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# prestigious award

Story by Robert Miguel, **Photo by William Martinez** 

The Ak-Chin Indian Community should proud of the Environmental Program as another employee was recognized and received a prestigious award, the second within a twomonth period.

During the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality in Tucson a couple of weeks ago, Ak-Chin's Quality Specialist Ralph "Manny" Gomez was recognized for his work and received the 2025 Virgil Masayesva Tribal Air Programs Excellence Award, in the category of Tribal Air Program Development.

The award is given to one individual every year, so of all tribal agencies throughout the United Gomez States, was honored this year. The award was unexpected and obviously a surprise

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Ak-Chin Air Quality Specialist, Ralph Gomez, proudly holds his award for Excellence.

excited to receive the award. "It was a great honor for

to Manny, but he was

receiving this award," he said. "I accepted this on behalf of the Ak-Chin Professionals at Northern Indian Community."

Joe Hossler from the Yreka Tribe in Northern Virgil is commemorated

California, and supported Manny's nomination.

Virgil Masayesva wat the Director of the Institute for Tribal Environmental University (NAU) from its inception until his passing in 2005.





Ak-Chin Librarian, Linda Brill, reads a story to children participating in the Ak-Chin Summer Programs.

## **Ak-Chin Summer Programs in Full Swing**

Story & Photos by Runner Staff

So much for taking a little break from the classroom; following the 2024/2025 school year, many students from the Ak-Chin Community jumped right into one of the Community's Summer programs; that are offering many fun and educational activities. For some students, they probably didn't even have the opportunity to sleep in late, as they went from campus to program.

About two weeks following promotion and graduation ceremonies, various departments from the community moved forward with their summer programs, which included daily activities at; Early Childhood, Education, Language, Him-Dak Museum,

Library, Education and

Recreation departments. Although it's still early in the programs' schedules, much has been done to keep the youngsters occupied and interested participating various events, before the upcoming 2025/2026 school year, which will begin next month (July) for many schools.

As the young students engage in summer community activities, let's begin at the Preschool; where many of those who just promoted to kinder, returning classmates brand preschool; engaged in continued improvement classroom and learning skills.

Preschoolers also enjoyed more playtime

outside on the playground equipment or watching educational movies when the temperatures rose, being safe inside from the sun and heat.

Early Education hosted a Father's Day with the young students and their fathers. One highlight that truly was enjoyed between students, attendees and parents, was a huge waterslide, the mini swimming pools, a barbeque luncheon, snow cones.

games, reading sessions,

### EPA's Gomez receives Allissia Huerta-Bandin receives Masters Degree from American University

The Runner is excited to share the great news Ak-Chin member and higher education graduate, Allissia Huerta-Bandin, 25, who recently earned her Master of Public Administration and Policy (MPAP) May 2025.

Allissia, who is the daughter of Ak-Chin Community member, Sheila Pablo-Bandin and Arnulfo Bandin, attended American University, located Washington, DC, August 2022-May 2025.

Allissia has been very busy with her schooling, receiving her Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (Morality, Politics & Law) from Arizona State University, in May 2022.

Allissia was gracious to share her higher education success and a bit of her life with us; the following is her Q&A.

Extra-curricular activities: Arts, Athletics, Clubs, Internships, etc.?



Allissia Huerta-Bandin, received her Masters in Public Administration and Policy in May 2025.

**During** undergraduate degree I was apart of the *Undergraduate* Law Association and the Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity.

Additionally, I interned with the U.S. House Representatives-Committee on Natural Resources legislative intern,

AT&T Corporation as a communications intern, and the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) as a student trainee analyst where I focused on an array of issues affecting tribal communities in the U.S., from diversity, broadband, and climate justice.

These experiences were also due in part to a

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## **Ak-Chin Recreation Celebrates Father's Day**

Story by Robert Miguel, Photos by Ashley Vincent

The Ak-Chin Recreation department prepared great-outings mother's last month to help celebrate Mother's Day, pampering them with massages, facials, Mary Kay products, painting, smoothies and giveaways, much to the appreciation of the many moms who attended the

Last weekend, it was the father's turn to get

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spoiled; with plates of pulled barbeque pork and chicken, slushies, axe throwing, massages, swimming and give away prizes. Despite the outside heat, sitting outside together and enjoying conversations with one another was somewhat a relaxing moment.

There was also an opportunity to take a close look at three vintage

vehicles were invited to participate in the Father's Day event, which was of great interest. As attendees downed their barbeque slammed plates and slushies, the raffle for prizes were announced. Prizes given away were; a barbeque grill, massage certificates for Harrah's, tattoo certificates and other items.

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Jacolby King gets a much needed massage during the Father's Day Celebration. Massage Life provided free massages for the fathers.

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For kids who were in the elementary and middle school age range, they were able to rotate from the Museum, Recreation, and Library programs, where they enjoyed arts and crafts, board



Velacita Enos, Nicole Vincent and Wilma "Polly" Antone enjoy their time painting their masterpieces at the Recreation Department

### **Mother's Day Sip &** Paint a huge success

Story submitted by Ak-Chin Recreation, Photos by R. Miguel Moms, We Nailed It! Our Mother's Day Oasis Was a Sweet Success!

What a facial-ly fantastic time we had celebrating the incredible moms of our community on May

It was a day dedicated to Sip & Paint continues to Page 6

pampering, rejuvenation, and pure joy, and we're still glowing from all the positive energy!

Our amazing partners pulled out all the stops to make sure every mom felt utterly cherished.

The Sugar Shack had everyone's skin feeling sweetly refreshed with their luxurious facials. Meanwhile, Massage Life kneaded away every bit of tension with their

with their un-knotable chair massages

### **Celebrating NARD** With The DBacks



Ak-Chin elders were able enjoy the Arizona Diamondbacks vs Washington National baseball game in a suite during NARD with the Dbacks.

#### Story & Photos by R. Miguel

The Arizona Diamondbacks celebrated Native American Recognition Day on Sunday, June 1st, as many Native American tribes, organizations,

dancers and supporters filtered into Chase field as the Diamondbacks and Washington **Nationals** squared off for the finale of a three-game series.

