jan. 6 vs. MIA Jan. 8 vs. CLE Feb. 24 vs. OKC Mar. 14 vs. MIL



Ak-Chin Councilmember Lisa Garcia gets a close-up of the Phoenix Suns court at Footprint Center where all Arizona 22 Native translations for "day" are showcased. Lisa kneels beside Ak-Chin's "Tas" translation.

Mar. 16 vs. ORL Apr. 4 vs. SAS

Tickets for all upcoming Suns home games can be purchased at Suns.com/Tix.

More information on the ORIGINATIV program and new City Edition uniform is available at Suns.com/ORIGINATIV.

CHRISTMAS

word search puzzle

I	P	C	I	R	F	B	E	L	L	M	F
S	K	C	X	G	A	R	L	A	N	D	I
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Words may be horizontal, vertical and diagonal.

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| STOCKING | GARLAND | BELL | CHRISTMAS |
| WREATH | EVE | LIGHTS | STAR |
| FIREPLACE | TREE | SLEIGH | SANTA |



GRHC COVID-19 HOTLINE
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GRHC.ORG/HUB

DECEMBER

COVID / FLU VACCINE AVAILABLE



SCAN FOR VACCINE INFORMATION

Visit a GRHC Primary Care Department for vaccines.

Walk in or schedule an appointment by calling **602-528-1280**.

Ak-Chin Indian Community COVID TESTING DATES

December 13th & 14th • 5 pm - 7 pm

Ak-Chin Multipurpose Justice Complex, Maricopa, AZ 85139

Holiday Closures

Gila River Health Care's Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics will be

CLOSED

Monday

December 26th, 2022

Monday

January 2nd, 2023

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Pharmacy Curbside Hours

Monday, 12/26	10am-8pm
Monday, 1/2	10am-8pm

If you need assistance or more information on services open, call GRHC's main line 520.562.3321. Regular business hours will resume the Tuesday after each holiday. If you need immediate assistance, call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at HHKM.



Behavioral Health Services
GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

MENTAL HEALTH AND THE HOLIDAYS



GRHC.ORG/BHS

The holiday season can bring joy to many, but it can also be stressful. The COVID-19 pandemic may compound stress, anxiety, and loneliness.



If you are feeling isolated this holiday season, reach out or ask for help if you need it.



Setting boundaries can help you feel more in control of the season's celebrations, in a way that is best for you.



Use positive coping strategies that can support your mental health-like practicing mindfulness, exercising, eating well, spending time in nature, and getting enough sleep.



Do what you can to stay healthy by getting vaccinated or a booster if you are eligible, and by wearing a mask or practicing social distancing where advisable-indoors and in crowds.

If you or anyone you know is struggling and needs support, please call **Behavioral Health Services:(520) 562-3321 ext. 7100**

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: CALL OR TEXT 988

Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449

controls during holidays and special events.

What type of classes/training did you receive?

The classes that were offered were more about the company, and personal experiences from other cast members. I learned a lot about guest services, and human resources because that is what had interested me. I listened to a lot of speakers, who shared the start of their journey and where they are now. I spoke to a lot of executives for Disney and those who have been with the company for 30+ years.

Did you need to do something to qualify before attending?

The qualifications needed was to be enrolled in an accredited US college, university, or higher education program OR have graduated from an accredited US college, university, or higher education

program within 24 months of the application posting date. Must have completed at least one semester and be 18 years or older.



What was one of your most memorable experiences while at WDW?

I experienced so many different things working for Disney and living in Florida overall. There were so many other participants like me that had never been to Disney

World. I met so many people from around the world and made longtime friendships. I really enjoyed working the enchantment fireworks show, I saw it over and over, every night and it was an unreal feeling that never went away. I knew it would not be a forever experience and I wouldn't be able to see it again for who knows how long. I get to say I was a Disney World Cast member and I will forever have those memories

What was the best advice you received while there?

I was always told I was chosen for a reason, and it was because some part of who I am and the characteristics I have, was in Walt Disney's vision. This was no ordinary job and it kept me on my toes. I wanted to create Magic for not only myself but others as well. No matter how far I go or where I end up, Disney will always have a

place in my heart. I was able to make guests experiences unforgettable, little did they know they did the same for me too.

Who was your biggest influence while there?

My family and co-workers from Ak-Chin Circle were very supportive during my time gone. I was able to give my mom and grandma an experience they never had before. And, my community believing in me knowing I could bring back the knowledge I gained and the experiences I can share to my community. The support and knowing I can inspire someone to do the same thing, made everything worth it.

Will you attend another Disney program in the future?

