



Ak-Chin Girls Basketball - Top l to r: Assistant Coach Kyle Peters, Tatum Campbell, Auciana Miguel, Nyaila Miguel, Neveah Antone, Audrina Peters, Joanna Peters and Head Coach Raymond "Bunch" Whitman. Bottom l to r: Stella Miguel, Illyana Perryman, Alyssa Begay and Sophia Peters.

## Ak-Chin competes in National Tournament

Story and photos By Robert Miguel

They came from all over the United States to compete in the 6th Annual Native American Junior Nationals "Premier Exposure Series" Indigenous Basketball Tournament; Oklahoma, Nevada, California, South Dakota, New Mexico, Florida, and Montana; you name the state, representation was apparent.

Ak-Chin's girls basketball was added to that team list, as the high

school age ranged group took to the hardcourt in the 11th & 12th grade division; competing and giving their all throughout two days of play at the Arizona Athletic Grounds in Mesa, Arizona, June, 27th and 28th.

In their first round of play against Lady Akichita, the Ak-Chin ladies put up a valiant effort in the first half as they trailed, but put up a strong defensive effort to stay

close. The second half was different as the Lady Akichita squad used a ten-player rotation to upend Ak-Chin.

Ak-Chin played probably their best game of the season against Tribal Dynasty in the second round. Staying close through the first half, Ak-Chin made a push to get within two points before halftime.

The score stayed close in the second half as

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Eric Chavez calls balls and strikes during a youth softball game in Maricopa. Chavez was recently selected as Umpire In Chief for Maricopa Little League

## Eric Chavez following in his father's footsteps

Story and photos submitted by Della Honie

Obviously, when a child is taking their steps in their adolescent years and want to be like someone, they choose their "father," in particular if you're a male.

This was the case for Eric Chavez, as he grew up around the game of baseball and watched his father, the late David Chavez, who was highly recognized as a reputable, respectable and honest person when it came to umpiring games.

The late David Chavez, was well known not just within the city of Maricopa, but around the County, State and Southwest United States, for his keen and sharp duties behind the plate and on the base paths.

Watching his father ump, and witnessing closely on how fair and consistent he was, inspired a young Eric to follow in the footsteps of his father.

Not only has Eric

maintained a love for umping like his late father, but being behind the plate has allowed Eric to continue his father's legacy.

Below is a submitted article from Eric's wife Della.

I wanted to share a possible article to highlight Ak-Chin Tribal Member, Eric Chavez, who is currently serving as Umpire in Chief of the Maricopa Little League.

## Ak-Chin Runner Staff visit News Channel 3

Story and photos By Robert Miguel

What a wonderful experience for staff from the Ak-Chin O'odham Runner who recently visited the Arizona Family building, and visit to ABC 3 TV, Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. AZ Family is the organization combination of channels 3 and 5 news.

The trip to downtown Phoenix last week, included attendance from Ak-Chin O'odham Runner staff members Robert Miguel, Kathleen Miguel, Diana Carlyle, Eliza Santiago, and summer youth

employees; Elizabeth Antone, Stella Miguel and William Martinez.

Immediately as the group walked into the lobby area, they knew it was going to be a treat, as an old film camera projector was on display, showing a piece of history and the beginnings of what we know now as television.

Greeted by Jennifer Jones, Senior Content Coordinator of Special Projects, the group was led into one of the main areas of the two-story building, where a network of employees

gathered information for potential news segments and helped prepare the days upcoming broadcasts of news from not only the state, but throughout the country.

Individual television personalities were also prepping themselves to be on air.

The team from the Runner was able to maneuver through the facility to see first-hand some of the studios, where segments are shot for on-air footage, such as their weight and fitness area, where

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Following a live broadcast on AZ Family News Channel 3 - Ak-Chin summer youth employees, Stella Miguel, William Martinez, and Elizabeth Antone get a photo with television personality Scott Passmore.

## Ak-Chin Youth Council Meet & Greet



Ak-Chin Youth Council President Haedin DePaola, and Vice-President Daria Garcia, share information on their youth council programs.

Story & Photos By Kristen Villegas

On June 25, 2025; the Ak-Chin Youth Council hosted a Meet & Greet for the Ak-Chin Community to reintroduce to the program and its new and returning members. The youth council has been on hiatus after past coordinator, Joseph Davis stepped down after years of dedication to

the program. For a time, youth council events were being aided by the parents of the members.