Ak-Chin supported two groups to attend the game and ceremonial activities held pre-game. Ak-Chin elders, which ranged in the twenty plus number,

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Team Ak-Chin #2 - from I to r: Connor Martinez, Kooper Denetsosie, Aliyah Vincent, Aria Vincent-Enos, Alice Denetsosie, Gabriel Sierra James, Raiden Sierra James, Darryn Narcia, Emerson Antone, William Delma, Kaleb Rivers, and Aaron Peters, Jr.

WEDNESDAY

\* Breakfast Served from

**MONDAY** 

\* Lunch Served from 12 PM to 1 PM.

7 AM to 8:30 AM

\* For Transportation, call Georgia at 520-568-1760

\* Movie Questions? **Call the Elders Center at** 520-568-1760

\* Thursdays: Elder Chair Yoga 9 AM - 10 AM

(Menu Subject to **Change without Notice)** 

Fruit

### **FRIDAY**

6/20 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana

Chicken or Bean Tostada, Lettuce/ Tomato/Cheese, Brown Rice, Carrots,

6/23 Spam & Eggs, Potatoes, Toast, Apples & Yogurt

Hot Dogs, Corn on Cob, Cole Slaw, Vanilla Pudding

6/24 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit

**TUESDAY** 

**Movie Day** 

Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D), Baked Potato, Romaine Salad, Ambrosia Salad

6/25 Breakfast Quesadilla,

Salsa & Sour Cream, Fruit Salad

Beef & Bean Nachos, Lettuce/Tomato/ Cheese, Guacamole, Sour Cream, Watermelon

6/26 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast,

**THURSDAY** 

Split Peas, Chicken w/Vegetables (D), Acorn Squash,

Crackers, Peaches

6/27 Breakfast Pizza, Avocado Slices, Fruit Salad

Jell-O

Rolled lasagna, Colored Carrots, Spring Salad, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Fresh Whole Fruit

6/30 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit

Broccoli Soup, Romain Salad, Whole Wheat/ White Rolls, Fresh Pineapple

7/1

7/2

7/3

**Elder 4th of July Pool** Party, 11 AM to 1 PM at **Ak-Chin Recreation Pool** Catered Lunch by

**Southern Dunes** 

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the next issue.



### **Andrea Lopez Shines as Young** Leader

Stories and photos submitted by Diana Velazquez, Ak-Chin Advisor-Tutor

Andrea has always been a willing and active participant. With that being said, I believe Andrea has learned a lot about leadership and how to use that not only in her educational journey, but social and emotional journey.

Andrea understands Habit 4: Think Win-Win, which is learning from other scholars. While Andrea is very intelligent, she knows that she doesn't have to do it alone and that other scholars have insightful ideas to offer. Andrea had to learn to embody each habit and explore the meaning. Andrea now can confidently lead others.

I particularly encouraged Andrea to find her voice this year. As you know, Andrea is a soft-spoken scholar, so she is taking her leadership to the next level by encouraging her peers and sharing her insightful thoughts and experiences.

I am most proud of Andrea for always being willing to synergize and help other scholars. She is gentle and empathetic to their needs and finds a way to help them without doing the work for them. She is patient and kind.

In order to earn this award, Andrea had to work towards earning PBIS tickets, but that encompassed all the different habits. We usually had a habit focus for the week. Andrea had to work extra hard to accomplish this goal because I did not always award scholars who came in and did their work without complaint.

Andrea had to show me the different habits and how she was able to incorporate them into her education. It took Andrea the majority of the year because I always tried to focus on different scholars strengths and not always rewarding the same scholars. Andrea never strayed from the course nor got discouraged if she didn't get recognized with a PBIS ticket.

Andrea is an exemplary scholar and should consider joining the Scholar Lighthouse

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### **Dallyss Peters** Earns Straight A's **All FOUR Quarters!**

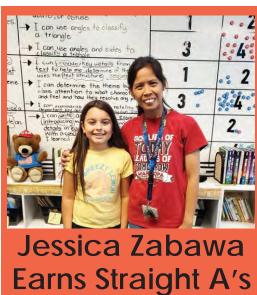
Daughter of Shanna Narcia School: Maricopa Elementary School Grade Level: 4th

Going above and beyond starts with an adventurousspiritandadeterminedmindset.

Achieving straight A's is no small feat. It's a testament to dedication, commitment, and unwavering hard work. While some may say it's easy, the truth is, it takes consistent effort, discipline, and the courage to set an example, even when the path is challenging. That's what true excellence looks like.

Children are driven in unique ways, and their accomplishments reflect their inner

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Daughter of Sarah and Joseph Zabawa School: Maricopa Elementary School Grade Level: 4th

All FOUR Quarters!

"Jessica is an outstanding student and a true role model. Her dedication to her studies and her hardworking nature set a high standard for her peers. Always ready to lend a helping hand, she consistently supports her classmates in their pursuit of success. As a member of the Scholar Lighthouse team, Jessica exemplifies leadership and a commitment to fostering

Jessica Zabawa continues to Page 5



### **A-B Honor Roll** <u>Students – </u> 4th Quarter

School: Maricopa Elementary School Year: 2024-2025 Ak-Chin Advisor: Diana Velazquez

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to recognize these amazing students who have shown resilience, dedication, and a genuine interest for their education.

These students have worked hard to overcome challenges, and continued to excel in their learning journeys. Their commitment to academic success is inspiring, and they truly deserve to be celebrated for their outstanding achievements.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the parents and guardians for their continued support and for believing in your children's potential.

Congratulations to the following students:



Alexandra Lopez: Kinder – Earning Straight A's this 4th Quarter!



Andrea Lopez: 1st Grade -Earning Straight A's this 4th Quarter!



Ardon Green: 2nd Grade - A/B Honor Roll



Jaxson Justin: 2nd Grade -Earning Straight A's this 4th Quarter!



3rd Grade - A/B Honor Roll



A/B Honor Roll



A/B Honor Roll

The Ak-Chin Education Department is very proud of you all!

## **Ak-Chin Parks** and Rec



### **Education's** Summer School









## Him-Dak Museum









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and game activities.

Him-Dak's summer program is offered in the morning, with different classrooms set up for the three different age groups.

program also offered the opportunity departments for other to present information demonstrations and with students.