I do not know if I will be attending another program, but this program was never in

my goals and it became one of the best decisions I've ever made for myself. Disney is continuing to open new things everyday (due to the pandemic closure) and more programs are being offered. My love for Disney might bring me back in the future to make magic again!

I hope I can inspire my community or anyone to look into an opportunity like Disney. It was truly an experience of a lifetime and I am always happy to share more about my personal experience. Walt Disney always said, "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." If you can dream it, you can do it. - Walt Disney

Anyssa Justin
Senior Entertainment Manager
Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER

1-DEC KIMBERLY VINCENT, <i>TRANSIT</i>	18-DEC CHRISTOPHER SANTOS, <i>LAW & ORDER</i>
2-DEC LINDSEY VALLES, <i>FIRE & SAFETY</i>	19-DEC MANUEL PETERS, <i>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</i>
5-DEC JUSTINE PETERS, <i>RUNNER</i>	DANIEL ESPINOZA, <i>LAW & ORDER</i>
7-DEC EVELYN JUSTIN, <i>HIM DAK MUSEUM</i>	RICHARD KINDRED, <i>TRIBAL GAMING</i>
ROBERTO PALANTI, <i>MAINTENANCE</i>	20-DEC RONI ZAPPIA, <i>MAINTENANCE</i>
8-DEC FRANCESCO BETRO, <i>FIRE & SAFETY</i>	JEANETTE SANTOS, <i>LAW & ORDER</i>
9-DEC LEO LEWIS, <i>MAINTENANCE</i>	21-DEC MICKY MOULL, <i>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</i>
FLORINDA PETERS, <i>HIM DAK MUSEUM</i>	22-DEC HEIDI HINZ, <i>MAINTENANCE</i>
11-DEC DESIRAE ANTONE, <i>MAINTENANCE</i>	23-DEC BARTHOLOMEW SMITH, <i>COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT</i>
GUADALUPE GLORIA, <i>EARLY CHILDHOOD</i>	24-DEC VELACITA LOPEZ, <i>CULTURAL</i>
12-DEC CARLO MORENO, <i>FIRE & SAFETY</i>	DAVID PETERS, <i>RETAIL</i>
13-DEC MORGAN TREVINO, <i>LAW & ORDER</i>	26-DEC JOE GARCIA, <i>ELDERLY</i>
14-DEC HECTOR SOLIZ, <i>SANITATION</i>	JOHNNIE TRAUGHER, <i>LAW & ORDER</i>
15-DEC LUCY FLORES, <i>MAINTENANCE</i>	28-DEC BERNARDINA GONZALEZ, <i>PARKS & RECREATION</i>
16-DEC KENNETH KINGSLAND, <i>RETAIL</i>	29-DEC KATHLEEN MIGUEL, <i>MAINTENANCE</i>
MARIA CARLYLE-ZEPEDA, <i>HUMAN RESOURCES</i>	31-DEC MERCEDES RIVERA, <i>COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT</i>
17-DEC LESLIE LEWIS-MANUEL, <i>TRIBAL GAMING</i>	

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY ARIZONA

NEW HIRES

 Miguel Ceballos Maintenance Maintenance Tech	 Manuel Chavez Parks and Recreation Groundskeeper	 Alexander Lopez Parks and Recreation Groundskeeper
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Wishes

Wishing My Beautiful Granddaughter, Angelica "F(P)orky" Antone Happy Happy 9th Birthday! May all that you wish for come true. May your day be sprinkled with happiness. Let's get on with the Donut Party and have fun, fun. Grandma Wheezy loves you Sweetheart

Happy Birthday Angelica "Forky" Antone
Though you may be a punky butt to us, but we still love you, enjoy your 9th birthday. Only us your cousins, Beto and Scrupie

Happy Golden Birthday Love!! 9 years old on the 9th... Although it feels like 19!!!

Child, you have bloomed into the most wonderful, crazy, kindest beauty of a flower... be a kid, don't be so quick to want to grow up! Thanks a million for always offering a helping hand, and doing your best at everything. We hope you enjoy your day, you deserve it... We Love You Today, Tomorrow & Forever! Love, Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday Sister! You are the best teacher good & bad, I wouldn't trade you for nothing, because how

else would I get away with things. Cause it's your day you won't have to share. I love you!
Love your butta, Bemerson
Happy Birthday to my daughter Florinda Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Aurora, Destinee, Justine and Zoe, and my grandson Marcus Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Zoe Zoe - Love Goddaddy