To open, new coordinator, Sheila Bandin-Pablo welcomed everyone and shared, "I am so excited to be here with these girls and boys and for us to be doing this together,

we have worked hard to get to where we're at and we can't believe it's here. They all have something great to give to this youth council."

Afterwards, youth council members one by one, introduced themselves and shared their motivations for

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## Training on Elder Bullying

Submitted by Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Ak-Chin Elder Program Director

On June 2, 2025, the Ak-Chin Elder Staff attended a training session with the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA).

This meeting included Elder Center Directors and staff from all 19 Arizona tribes. We learned that bullying is becoming more common at elder centers across the state.

The Ak-Chin Elder Center Staff participated in this training to understand the issue better. We want to share this information with the Community to raise awareness and support families and our Community's elders.

**Bullying can manifest in various ways, and it is essential to recognize the different forms it can take. Below are several areas that help identify instances of bullying.**

1. **Verbal Abuse:** This includes name-calling, threats, being bossy, or derogatory comments directed towards the staff members and the elderly. Such language can deeply affect the mental health of elders.

2. **Physical Aggression:** Any form of physical harm or intimidation, such as pushing, hitting, or unwanted touching, constitutes bullying.

This behavior creates an environment of fear and discomfort for the elderly.

3. **Social Isolation:** Deliberately excluding an elder from social activities or interactions can significantly impact their emotional well-being. This form of bullying can lead to feelings of loneliness and depression.

4. **Financial Exploitation:** Taking advantage of an elder's financial resources through manipulation or coercion is another serious form of bullying. This can leave the victim without the necessary funds for their care or well-being.

5. **Disrespect for Personal Space and Privacy:** Intruding on an elder's personal space or disregarding their privacy can be a form of bullying, leading to feelings of powerlessness and anxiety.

By identifying these areas, caregivers, families, and community members can work together to create a safer and more supportive environment for elders in facilities across Indian Country.

It is crucial to address bullying promptly and effectively to ensure the dignity and respect

that all elders deserve.

## Why do Elders Bully?

Why do some elders engage in bullying behavior? Various factors contribute to this, and recognizing them is essential for addressing the root causes. Here's a breakdown of potential reasons:

1. **Power Imbalance:** The elder who bullies others may feel powerless due to their age, health issues, or dementia. To reclaim a sense of control, some might resort to bullying behaviors as a way to exert power over others.

2. **Frustration and Isolation:** Aging can bring about significant life changes, including loss of independence, health deterioration, and social isolation. Feelings of frustration or helplessness may lead some individuals to lash out at others as a coping mechanism for their own emotions.

3. Previous Experiences: Elders may have a history of being bullied or abused themselves, leading them to imitate those behaviors. Learned behaviors from past relationships or environments can resurface, causing them to bully others as a form of defense or control.



# San Juan Feast invites all to celebrate history and loved ones

Story by Robert Miguel

In a couple of weeks, the annual San Juan Church Feast, which is hosted and sponsored by the Miguel family, will be celebrating with a number of activities that will include a meal and chicken scratch dance on Saturday, July 26th.

The celebration will begin with a rosary at 8:00 am at the San Juan Church, that will be administered by Lerline Peters.

and Dean Peters. Following rosary, a procession march will begin, with the San Juan saint carried from the church to a designated shrine east of the Miguel family grounds, where the saint will be placed throughout the day.

The procession will include a performance by Martin Luna and his Mathachina dancers from the Gila River