Elizabeth Antone, Runner Junior Reporter shared, "The library switches groups of children with the Parks and Rec program. While one group stays at the gym, the other group heads to the library."

Two highlights thus have included swimming activities and a movie outing, where they watched "Lilo and Stitch" at the Ak-Chin Entertainment Center.

Programs continue for another couple of weeks, so there will be plenty more of activities and outings within the programs.

For some kids, spending

time learning about their history, tradition, culture, and speaking their language, was a choice that they did not want to miss out on, with the Language Program. During a recent visit from the Runner staff, students participating were able to introduce themselves in the O'odham language and sang a traditional song, "they sound really good singing in O'odham," William Martinez, Runner

The Language Program also had their Father's

Junior Reporter shared.

Day festivities; where students shared, with dads and father figures, hand-crafted gourds designed with intent for their special person.

Education has also been keeping the learning going for students this summer with their summer school program, aimed to prepare the students for the new school year's educational curriculum.

Stay tuned for more **SummerProgramactivities** the next Runner!

## Library









## 2025 Summer Reading **Program: Color Our** World

Submitted by Naomi Bishop, Ak-Chin Library Manager





Father's Day at Early Childhood







## Language Program hosts Father's Day Lunch





As the summer heats up, the Ak-Chin Library is a cool spot to come visit and play on the new Sparkle Table, discover new books, and participate in any of our library programs.

Andrea is a blessing to us all in this classroom because of her leadership this year! I feel honored and blessed to have had the privilege to be Andrea's teacher this year. MES is lucky to have scholars like Andrea who are willing

to hold themselves to high expectations to achieve! Way to go Andrea!

I can only hope to stay in touch to see what other accomplishments and achievements she makes through her educational and life journey!

Mrs. Morones



Dallyss Peters continued from Front

strength and perseverance. no doubt she will continue Dallyss has demonstrated this through her tireless effort and her belief that everything happens for a reason. Her love for learning shines through in all she does, and I have

to thrive in all her future endeavors.

Congratulations, Dallyss! Keep reaching for the stars. Your hard work is truly inspiring!

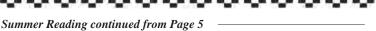


Jessica Zabawa continued from Front

collaborative learning environment. Her positive influence and exemplary make character her remarkable student and an

inspiring leader at our school."

Mrs. Villavicencio (Jessica's 4th grade teacher)



We have free summer grab and go meals for children under 18 and families can sign up for the 2025 Summer Reading Program "Color Our World"! This summer, embark on a journey of art and creativity, celebrating the many ways in which art and reading enriches our lives.

Summer Reading Challenge 2025 is designed to inspire and engage readers of all ages! Kids, teens, and adults can read to earn point level prizes

and enter prize drawings, many with an artistic theme. Earn extra points by attending free events at your library. Children ages 2-18 can sign up

at the library and will receive a game board to color in squares as they read. When children reach reading milestones of 300, 500, 750, and 1000, they can come to the library to pickup prizes.

coupons for a free scoop of ice cream cone at Maricopa Water and Ice, bowling at Ak-

Prizes include; art supplies,

Chin Circle and more. Prizes are available while supplies last. Everyone is invited to participate, regardless of age or reading preference.

Whether you're a bookworm,

love graphic novels, nonfiction, or an audiobook, all reading counts! Adults can create their own account and sign up on the Beanstack App (https://akchin.beanstack.com/ reader365) and track reading from June 2nd - August 1st. Adults will be contacted after completion of the program to come by the library to pick up their prize.

The Summer reading program is open to all Ak-Chin Indian Community members and residents. Employees participate in the adult reading program via the Beanstack app.

Friday 9am-6pm and Saturday 12pm-4pm. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult over 18 years of age. We look forward to seeing you at the library soon.

The library is open Monday-

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for his leadership, dedication, innovation

and commitment to the support of tribal air programs, their creation, development and ultimate success in promoting tribal sovereignty, tribal environmental protection. The award was developed to recognize and perpetuate continuing contributions to that legacy.

During the Tribal Environmental Health Forum, which was held last month at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino & Resort, Ak-Chin's Environmental **Program** Manager, Roman Orona was one of three recipients who were recognized for their work. Orona received the 2025 Indigenous Resilience Leadership Award.

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### From Bin to Rebirth: The Journey of Recyclables and **Why Contamination Matters**

Submitted by Brandy Nelson, Ak-Chin Environmental Specialist

You might ask yourself where do these items actually go after leaving your driveway, and why does it matter what you put in the bin? Every time you place a plastic bottle, aluminum can, or cardboard box in your curbside recycling bin, you kickstart an intricate journey that gives these materials a second life.

This article follows the recycling travel path from your bin at home to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF, pronounced "Murph") and ultimately to specialized recycling centers. We will also explore the vital roles you play in keeping contamination out of the bins and why it is so important.

### **Step 1: Curbside Collection**

The journey begins with you! You sort acceptable materials into your recycling bin (sometimes referred to as the blue bin), which is then picked up on a scheduled route by the community's sanitation department. The collected recyclables are transported in a compactor truck to a nearby Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), the hub where the real sorting magic begins.



credited: https://www.reddit.com/r/ Albuquerque/comments/17to5qc/recycling bins\_serve\_as\_extra\_trash\_bins\_in\_abq/

#### Step 2: Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Once the recyclables arrive at the MRF, they're

unloaded onto conveyor belts. At this facility, items go through multiple sorting stages using both human labor and advanced technology: • Screens separate materials by size and type.

- Magnets and eddy currents extract metals.
- Optical sorters identify and separate plastics.
- Manual pickers remove unwanted materials and contaminants that machines can't The MRF sorts recyclables into clean, distinct

categories, such as paper, cardboard, metals, and plastics, which are then compacted into bales for shipment to recyclers.