Happy Birthday Marcus Love your family

Happy Birthday Justine Hope you have a grand Ill birthday!
From the Runner

JOB OPENINGS

- Airport Operations Technician
- Cashier/Stocker
- Communications Officer (911)
- Community Events Manager
- Deli Clerk
- Detention Officer - Certified and Non-Certified
- Early Childhood Education (ECE) Program Manager
- Economic Development Analyst
- Firefighter/Medic
- General Worker
- Police Officer (Recruit/Non-Certified)
- Police Officer - Certified
- Senior Planner
- Sr. Network Systems Specialist
- Student Counselor (grades 9-12)

Please visit our website at www.ak-chin.nsn.us, for Job Openings, to review the job posting and apply. If you need assistance, please call Human Resources at 520-568-1050.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<p>December 1 Aurora Peters Kendra Smith Rebecca Stephens-Rodas Kayla Valisto Raven Vallejos</p> <p>December 2 Candice Antone Duane Antone Clarence Enos Dale Narcia Marcus Peters Lindsey Valles Victor Vincent</p> <p>December 3 Arlene Manuel</p> <p>December 4 Archer Anderson Analita Laborin Destinee Peters Bren Valisto Valerie Velasquez</p> <p>December 5 Drevyn Silas-Antone Justine Peters Erica Trejo</p> <p>December 6 Richard Joaquin Dena Romo</p>	<p>December 7 Evelyn Justin Danya Lopez Joseph Manuel Monica Murrietta Sarlya (Jacuinde) Miranda Omarion White</p> <p>December 8 Odelia Stephens Xavier White</p> <p>December 9 Corey Allison Angelica Antone Virginia Castro Leo Lewis, Jr. Florinda Peters Terry Santiago</p> <p>December 10 Alex Antone Alverna Flores Gloria Narcia</p> <p>December 11 Desirae Antone Guadalupe Gloria Andrew Humeyumptewa Alejandro Maldonado, Jr. Malinda Pete</p> <p>December 12 Zoe Gardner Gina Lewis Elvera Stephens</p>	<p>December 13 Tristianna Antone Arie Deleon Phillip Joaquin Joseph Kaniatobe Adeline Thomas</p> <p>December 14 Channel Antone Kiandry Jacuinde-Miranda</p> <p>December 15 Janice Perez Angelica Salas-Vargas</p> <p>December 16 Maxine Antone Maria Carlyle-Zepeda Raven Humeyumptewa Ba'n Jose Tyler Peters Lisa Vincent</p> <p>December 17 James Compton Leslie Lewis-Manuel Lita Yarberry</p> <p>December 18 Josie Hernandez Justin Humeyumptewa Ralston Justin Sarina Smith Bianca Valenzuela</p> <p>December 19 Manuel Peters</p>	<p>December 20 Lanna Lewis Collette Susunkewa Roni Sue Zappia</p> <p>December 21 Aiden Peters Eileen Pinheiro Elijah Narcia Adrian Romo</p> <p>December 22 Nicolas Olivas Volincia Pablo Manuel Rodriguez Candida Upton</p> <p>December 23 Yyondrez Antone Bartholomew Smith</p> <p>December 24 Velacita Lopez David Peters, Jr. Kyle Peters</p>	<p>December 25 David Manuel, Sr. Arrow Santiago Serenity Villegas Danny Vincent</p> <p>December 26 Andrew Pinheiro Angela Trenado</p> <p>December 27 Orlando Lewis Erica Oliver</p> <p>December 28 Bernadina Gonzalez Julianna Orona Jersey Peters Sabrina Sam Javier Zepeda</p> <p>December 29 Abel Lewis Aubrey Lozano Kathleen Miguel</p> <p>December 30 Bernadette Carra Christopher Lewis Renita Machado Lee Miguel, II</p> <p>December 31 Mercedes Rivera-Lopez</p>
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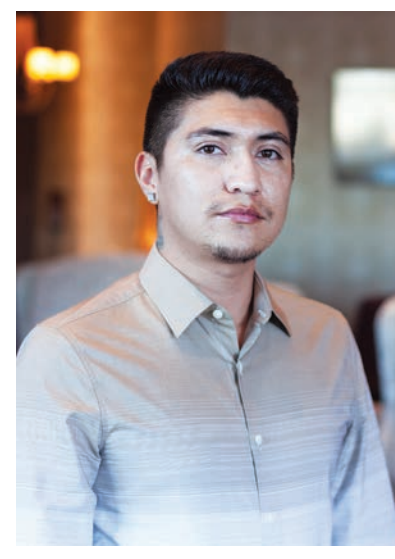