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# Elder Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>* Breakfast Served from 7 AM to 8:30 AM</p> <p>* Lunch Served from 12 PM to 1 PM</p> <p>* For Transportation, call Georgia at 520-568-1760</p> <p>* Movie Questions? Call the Elders Center at 520-568-1760</p> <p>* Thursdays: Elder Chair Yoga 9 AM - 10 AM</p> <p>(Menu Subject to Change without Notice)</p>				<p><b>7/4 CENTER CLOSED</b></p> 
<p><b>7/7</b></p> <p>Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Potatoes/Toast, Apples</p> <p>Spaghetti, Romaine Salad, Texas Toast, Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p><b>7/8</b></p> <p>Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana</p> <p>BLT Sandwich, Macaroni Salad, Chips, Apple Pie</p>	<p><b>7/9</b></p> <p>Breakfast Quesadilla, Salsa &amp; Sour Cream, Fruit Salad, Muffin</p> <p><b>Movie Day</b></p> <p>Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Whole Wheat/White Bread, Watermelon</p>	<p><b>7/10</b></p> <p>Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</p> <p><b>Casino Del Sol - leaving at 8:30 AM</b></p> <p>Chicken Salad on Pita, Mediterranean Vegetables, Greek Salad, Vanilla/Chocolate Pudding</p>	<p><b>7/11</b></p> <p>Potato Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Salad/Yogurt</p> <p>Potato Soup &amp; Salad, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Apple/Orange</p>
<p><b>7/14</b></p> <p>Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</p> <p>BBQ Pulled Pork, On Bun, Macaroni Salad, Corn on the Cob, Root Beer Floats</p>	<p><b>7/15</b></p> <p>Chorizo &amp; Eggs, Refried Beans, Tortilla, Fruit Salad</p> <p>Lentil Soup, Beef Soft Taco, Carrots, Moon Bread, Clamato Juice/Apples</p>	<p><b>7/16</b></p> <p>Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</p> <p>Grilled Chicken, Caesar Salad, Avocado, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p><b>7/17</b></p> <p>Veggie Scrambled, Avocado Slices, Toast, Fruit &amp; Cottage Cheese</p> <p><b>Angel Home Health Presentation w/Erin Kariuki</b></p> <p>Indian Tacos, Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese, Jell-O</p>	<p><b>7/18</b></p> <p>Bread Pudding, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Mixed Berries</p> <p>Chicken Tortilla Soup, Cheese Quesadilla, Fruit Salad</p>
<p><b>7/21</b></p> <p>Ham &amp; Eggs, Potatoes, Toast, Fruit/Yogurt</p> <p>Italian Sub, Pasta Salad, Chips, Flan</p>	<p><b>7/22</b></p> <p>Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Salad</p> <p>Red Chili Stew, Green Beans, Chumath, Pineapple</p>	<p><b>7/23</b></p> <p>Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Fruit with w/Cottage Cheese</p> <p>Beef &amp; Broccoli, White Rice, Egg Rolls, Jell-O Cake</p>	<p><b>7/24</b></p> <p>Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana</p> <p>Chicken Wrap, Cole Slaw, Fries, Fresh Peaches</p>	<p><b>7/25</b></p> <p>Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown Casserole, Bacon/Toast, Fruit</p> <p>Toscana Soup, Romaine Salad, Bread Sticks, Apple Sauce</p>
<p><b>7/28</b></p> <p>Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</p> <p>Beef Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Watermelon</p>	<p><b>7/29</b></p> <p>Breakfast Pizza, Avocado Slices, Fruit Salad, Muffin</p> <p>Cobb Salad, Butternut Squash Soup, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Plums</p>	<p><b>7/30</b></p> <p>Biscuits &amp; Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit &amp; Cottage Cheese</p> <p><b>Movie Day</b></p> <p>Sausage w/Red&amp;Green Peppers, Sauteed Cabbage, Cookies</p>	<p><b>7/31</b></p> <p>Breakfast Bowl, Pita Bread, Muffin, Fruit Cup</p> <p>Baked Chicken, Sweet Potato/Potato, Peas, Tropical Fruit</p>	



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# Ak-Chin Fire provides water and rescue training for Summer Youth Workers

Story by Robert Miguel, photos by William Martinez

For Ak-Chin summer youth employees, Shane Antone and Mateo Rodriguez, a future as a Fire Fighter/EMT is a possibility, as they are able to witness and experience first-hand, the daily duties of fire personnel at the Ak-Chin Fire Department, where they are currently assigned for the summer.

Under the supervision of B-Shift Crew members; Captain Chris Hayes, Captain Jennifer Boehm, Engineer/EMT Darren Peters, Engineer/EMT Brian Poulson, FF/Medic Tommy Hoetzlein, FF/Medic Justin Burke, FF/EMT Michelle Carpenter, FF/EMT Matt Shepard, and FF/EMT Caleb Gilbert; Mateo and Shane were able to participate in two trainings, search and rescue and swift water exercises.

The trainings were spearheaded by Captains, Hayes and Boehm. Although, search and rescue and swift water training primarily are designated for Fire Department employees, this year it was included in the training for the youth employees.