Photo credited: https://resource-recycling.com/ plastics/2018/12/05/how-a-materials-recoveryfacility-will-sort-flexible-plastics/

#### **Step 3: Shipment to Specialized Recyclers** Once sorted and baled, the materials are sold

to recycling manufacturers. These facilities vary depending on material type: • Paper mills recycle cardboard and mixed

- paper into new packaging and tissue products. • Plastic processors melt and reform PET and
- HDPE plastics into new bottles, textiles, or construction materials. • Metal recyclers shred and melt cans to
- create new aluminum or steel products,

often returning to store shelves in as little as

#### Why Contamination Is a Serious Problem

Contaminants, are non-recyclable items placed in the bin and can disrupt this entire process. These include plastic bags, food-soiled containers, electronics, diapers, and more. Here's why they

- 1. Machinery damage: Tanglers like plastic bags and hoses can jam sorting equipment, leading to costly shutdowns. 2. Material rejection: If a bale contains too
- much contamination, it may be rejected by the buyer or the entire load may be sent to
- 3. Worker safety: Sharp, hazardous, or unsanitary items pose risks to workers manually sorting the waste.
- 4. Decreased quality: Contaminants reduce the value and usability of recyclable materials, undermining the economic viability of recycling.



credited: https://medium.com/@ chigley 49410/what-is-dirty-mrfing-and-whydoes-it-matter-cd90be24e3ec

### **How You Can Help**

Recycling right starts at home! Here are a few key

- Know your local guidelines: Each municipality has specific rules about what can be recycled.
- Keep it clean and dry: Rinse containers and avoid putting wet or greasy items in the bin. Always replace the lids on the containers.
- When in doubt, throw it out: If you're unsure whether something is recyclable, it's safer to discard it than risk contamination.



and reducing landfill waste, but it only works if everyone plays their part! Understanding the journey of recyclables and keeping contaminants out of the bin ensures that your efforts at home translate into real environmental impact. So next time you recycle, remember: it's not just where it goes, but what you put in that determines its

For any questions, please email Brandy Nelson at BNelson@ak-chin.nsn.us at Environmental Programs.

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(MRF). https://www.wm.com/us/en/inside-recycling

### Father's Day continued from Front

hours, participants were able

to jump into the axe throwing set up to showcase their axe handling and throwing skills, trying to hit a bull's eye at the targets.

Before departing for the day, a cool dive into the pool was a

Although they didn't take

advantage of the full events that were available, late arrivals were given boxes of food and slushies to take home. Gift bags with small gifts and snacks were given out to all those who attended.

All in all, the event was well

attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. The only item that was missing, was that cool refreshing drink!

Ak-Chin Elder Center staff prepared a great steak luncheon for Father's Day. Even though it was designated

Earlier in the week, the

fathers, many mothers

occasion. The luncheon included; steak,

were there to help celebrate the

baked potato, salad and a piece of cake. Gift bags with snacks and other goodies were given out, along with a Tupperware item, to all the fathers who attended.



### **ATTENTION Community Members**

### If you are delinquent on your fines/restitution,

**Past Due Fines/Restitution** 

or not sure if you have an outstanding balance. Please contact the courts at (520) 568-1385 at your earliest convenience to avoid the following penalties: Withholding of Annual Distributions

- Garnishment of Wages for those working
- within the Community You can void any of the above collections

#### by the following: You may come and make a payment

- arrangement and must be consistent. You may come to the court and dispute the
- matter and request a hearing.

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Huerta-Bandin continued from Front program I participated in American University had for Native students based one of the best programs in DC, the Native American for public administration Leadership and policy, which dived into Program (NAPLP). This was an amazing opportunity how to conduct project and

Political

Washington

because I was able to

find internships in issue

areas where I had passion

and I was also able to be

apart of student panels

sharing my experiences on

a platform, like a George

webinar and a United

Nations webinar advocating for Indigenous education.

During my most recent

degree for MPAP I worked

full time simultaneously with

a non-profit organization,

which focused on access to

justice initiatives in State

Courts across the U.S.

**Q:** What/Who inspired you

to further your education?

A: I have naturally always

loved learning. I think

knowledge is the power to

excel not only in our careers,

but also in our everyday

lives. Naturally, stress

accompanied my journey,

which challenged me, but

my husband and family have

always been my biggest

supporters in achieving my

educational goals, which has

kept me inspired to continue.

**Q:** Why did you choose

the school(s) you attended?

**A:** When I interned with

U.S. GAO, I was on the

track to law school after

my undergraduate degree,

because I found passion in

pursuing a degree that can

have a hand in impacting

policy, but during my

internship, I found another

to

policy, which is through

programs/agencies.

After speaking with a few analysts, I found that

affecting

Allissia Huerta-Bandin with her family: Shelia

Bandin (mother), Victor Bandin (brother), Arnula

Bandin Jr. (father) and Luis Huerta (husband)

government

pathway

auditing

University

policy analysis, which were key to auditing projects.

Q: What was one of classes/ the hardest subjects took?

A: One of the hardest classes I took was Quantitative Methods where we learned how to use statistics and *mathematical tools to analyze* problems and questions.

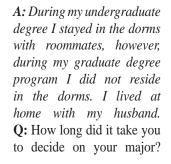
**Q:** What was one of your classes/subjects?

A: My favorite class was the last course I took, which was based on our practicum. I got to work with two other students and an external client to conduct a project analysis on an issue that we found interesting. researched and conducted our presentation climate resiliency Tribal communities in the Southwest U.S.

Q: What did you do during from school? downtime Hobbies? Job? Travel?

A: Working full-time and going to grad school full-time was difficult. I did not have a lot of free time compared undergraduate my experience. I had to learn to adapt to my new reality and to live in the moment and not in the future, so I didn't worry about all of my pending assignments at once. Although, I seldom found free time, when I did, I spent this time mostly reading, watching movies, and hanging out with my family.

**Q:** Did you live at home or at school (dorm/roommates)?



A: It took a while to decide

on my major. As I was still committed to attending law school at the end of my undergraduate degree, I was unsure of where to go next. So, much so, that I graduated with my Bachelors in May 2022 and I applied for my graduate degree also within the same month. Once I applied, I decided that the route of public administration and policy was where I was going to be and I didn't change my major.

Please share one Q: your best college moments/memories?

A: Meeting my friends that are still in my life 7 years later!

Q: What advice would you give to a young student looking further their education?

A: There are so many things I'd like to say to young students to further their education, but my biggest advice is to never give up no matter how challenging things get, because one thing that nobody can take away is your mind and your knowledge. Your mind is what makes you unique and expanding your mind to new experiences in college beyond the classroom is something that I believe really shaped me into how I see the world today.

Q: If you had to do it all over again, would you anything different?