Ak-Chin Circle ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

VIOLENT NIGHT Monday - Thursday: 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00 Friday: 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30 Saturday: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30 Sunday: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00	Sunday: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00
STRANGE WORLD Monday - Thursday: 3:30, 6:00 & 8:30 Friday: 4:30, 7:00 & 9:30 Saturday: 11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00 & 9:30 Sunday: 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00	BONES AND ALL Monday - Thursday: 3:30 & 6:30 Friday: 3:30, 6:30 & 9:30 Saturday: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30 & 9:30 Sunday: 12:30, 3:30 & 6:30
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THE MENU Monday - Thursday: 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00 Friday: 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30 Saturday: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30	BLACK ADAM Monday - Thursday: 4:00 & 7:00 Friday: 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00 Saturday: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00 Sunday: 1:00, 4:00 & 7:00

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Native American Heritage Month team member spotlight: Eduardo Santiago



Before joining the Empire, Eduardo Santiago considered himself reserved and introverted. But after joining Harrah's Ak-Chin's Toastmasters Club, he says his communication, leadership and public speaking skills flourished. This newfound confidence, paired with deep Native American roots and lessons that come with being the second oldest of 12 siblings, helped Eduardo learn to be resourceful, strong and proud of where he comes from.

"Native American Heritage month is a time to celebrate my culture and community. We, as Native Americans, are a diverse group who have made our mark in history and are just as important in today's society."

How can we be better allies to Indigenous communities?
"In any working relationship or friendship, it's important to have respect and trust. Understanding the perseverance that keeps us moving forward and respecting cultural priorities will help everyone understand Indigenous communities better and create positive, lasting relationships with one another."

What is the most important thing everyone should know about Indigenous communities?
"Even though we are all seen as Indigenous, we are very diverse and it's important not to think we're all the same. We may carry the same core values of culture, respect, trust and family, but our ways of life may be different."

What does Native American Heritage month mean to you?

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SATURDAY DEC. 17, 2022

8:30PM - 10:00PM | FREE SHOW

AT THE AK-CHIN CIRCLE AMPHITHEATER
GATES OPEN AT 6:00PM

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Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO

DECEMBER 2022

CAESARS REWARDS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Anniversary PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT OR REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2022 PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS • 8AM - 11:59PM	WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 28 TH ANNIVERSARY BY INVITING YOU TO PLAY AND EARN MORE THAN EVER BEFORE!	1. JINGLE YOUR BELLS AT THE GIFT SHOP WITH SOME HOLIDAY SHOPPING	2. HEATED... COOLEST... BONUS REWARD CREDITS	3. POOL CABANAS!	
4. BONUS REWARD CREDITS	5. CAESARS SPORTSBOOK WITH CAESARS REWARDS. AN OFFICIAL SPORTS BETTING PARTNER. GET GAME-DAY READY!	6. PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT OR REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	7. Mrs. Fields BAKWARE GIVEAWAY	8. CALL ATTENDANT JACKPOT! \$60,244.00	9. TRACY LAWRENCE CONCERT BONUS REWARD CREDITS	10. #1 BY USA TODAY SIGN UP FOR CAESARS REWARDS AND INSTANTLY WIN!
11. BONUS REWARD CREDITS	12. REDEEM YOUR REWARD CREDITS FOR CABANA RENTALS, HOTEL STAYS, SPA SERVICES, DINING AND MORE!	13. PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT OR REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	14. Mrs. Fields BAKWARE GIVEAWAY	15. DATE NIGHT AT OAK & FORK	16. LOUNGE TRACY BYRD BONUS REWARD CREDITS	17. GO HEAD-TO-HEAD AGAINST THE DEALER IN ULTIMATE TEXAS HOLD'EM
18. BONUS REWARD CREDITS	19. FIND US ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM & TWITTER!	20. PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT OR REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	21. Mrs. Fields BAKWARE GIVEAWAY	22. SEASONS GREETINGS!	23. BONUS REWARD CREDITS	24. CELEBRATION REMINDER SAVE THE DATE! DECEMBER 31, 2022
25. Happy holidays BONUS REWARD CREDITS	26. VETERANS & ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL CAN UPGRADE TO PLATINUM!	27. Happy 28th Anniversary PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT OR REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	28. Mrs. Fields BAKWARE GIVEAWAY	29. ENJOY ACCESS TO THE POOL WITH YOUR SPA SERVICE!	30. CAESARS SPORTSBOOK SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 FROM FIRST DOWN TO TOUCHDOWN, OUR CAESARS SPORTSBOOK IS READY FOR YOU DURING THE BIG GAME!	31. NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION UNDER THE STREETLAMP CONCERT