Shane and Mateo jumped into the Ak-Chin Recreation's swimming pool with B Shift and began their Swift Water Training, which helped personnel assess risks and make quick decisions during water rescue

emergencies. Techniques that were reviewed with the summer youth employees were going over the four basic rules of rescue: Reach, Throw, Row or Go, which are ways that can be utilized to reach the victim(s) in a water rescue.

It was crucial for the employees to see the importance of being able to physically reach out to those in need of rescue, the proper techniques of throwing a rope for rescue and how to swim and approach victim(s) for rescue were also taught.



B Shift also covered proper techniques on throwing rope bags, with the intent of Fire personnel grabbing and positioning victim(s) for rescue. How to use proper signaling to communicate with rescue teams, as well as maintaining water safety equipment were also part of the training.

Learning the proper techniques in a water rescue is of importance during the summer season as many unfortunate situations occur during the monsoon season. Every year prior to the monsoon season, the department participates in swift water training in order to be prepared for emergencies that arise as a result of flooding.

Search and Rescue Training featured mock scenarios of a commercial building on fire with a known victim inside. Fire Crews entered the building with a hose line, located a victim in low visibility environment, and removed the victim from the fire.

The assignment included our summer youth workers in all scenarios as part of the fire crew, which enabled them to be taught the

techniques for pulling hose lines, radio communications, packaging patients to move them from hazards, as well as teaching them how to quickly and efficiently search for victims in a large building. The training was held at the Ak-Chin Circle facility and grounds



In previous trainings, the Department also attended outside training with other Departments and conducted in house training within other Fire Department crews. Both trainings the summer youth employees participated in is designated for regular Fire employees, but was also an implemented training to help them get experience on different methods, terminology and equipment used to save people during water and search and rescue emergencies.

A few years ago, Captain Jennifer Boehm was delegated to create the schedule for the summer youth employees. "I felt it would be beneficial to both the department and youth workers to develop a training plan that mirrored a mini fire academy, where they were able to learn the various aspects of firefighting and EMS," Boehm said.

"Every day the crews on various shifts were able to train summer workers on a different topic as well as including them in our everyday responsibilities, such as truck

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At Left:  
Audrina Peters, drives in for a lay-up against Lady Akichita.

At Right:  
Auciana Miguel takes control of the ball under the hoop.



Chin had chances to either tie or take the lead, but was unable to capitalize on their opportunities, as they succumbed to defeat by three points.

In their final game in pool play, the ladies from Ak-Chin surrendered

to fatigue as they were defeated by a strong and experienced Arizona Red Storm squad. In their final game in tournament play, Ak-Chin was eliminated by the Hagoteele Apaches.

Although they took it on the chin during tournament

play, it's worth repeating how much the ladies have improved during the past couple of months.

Look for Ak-Chin to complete their season by competing in the upcoming Native American Basketball

Invitational (NABI) in three weeks.

The Native American Junior Nationals (NAJN), is considered the #1 Indigenous exposure basketball event in the nation with over four hundred teams, boys and

girls, competing under one roof. Over one thousand plus games were played on twenty-four basketball courts. College coaches were in the stands and some were viewing games through the partnership with Baller-TV, who was streaming live.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY PRESENTS

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Youth Council Meet & Greet continued from Front

joining; breaking out of comfort zones, ridding shyness and cultural learnings as their the top reasonings.

A few grew interest from family who have joined in the past, Carson DePaola being one of them claiming, “My reasoning for joining youth council was probably my sister, she’s a really big role model. You know, she’s been in here for 8 years and as soon as I turned thirteen, I signed my papers and turned them right in.”

After introductions, Ak-Chin Youth Council Vice-President Daria Garcia thanked Ak-Chin Council Vice-Chairman Delia Carlyle and Councilmember Lisa Garcia for attending their event.

After introductions and acknowledgments, a meal of pizza and wings was shared with all attendees as the youth council jumped into their presentation, a short while after. The presentation consisted of a brief history of the youth council, having started in 2005 by the Youth and Parent Committee of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Another topic was their focus on youth learning, which highlighted encouraging positive mental health, learning of the economic stability/

Ak-Chin’s enterprises and cultural preservation of the community.

Sheila elaborated a bit on the economic stability topic stating, “It’s important for our youth to know where our money comes from and to learn about the departments and enterprises that make it possible for us to be here.”

Haedin De Paola, current President shared, “I think everyone should join youth council, even if its for one year; you’ll learn a lot about the community and our culture,” as she shared the Youth Data Driven Insights.