A: I can happily say no.

**Q**: What you plan next?

A: I am not sure if my school is in my future, I am sure D-Backs NARD continued from Page 2 it is, but for now I'd like to enjoy my free time with my loved ones and things that bring me happiness outside the classroom.

**Q:** Anything else you would like to share?

A: I'd like to say that

while I have had many experiences in which I am grateful for I could not have done it without my family, and the support of the community to keep me going.



Sip & Paint continued from Page 2

Cecily Peters enjoys a massage.

chair massages

provided those

their

wonderfully draining (in

the best way!) lymphatic

drainage plates. And of

course, our wonderful

Mary Kay representative

had everyone feeling

their fabulous beauty

But the pampering didn't

stop there! Our incredible

Department whipped up

an amazingly delicious

helped to rejuvenate

from the inside out a perfect blend of

health and happiness!

Moms also unleashed

that

makeup-ready

products!

smoothie

able

un-knot-

with

Education

truly

inner with beautiful canvas paintings and captured precious memories at our adorable photo booth, creating picture-perfect moments.

excitement

The

continued with a raffle that had everyone on the edge of their seats! Lucky moms walked away with incredible prizes, including a luxurious spa day at Harrah's, a dreamy night's stay at Harrah's, and even some ink-redible body with a tattoo courtesy of Redemption Tattoo right here in Maricopa!

The feedback from

Deidra Carlyle gets a facial. the moms was truly heartwarming! We heard

and "I felt so pampered appreciated!" Many shared how much they loved the variety of services and the thoughtful touches. It truly massaged our hearts to hear such wonderful comments! absolutely adore tradition

things like, "This was

exactly what I needed!"

We cannot wait to continue making Mother's Day extra special for the amazing moms of our community. Stay tuned for more fantastic events we promise they'll be smoothie-licious!

A sales rep from Mary Kay was on hand to show beauty products to attendees of the Recreation Sip & Paint Mother's Day Celebration.

sat in a suite, while forty plus players, coaches and Ak-Chin Recreation staff from their little league program enjoyed suite access as well.

Pregame activities began

with the ceremonial throwing of the first pitch, as Salt River Pima-Maricopa President, Martin Havier hurled a strike to Diamondback outfielder Corbin Carroll. Following introductions and announcements, ? of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa tribe, sang the National Anthem in the O'odham language.

thrown by Corbin Burnes and fans settled into their

As the first pitch was

seats, the hope for a win was on the thoughts of many as the Snakes were in a slump, having lost nine of their last ten games.

During their time in

their respective suites, both Ak-Chin children and elders enjoyed a luncheon that consisted of; hot wings, hot dogs, macaroni and cheese and assorted drinks. A special treat was given out to both as they were given black and teal baseball hats, with the Native American Day logo inscribed on the side of the hats.

of the game, a number

traditional and cultural dancers invaded the outfield areas, as they gave a dance performance, much to the delight of the crowd. Also, throughout the game, DJ Tribal Touch, also known as Shawn kept Martinez, the crowd engaged with his selections.

witnessing After much-needed win, both Ak-Chin groups were blessed by mother nature as rain poured as they made their way out to their transportation for home. A crowd of nearly 30,000 helped celebrate Native American Day at During the mid-point the ballpark.





Recreation Department Director Ann speaks with Ak-Chin Marie Antone, Jacob Dickerson, Alyssa Dickerson and Jennifel Boehm during the NARD celebration with the Diamondbacks

## 2025 Ak-Chin Indian Community Summer Youth Workers



Amare Santiago Housing

What do you like about What do you like about your department? Staying busy

What's something you What's can get experience from you've experienced that this that you can use in the real world? Working with housing equipment and repairing them.

your department like? the teachers and plan Funny and wanting to get crafts work done



your department? The Did you want to work teachers.

something

you can use in the real word? Dealing with kids What did you learn What is your position

at your working What are the people in department? To assist



Arie Deleon **Community** Government

in your department? Yes, I wanted to learn more about the community.

while working at your **department?** How to archive the proper way. Are you interested in

having a similar job in the future? A possibility,



Auciana Miguel **Education** 

been wanting to try out to do and I like it so far.

school

when I was little, but no



Brenley Hackney Library

Did you want to work in What do you like about What do you like about your department? Yes, your department? I your department? The this is something I've always have something kids and coworkers

What's What did you learn you've **experienced** because at first it was eye while working at your that you can use in the catching **department?** How it's **real word?** Probably like working with kids in organizing or talking to What's people

having a similar job you like doing at your and how to manage my in the future? I used to department? Organizing hours books



Carson De Paola Parks and Rec

Did you want to work in something your department? Yes,

something you've experienced that you can use in the real Are you interested in What's something fun word? How to clock in



Parks and Rec

What do you like about your department? Helping kids

What is your position working at your department? Parks and Rec Summer youth

Does the community seem like somewhere you want to work in the future? Yes



**Facility** What do you like about What is your position

Water Reclamation

your department? I get working at your to learn a lot

What's

you can use in the real you like doing at your word? To know how the department? Printing. water process works

something

work here for summer then get a job here



Government

Elijah Narcia

Community

**department?** Cleaning or organize. you've experienced that What's something fun

Does the community Are you interested in seem like somewhere having a similar job you would want to work in the future? I plan to in the future? Maybe.