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Ak-Chin Masik Tas Celebration

Ak-Chin Circle Field & Arena
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Parking is Free. Signage will direct all event traffic

December 4th - Toka/Songivu'l Traditional Games

December 7th - Chair Volleyball Tournament

December 9th:

Tracy Lawrence at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino; Tickets can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com

December 9th & 10th - Co-ed Volleyball Tournament

December 10th - 5K at 9:00am

December 10th - Light Parade Starting at 7:00pm

December 11th - Youth Council Cultural Events

December 16th - 7:00pm-12:00am: Papago Warriors at Ak-Chin Circle amphitheater

December 16th - 18th - Rodeo

December 17th -

7:00pm-10:00pm: Kumbia Kings & Grupo Metal at Ak-Chin Circle amphitheater

December 16th-18th - Basketball Tournament

December 18th - Fireworks Show-Time TBD

December 16th-18th

Free Carnival/Fun Zone/Petting Zoo

Hours:

December 16th: 5pm-10pm, December 17th: 10am-10pm, December 18th: 10am-7pm

J.C. SMITH
2015

Open Wild Horse Race -
December 17th & 18th at 12pm
1st Place: Buckles \$500 added money
\$300 per Team

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 17, 2022

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 entries must include payment.

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

Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted. Please make payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2022 Rodeo
 **No personal checks accepted



Bull Bash - Friday,
December 16th at 4pm
Buckles to event winners!

Events	Fee	Added \$
Open Bull Bash (limit 30)	\$150	\$500
Open Novice Bull Riding (limit 10)	\$100	\$500
Open Women's Steer Riding (limit 10)	\$50	\$500

One time Admin Fee of \$20 per contestant
 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.

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-2022 Rodeo
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2022 Open Rodeo
December 17th & 18th, 2022

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

Event	Fee	Added \$
Bareback (limit 20)	\$100	\$500
Saddle Bronc (limit 20)	\$100	\$500
Bull Riding (limit 30)	\$100	\$500
Steer Wrestling (limit 30)	\$100	\$500
Tie Down Roping (limit 30)	\$100	\$500
Ladies Barrell Racing (limit 40)	\$100	\$500
Ladies Breakaway Roping (limit 40)	\$100	\$500
Ladies Team Roping (2Xs) (limit 40)	\$200/Team	\$1000
Team Roping (2Xs)(limit 100)	\$200/Team	\$1000
Century Team Roping (2Xs)*(limit 40)	\$200/Team	\$1000
4 Tribes Team Roping (2Xs)	\$200/Team	\$1000

*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 \$20 per contestant
 Team Ropers must pay for full team in ONE envelope with separate entry forms.
 All payments must include Rodeo Entry Form.

MAIL-IN ENTRIES OPEN - October 21, 2022
MAIL ENTRIES TO - Ak-Chin Indian Community
 ATTN: Community Events - 42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85138
ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY-
 December 5, 2022
WALK INS
 December 10th | 10am - 5pm
 Ak-Chin Multi-tainment Center - 16000 N. Maricopa Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85138

Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted. Pleasemake payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2022 Rodeo
 **No personal checks accepted
 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.
MANDATORY CHECK-IN
 All contestants must sign a waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS
 To receive payout, contestants must complete W-9 and provide a form of identification.

All-Indian Jr. Rodeo -
Friday, December 16th at 8am

Buckle to Event Winners!
Buckle & Saddle to All-Around (6-9, 10-13, 14-17)

5 Years & Under	6-9 Years Old	10-13 Years Old	14-17 Years Old
Sheep Riding (limit 20)	Calf Riding (limit 20)	Steer Riding (limit 20)	Bull Riding (limit 20)
Dummy Roping (limit 20)	Ribbon Roping (1x) (limit 20)	Ribbon Roping (1x) (limit 20)	Ribbon Roping (limit 20)
Stick Horse Race (limit 20)	Barrel Racing (limit 20)	Barrel Racing (limit 20)	Barrel Racing (limit 20)
Stick Horse Barrels (limit 20)	Goat Tail Pull (limit 20)	Breakaway (limit 20)	Breakaway (limit 20)
Entry Fee: \$20	Entry Fee: \$25	Team Roping (2x) (limit 20)	Team Roping 2x (limit 20)
		Entry Fee: \$30	Entry Fee: \$35

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.
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-2022 Rodeo
 **No personal checks accepted.

One-time Admin Fee of \$10 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.

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WEBSITE POSTING - December 12, 2022

For more information email:

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Ak-Chin Masik Tas Celebration

Ak-Chin Circle - 16000 N. Maricopa Road

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