Daria and Sheila also reiterated that point to the group by encouraging the attendees to have their family youth join, as there is always space for more people.

At one point in the meeting, the youth council gave the floor to the guests if they had any comments and it was met with words of wisdom and motivation for the group of young members.

Vice-Chairman Carlyle shared how important their contribution to the youth council will

help them grow into the leaders of our community some day in the future. Councilmember Garcia invited the youth group to sit in on Council meetings to get a visual of how they are conducted and what topics are discussed, and also encouraged their attendance at Community meetings.

After the presentation, the youth group organized a game of Kahoot; a fun, competitive game where competitors answer questions regarding certain topics with quickness. There were 10 participants answering questions related to the presentation; prizes were given to the top three players. Following the game, a raffle of more treats took place before concluding the meet and greet.

We look forward to the much-anticipated milestones the Youth Council will meet as their program welcomes new and exciting adventures!



Top: Owen Santiago serves Council dinner as Youth Council works together to get everyone fed before presentation. Bottom: This year's Youth Council introduces themselves to all Meet and Greet attendees.



# Summer School Field Trip Highlights Hard Work and Learning Beyond the Classroom

Story by Estrella Reyes-Helpingstine, Ak-Chin Education-Middle School Student Advisor; Photos by Runner Staff, Elizabeth Antone, William Martinez and Stella Miguel



Elementary students, middle school scholars and Education staff gather for group photos to end their action packed day at Andretti.

Students enrolled in this year’s summer school program were rewarded for their dedication and hard work with an exciting field trip to Andretti’s on June 24, 2025.

First grade through middle school students earned the opportunity to participate by showing up, staying engaged, and putting in the effort to bridge learning gaps that

often develop over the summer break.

Field trips like this are more than just a fun day away from the classroom — they give students hands-on experiences that help them build connections and social skills beyond what they learn in textbooks.

At Andretti’s, students had the chance to drive go-karts, play arcade

and VR games, and enjoy a wonderful lunch together.

This special trip was a way to celebrate our students’ commitment to their education, even during the summer months. We’re so proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing how experiences like these continue to inspire a love of learning all year long.



## Summer Programs Continue



School is around the corner for kids in Ak-Chin. While learning, crafting, or joking around; this year’s summer programs brought smiles from the youth of all ages. Get ready for the new school year kiddos, memories are to be made.



## Runner presents at Him-Dak Summer Art Program

Story by Runner Staff, Photos by Elizabeth Antone and William Martinez

On the morning of June 11, 2025, the Runner and Him-Dak staff arranged a visit from the Him-Dak Summer Art Program kids; which entailed games, insight into printing and story creation.

Students in the 11-Up age group were welcomed to the Runner by editor Raychel Peters, to come visit the Runner building where they learned about all the exciting assignments and jobs the Runner staff provide for the community.

Graphic Artist, Eliza Santiago demonstrated how to design and print banners, books, flyers, invitations and much more. It also was a

learning moment as Eliza took the kids through the process of printing.

News Assistant Kathleen Miguel provided desired artwork that were printed on sticker sheets that the students were able to cut and save. Meanwhile, photojournalist Ashley Vincent shared photos on her computer and assisted students select images.

Over to the Him-Dak Art Building, Runner photojournalists; Kristen Villegas and Robert Miguel, along with Summer Youth Runner Jr. Reporters; Elizabeth Antone and Stella Miguel, organized two fun activities for the younger groups; Kristen took the 4–7 year-old



kids through a slightly challenging scavenger hunt using photos once included in the Runner, where they received treats upon their completion of the search.

The 4-6 group worked diligently in finding the photos for the scavenger hunt, helping their peers when necessary. After the scavenger hunt was finished and treats were delivered, the young group took turns using the Canon EOS R3 camera to take photos of their group mates.

Robert led the 8–10-year-old group through the process of story creation for the Runner. The group used their creativity to come up with unique

stories with outstanding headlines. For those youngsters that struggled, Kristen shared, “There are times when I don’t know how to start a story until I pick the pictures, that’s why it’s important to pick the ones that stand out the most and work from what you see. Once you see the pictures, the story will come to you before you know it.”

Overall, the experience provided great insight into what we do at the Runner. We’d like to thank the Him-Dak kids and staff for coming by and allowing us to share a bit about our jobs. We enjoyed the activities and we hope the youth did too!