Early Education What's something Did you want to work you've experienced that in your department?

you can use in the real Yes, I wanted to work in

different

word? Working with my department because I kids What is your position working at

department?

assistant

Does the community seem like somewhere you would want to work in the future? Yes



**Preschool** 

always worked with the kids in my family your What's something fun the real world? I feel Teacher you like doing at your department? Doing

> What are the people in your department like? Very respectful, kind, and helpful

activities with the kids



Joanna Peters **Education** What do you like about

the way all the staff are so nice and welcoming What is something you can get experience from this that you can use in

your department? I like

like I am getting a lot of experience through computers things and What did you learn while working at this

department? I have learned a lot about the technology and the way to connect with others



Education

What's something you

from this that you can

use in the real world?

can get

Connections

department?

with the kids

Did you want to work in What's something you your department? Yes, can get experience from I wanted to work here this that you can use in the real world? Being cause it's fun alert

experience

Working

What did you learn while working department? Communication

Julio Gloria

Preschool

What's something fun Does the community you like doing at your seem like somewhere you would want to work in the future? Yes, I love being around with other indigenous people



Parks and Rec

What's something you can get experience from this that you can use in the real world? The communication I learned from being at the front desk

What's something fun you like doing at your Working department? all events/ Holidays

Are you interested in having a similar job in the future? Yes. I love the hospitality of parks and rec



Kellen Hoffman Library

What did you learn

while working at your

Don't

department?

worry so much What's something fun you like doing at your

**department?** Working Does the community seem like somewhere you would want to work in the future? Yeah



Education

What's something you can get experience from this that you can use in the real world? I can gain experience working with kids

What is your position working at department? I work with middle school kids

What's something fun you like doing at your department? around my co-workers



Larisa D. Rascon Him-Dak

What's something you

can get experience from

this that you can use in

the real world? Working

with young children What did you learn while working at this department? Patience, which I already have but sometimes it requires a

Are you interested in having a similar job in the future? It is one of my possible future jobs



Mark Pablo Him-Dak

What's something

you've experienced

real word? Use this

future jobs

that you can use in the

as work experience for

What do you like about your department? It's fun and educating and I can work out for

Mateo Rodriguez

**Fire** 



Did you want to work in your department?

Yes, because it's fun



Did you want to work

in your department?

I did want to work here

because I had so much

your department? I get to work with machinery similar to what I want to do in the future

Myles Peters

Central Plant



Did you want to work in your department? Yes, because I worked

here last year and

enjoyed it N. Miguel continues to Page 8

M. Pablo continues to Page 8 M. Peters continues to Page 8 M. Rodriguez continues to Page 8 M. Enos continues to Page 8 M. Matuz continues to Page 8

fun last year

### M. Pablo continued

What's something fun What did you learn you like doing at your

department? Drawing or helping the

Does the community seem like somewhere you would want to work

M. Matuz continued

department?

in the future?

while working at this

children and their needs.

in the future? Yes

### M. Peters continued

What did you learn What's something fun What did you learn you like doing at your department?

M. Rodriguez contined

while working at your

What are the people in

your department like?

department?

Funny, nice.

How to do CPR.

About working with Messing with the tennis More stuff about art

Does the community Are you interested in having a similar job in seem like somewhere having a similar job in the future? you would want to work the future?

Yes, I am I want to work Yes, I do want to work in HVAC

N. Miguel continued

Working with kids

while working at this department?

Did you want to work

in What did you learn

while working at this

What's something fun

you like doing at your

department?

department?

How to clock in

June 20 - July 3, 2025

Are you interested in

Somewhat

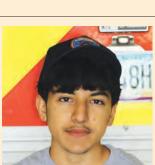


Owen Santiago Maintenance

I wanted to work here because of how hands on they work

What's something you can get experience from this that you can use in the real world? Fixing things in my own home

What did you learn while working at this **department?** That some problems can fix easily



care for

Are you interested in having a similar job in the future? Yes, I cloud see myself in this similar

What are the people in your department like? They are awesome and inspiring



What did you learn while working at your department? How to be extremely organized

What's something fun you like doing at your department? Going out to see the drone fly

## Preparing for NABI



Auciana Miguel, Stella Miguel, Nyaila Miguel, Iliana Perryman, Nevaeh Antone, Joanna Peters. Not pictured: Sophia Peters, Alyssa Begay and Tatum Campbell.

#### Story & Photo by R. Miguel

Ak-Chin The Girls Basketball team continues to be active and bolster continuity as they participated in the Road 2 Nationals Tipoff in Phoenix last weekend.

The ladies took to the court at Sandra Day O'Connor high school, the following day.

Despite succumbing to double digit defeats both games, Coaches Raymond "Bunch" Whitman and Kyle Peters were very pleased with the teams efforts, as both identified the improvement of players and playing good

The Ak-Chin girls look to Phoenix Arena.

continue tournament play next weekend as they look to play in a National Tournament in Phoenix.

The participation in past tournaments have them preparing for the Native Basketball American Invitational, which will take place from July 23rd through July 26th in downtown Phoenix, with the finals being held at



Isaac King and Mateo Rodriguez 8th Grade **Promotees** 

> Maricopa Legacy **Traditional** School



Teagan Delma PRC

something you've experienced that you can use in the real word? I know how PRC works so now I know who to talk to if I need help with health care payments in the future.

What's something fun you like doing at your department? Uhm, I guess getting to learn about the department and what everyone does and how it works.

What are the people in your department like? The people here are presented in the control of the enjoyable. Everyone is pretty quiet and keeps to themselves.



**Events** 

What's something fun you like doing at your department? Helping my coworkers

Are you interested in having a similar job in the future?

Yes, because I can plan big events.

What are the people in your department like? Cool, funny, inspiring.



Terry Santiago Parks and Rec

Did you want to work in your department? Yes, because I used to go here

Are you interested in having a similar job in the future? Kind of, because I find it fun

Does the community seem like somewhere you want to work in the future? Yea I would like a job here in the community



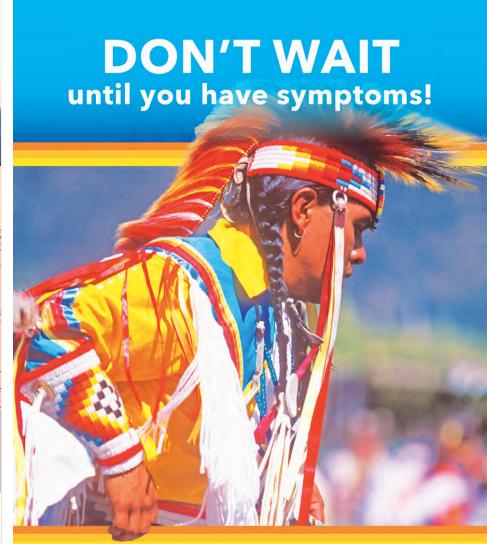
Tyler Peters Housing

What's something you've experienced that you can use in the real word? Fixing

What are the people in your department like? Ok and nonchalant

Does the community seem like somewhere vou would want to work in the future? Yes





Regular check-ups may catch health issues early. Diabetes, heart disease, liver disease, prostate cancer, and other conditions are more treatable if they're caught early.

Ask your Indian health care provider what health checks are recommended for your age and lifestyle.

Visit HealthCare.gov/coverage or call 1-800-318-2596.





### **CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:**

- Communication Officer (part-time)
- Communications Officer Compensation Analyst
- Deli Clerk
- Detention Officer Certified (part-
- Lab Tutor (part-time)
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer (non-certified)
- Substance Abuse Therapist

### Open to Enrolled Ak-Chin Members Only

- General Worker (Temp Worker)
- Homemaker
- Library Clerk
- Museum Technician (2)
- Oral Historian
- Senior Gaming Agent (TGA)

### www.ak-chin.nsn.us

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. If you need assistance, please call the Human Resources Dept. at 520-568-1050.



### **HEART MONITORING PROJECT** RECRUITING 10 VOLUNTEERS

#### You are encouraged to participate in a two-week remote heart monitoring study

Remote Heart Monitoring is a method that helps collect information on the heart through electric signals aka ECG signals. The need for remote heart monitoring has increased especially in American Indian communities in Arizona, where heart disease is a leading cause of death. Those who work or live in rural or remote areas may not have the same access to this kind of technology. We want to change this! Help us create better remote heart monitors!

complete the questionnaires and receive the following COMPLETE REPORT OF YOUR HEART ACTIVITY and a \$100 Amazon Gift Card

What is the BodyGuardian Mini?

The FDA-ap

BodyGuardian MINI is an

easy-to-use wearable and waterproof heart monitor

that can be moved and

reapplied for comfort.

#### Are you Eligible to Participate? American Indian Adult (18 yrs and older)

2. A member of the Ak-Chin Tribal Commu Preferred history of atrial fibrillation, congestive heart failure, or high blood pressure, however, it is not necessary to have these conditions.

All interested participants must be screened

inter Small Conference Rm

Please contact to be screened

Phone: 928-856-1030 Email: Brenda Charley@nau.edu

1st Wave of 5 participants

Remove monitor on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 appts to remove between 8am thru 12pm

### 2nd Wave of 5 participants

will be made between 1pm thru 6pm.
Remove monitor on Tuesday, July 29, 2025
appts to remove between 12pm thru 6pm



Location:





is supported by the National Science Foundation Grant # CNS-2213915 and the Strong Heart Study





### **Employee Updates**



Henry Gooday Chief Judge Courts



Alondra Rivera Cashier



- · Start Friday, August 15, 2025 Fridays | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m AND 3 hours/week online
- Taught by certified teachers

Contact Us!



**HOW DO I REGISTER?** 

You must attend an Information Session!

9 am Friday, July 11 9 am Friday, July 25

**Ak-Chin Indian Community Education Building** 46521 W. Farrell Road Maricopa, AZ 85139

**OPEN GYM 4PM - 9PM** 

**OPEN GYM 7PM - 6PM** 

OPEN GYM 4PM - 6PM

**OPEN GYM 4PM - 6PM** 

WEIGHT ROOM 4PM - 9PM

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WEIGHT ROOM 4PM - 6PM



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SUNDAY

SATURDAY

WEIGHT ROOM 8AM - 4PM

OPEN GYM 8AM - 4PM WEIGHT ROOM 8AM - 4PM **OPEN GYM 8AM-10AM** Please be advised that due to the Parks and Recreation

Summer Program, our gym will be available for

**HALF-COURT** use only throughout June. MORE INFORMATION 6 520-568-1740 CRECREATION@AK-CHIN.NSN.US



my daughter Adella Love, Mom

**Happy Birthday to my grandsons** Justin, Gabriel, and John and to my granddaughter Susan Love, Grandma



CLOSED JULY 4TH AND 5TH

ST. MARY'S FOOD BANK

Weekdays @11am-1pm & Saturdays @12-2pm

PLAYDAY AT THE LIBRARY

Join us for an afternoon of play and reading at the library designed for young children ages 3 to 7 years old Saturday 1-3pm.

Uncover the essentials of creating manga and find out how you can draw manga yourself. Artists of all skill levels, from beginners to advanced, are

welcome! June 23rd 3-5pm & July 7th & 21st 4-5pm.

MORE INFO: 520-568-1675 LIBRARY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025

SUPPLIES ONLY, NO BACKPACKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

10:00AM - 2:00PM

5:30PM - 7:30PM

FORMS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN TO RECEIVE THE BACKPACK

Forms for enrolled student members and non-member student residents will be available on site. There is a separate form for the non-member student residents. Non-

member student residents MUST be on the Housing lease, verification and signature from a Housing Representative is required to

ceive a backpack.

(Housing and Enrollment representatives will be on site for verification)

MARICOPA, AZ 85139

AK-CHIN EVENTS DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2025

23 & 27

GRABN GO LUNCH Pick up 5 days of meals for kids under 18

SUMMER STORYTIME

READING BUDDIES

Children and teens ages 5-18 can come to the library and read with a Reading Buddy on

Monday and Friday afternoons from 3:30-5:30pm.

MANGA MONDAY

JUNE

Children ages 3 and up join Ms. Linda for Storyti and a craft on Thursday10-11am and Saturday



6/20

Mayra Bandin, Preschool Juanita Miguel, Elder Center

> 6/21 Bridget Carlyle,

PRC Sarah Zabawa, **Tribal Gaming Agency** 

6/22 Bija Gozhone Talkalai,

Police

6/25 Lori Allen

Parks & Rec Guillermo Ruiz. Sanitation Gino Williams, Tribal Gaming Agency

6/26

Rufus White, Sanitation

6/27 Aiyana Narcia,

Vekol Sheila Pablo-Bandin. Youth Council

6/28 Amanda Maldonado, **PRC** 

6/29

Susan Guerin, Vekol

6/30

Naomi Bishop, Library

7/1 Teresa Tsanos,

Education

7/2 Daniel Batopis. Parks & Rec Dalena Crawford, Courts

Tristan Garcia.