Eric Chavez continued from Front



Eric Chavez

Eric saw an opportunity to umpire a few games last season, which was specifically heartwarming due to it being the 20th Anniversary since his late father, David Chavez, founded Maricopa Little League in 2004.

As his wife, I knew that it was never going to be “just a few games.” So it wasn’t a surprise to me when he said he was approached to possibly become the of “UIC”

by the Maricopa Little League President.

Eric has dedicated himself this past year in participating in Maricopa Little League, being out on the baseball fields, umpiring fair games, recruiting, coaching, on-going training & development of young umpires, and building their confidence across Maricopa.

Some days he’s out in the heat for ten plus hours a day, while also working full-time and being a full-time dad.

Eric has truly earned his name as Umpire in Chief, and has even been asked to umpire local softball tournaments.

He has quickly gained the trust, respect and support of Maricopa Little League players and their families.

“When Eric is out there, we know it will be a fair game,” are comments shared.

Eric has a passion to live up to his father, David Chavez’s legacy, who was known across Arizona for his dedication and commitment to creating the best umpires.

David passed away on August 14, 2023.

Eric and his mom, stitched on a “55” patch, symbolizing his dad’s Umpire number, right above his own number.

Eric is currently out on the field 6 days a week for Tournaments, either umpiring himself or being the support for the young umpires.

We’re proud of his dedication and love for baseball.



Runner Staff from l to r: Diana Carlyle, William Martinez, Elizabeth Antone, Stella Miguel, Kathleen Miguel and Eliza Santiago at Channel 3 TV studios.

professional instructors were interviewed and performed proper techniques for exercises, and a kitchen setting where chefs would prepare meals on air.

The opportunity to see and watch employees in the production room was also a highlight as staff were able to ask questions.

One great question was asked by youth employee Stella Miguel, who asked, “When the person who is doing the news is saying things, do they just say what they want or do you guys write something for them?”

The answer from one of the staffers was, “we write down a script for them to read from, which is scrolled across the screen.”

The last stop in the studio was a live broadcast of Arizona Family news with television personality Scott Passmore. Following the broadcast, Stella, William, and Elizabeth, were able to sit in the studio and take photos and record their own segment.

Although, it was never

aired in the current AZ Family studio, it was a great opportunity to meet members of the KPHO channel 5 team. Channel 5 was the main station for the famous television segment, “The Wallace and Ladmo Show”.

A big thank you goes out to Jennifer Jones of AZ Family and Abbie Fink of HMA Public Relations for helping organize this wonderful field trip.

Summer youth employees, Elizabeth Antone, William Martinez and Stella Miguel have been quite busy during their assignment at the Ak-Chin O’odham Runner.

The three have seen first-hand how the newspaper is produced for distribution to membership. They’ve also helped with the publication of the newspaper as they’ve covered and taken photos of summer activities for the past couple of issues, which also allowed them to interview individuals and groups for the paper.

Picking up and rolling the newspaper for delivery from the printers at the Casa Grande Valley Newspapers was also a

highlight this summer.

The three had the enjoyment of delivering the paper to every home. Not only was it an opportunity to deliver news to their membership, but it also tested their throwing skills as they attempted to place the paper exactly on driveways.

Other than the Channel 3 visit, they were able to attend outings sponsored by the various community departments, such as field trips, movie outings and a visit to the Huhugam Heritage Center on the Gila River Community and the Huhugam Ki: Museum on the Salt River Pima Maricopa Community.

“Working with the camera’s was what I enjoyed the most working at the Runner.” said Elizabeth Antone.

“Going to every department and learning how to take pictures properly was what I enjoyed the most.” said Stella Miguel.

“I enjoyed the people always helping me out when I asked questions during the interviews.” said William Martinez.

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Indian Community. Luna is the grandson of Ed Miguel Sr., who was the leader of the popular spiritual group before his retirement.

A free barbeque lunch, which will include barbeque meat, cole slaw, beans, donuts and other goods will be served beginning at 11:00 am, until all food is gone.

The pa:pkola dance group of Eric Lopez from the Tohono O’odham Nation will perform at 4:00 pm and will be followed by a performance from the River People Traditional Singers and Dancers, led by Martin Luna from the Gila River Community.