**Police** 7/3 Mayra Martinez, **ECE** Sierra Paddock, Finance

Rayford Vavages,

Elder Center

#### 6/30 Birthdays 6/20 **JUNE 23RD JUNE 20TH**

### Juanita Miguel

Julianna Smith **Justin Zabawa** Sayra Montero Zamudio **JUNE 21ST** 

#### **Bridget Carlyle** Tanya Enos

Linda Jose Sedra Dean **Andreas Antone JUNE 22ND** 

### Davidson

Ugalde Jr. **Baya Olivas** Genisys Sandoval Bija Talkali Pamela Vincent Pablo Alejandro

Jr.

### Lillian Shade **Charity Vincent**

**JUNE 24TH** Salvatore

### Johnson Jr.

**Kevin Ormsby Autum Manuel** Nicole Narcia Adela Zabawa

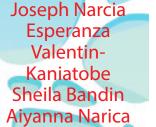
### **Anthony Antone** Johnny Lopez

**JUNE 25TH** 

**JUNE 26TH Delores** Rodrigues

Rufus White Tylen Zepeda Savanna Enos

**JUNE 27TH Gabriel Narcia** 



Makaylia Allison

**JUNE 28TH** 

### **JUNE 29TH** Susan Guerin Janelle White

John White **JUNE 30TH** 

Esmeralda

Santiago **Ionni Flores** John Zabawa Martin Antone

Sr.



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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Library Hours<br>Mon-Fri : 9am-6pm<br>Sat 12pm-4pm<br>Sun: Closed |                 | Reading<br>Buddies<br>3:30-5:30pm                             | 3  | 4  | 5<br>Storytime<br>@10am           | 6<br>Reading<br>Buddies<br>3:30-5:30pm<br>Create with<br>Cricut<br>4-6pm | 7<br>Storytime &<br>Play Day<br>1-3pm  |
| 1                                                                 | 8               | Reading<br>Buddies<br>3:30-5:30pm<br>Manga<br>Monday<br>3-5pm | 10 | n  | Storytime<br>@10am                | Reading<br>Buddies<br>3:30-5:30pm                                        | 14<br>Father's Day<br>Craft<br>1-3pm   |
| 1                                                                 | FATHER'S<br>DAY | Reading<br>Buddies<br>3:30-5:30pm                             | 17 | 18 | HAFFY<br>JUNE<br>TEENTH<br>Closed | 20<br>Reading<br>Buddies<br>3:30-5:30pm                                  | 21<br>Storytime &<br>Play Day<br>1-3pm |
|                                                                   | 22              | 23                                                            | 24 | 25 | 26                                | 27                                                                       | 28                                     |

Reading Reading Buddies Storytime Buddies 3:30-5:30pm @10am 3:30-5:30pm Manga Monday 3-5pm

> Programs and events open to GRAB & GO FREE KIDS MEALS Ak-Chin members, residents 18 & UNDER MONDAY-FRIDAY: 11AM-1PM SATURDAY: 12PM-2PM

and employees Minors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

Questions? Call: (520) 568-1675 or Email: Library@ak-chin.nsn.us

### **HOHP** hosts celebration for Pinal **County Women Veterans**



brought together by Ms. Kim Vandenberg, the Chairperson for Honoring/Hiring/Helping our Heroes of Pinal County (HOHP), to celebrate the 77th Anniversary of the 1948 Women's Armed Services Integration Act.

"Mama Kim", as named by a young female veteran that had been working with Kim, is not a veteran herself, but her passion is evident with her service at HOHP.

The Served, Highly-Respected, Empowered "SHE" group of female veterans have been meeting at HOHP for over a year and sponsored this "Women Veterans Recognition Day" event. For more information visit HOHP Facebook page.

All in attendance shared their military branch, years on active/ reserves and memories of their time serving our Nation in the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force.

The event started with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem sang in Navajo by our youngest guest in attendance. Followed by a conversation with Arizona Department of Veterans Services, Legislative Liaison, Julia R. Gusse.

Last week on June 12, 2025, a Ending with great conversations group of women veterans were from a Marine trailblazer who served in 1966 and was forced to leave active duty because of her pregnancy, to stories that were too familiar to some and meaningful to all.

This was a great opportunity to share, laugh, cry and celebrate our sisterhood. The SHE group was presented with Women Veterans Recognition Proclamation from Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs.







ALL NEW SUMMER GOLF PROGRAM WITH \$350+ POTENTIAL SAVINGS!

THE Summer Steal PROGRAM\$599

Southern Dunes

10 ROUNDS OF CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF 5/19-10/2 then \$29 Mon-Thurs & \$39 Fri-Sun rates for remainder of the program 20% OFF GOLF SHOP 10% OFF ARROYO GRILLE 12 CALLAWAY CHROME TOUR GOLF BALLS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO #miniDunes PLUS 3 GUESTS A BOTTLE OF OUR SINGLE BARREL BOURBON SIX DAY BOOKING WINDOW 30 MINUTE INDIVIDUAL LESSON



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### **JUNE 2025**

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SUNDAY

SHOPPING!



MONDAY

WITH REWARD CREDITS AT



TUESDAY

YOU KNOW THE DRILL BY AUSTIN TOOLS™ GIVEAWAY



WEDNESDAY

SUMMER PLAY FEST **FOREVER YOUNG** 



THURSDAY

10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER



FRIDAY

SUMMER PLAY FEST



SATURDAY

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**SUNDAY FUNDAY** SHOPPING!



REDEEM REWARD CREDITS FOR FREE SLOT PLAY!



YOU KNOW THE DRILL BY AUSTIN TOOLS™ GIVEAWAY



SUMMER PLAY FEST **FOREVER YOUNG** 



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SUMMER PLAY FEST



PATRIOTIC LANYARDS AT CAESARS REWARDS®



SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING! FATHER'S DAY FREE SLOT PLAY



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SUMMER PLAY FEST **FOREVER YOUNG** 



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SUMMER PLAY FEST



SUNSHINE & SPARKLE **GIFT GIVEAWAY** 



SHOPPING!

**SUNDAY FUNDAY** 



COFFEE & DONUTS, A WINNING COMBINATION





**FOREVER YOUNG** 



**10X REWARD CREDIT** MULTIPLIER HOOPS DRAFT DAY **SWEEPSTAKES** 







**SUNDAY FUNDAY INDULGE YOUR** SHOPPING! AGAVE'S RESTAURANT



WIN YOUR SHARE OF WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS THIS SUMMER