The popular chicken scratch group, South Image, will be performing from 7:00 pm to 12:00 am. South Image, a couple of years ago, was crowned

winners of the Battle of the Bands competition at the annual Mul-Chu-Tha event in Sacaton.

At 9:00 pm, a procession march of the San Juan saint will make its way back into the church from the shrine it was placed at earlier in the day, the march will include a fireworks display.

The Ak-Chin Community has celebrated the San Juan Church for decades, the church originally sat at the current Waila Site in the middle of the community and was considered the first worshipping structure.

Due to a micro-burst in the early 70’s, the church, which was made of adobe and wood, was destroyed.

Then Chairman, the late Jonas Miguel, was requested by members of

the community to gather the remaining saints that weren’t destroyed and preserve them until a new San Juan Church could be built. After the community moved forward with the current St. Francis Church, Jonas and family members decided to rebuild the San Juan Church next to his home. Since then, the family has sponsored and hosted the San Juan Feast.

“We hope that the membership and the public can come out and help recognize and pay homage to what was considered Ak-Chin’s first church. This is also a time to reflect and remember a part of our history and remember our loved ones who are no longer with us who gathered to celebrate a momentous occasion.” – Miguel Family statement.



A small engine plane prepares to maneuver a “touch and go” landing at Ak-Chin Regional Airport during sessions for trainees.

# It’s “Touch & Go” at the airport for trainees

Story Robert Miguel, Photo by William Martinez

The Ak-Chin Regional Airport continues to be a refueling station and training facility for small engine planes.

An increase in traffic and interest of those seeking to gain a pilot’s license has been evident, particularly on Fridays, when instructors and trainees take advantage of the airport.

Many come due to the area having less air traffic, which means more time to practice their

maneuvers and gain more hours in obtaining their license.

One of the more interesting and exciting maneuvers was the “touch and go” which included take off, circling the area’s airspace and landing.

Trainees were briefly landing their aircraft(s) without coming to a complete stop and continued to excel their craft and off into the air once again.

Prior to gaining plane hours, trainees were in the classroom listening, reading information and learning from instructors on various procedures to maneuvering their aircraft, the sessions also included safety tips.

According to airport staff, Ak-Chin members who may have an interest in aviation and all matters; even if it’s possibly wanting to obtain a pilot’s license; are encouraged to visit the airport for more information.



Ak-Chin Runner Summer Youth Employees, Stella Miguel and William Martinez visit the Huhugam Heritage Center on the Gila River Indian Community,

and Huhugam Ki: Museum in Salt River-Pima Maricopa Community.



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check offs, station cleaning and running emergency calls.”

During the continued training plans, it gave Firefighters the opportunity to revisit and refresh Fire/EMS skills that may not be used on a regularly basis, and it helped them become familiar with teaching various fire topics.

Since incorporating the training program, more youth are eager and wanting to work with the Fire Department for the summer, some who have worked multiple summers with the Department have moved forward in the Cadet

Youth Programs that have been held during the school year.

It is also worth noting that all crews (A,B, and C shifts) are responsible to train the summer youth workers while they are on shift during the summer.

Due to the nature and demands of Fire Department duties, the Department unfortunately are only allowed two youth workers, as they emphasize the physical demands and high standards the Department has for the youth, should they decide to work in the department during the summer.

At the end of the summer youth program, which is slated for July 11th this year, the Department holds a family day for their summer youth employees, where family and friends are able to come to the station to see what the youth workers have learned and watch them apply their training in mock scenarios.

The Fire Department wants to thank David Trujillo of the Entertainment Center and Ak-Chin Recreation Department Director Ann Antone for allowing the two trainings to take place at their respective facilities.



# 2025 Harrah's Ak-Chin HDS Summer Youth Workers



**ABEL AGUILLA**  
Housekeeping

Is this your first year working with the Harrah's Summer Worker Program? Third Year.

What motivated you to work this summer? What motivated me was me wanting to help out my family for what they needed.

What was your first purchase after receiving your first check? My first purchase was clothes.



**ADAM BOWMAN**  
Chop, Block & Brew

What grade are you in? Just graduated high school.

Would you consider joining the HDS Program in the future? Will be onboarding as an HDS Associate in mid-July.



**ARIANNA BANDIN**  
Agaves

Is this your first year working with the Harrah's Summer Worker Program? Yes it's my first year in the program.

What motivated you to work this summer? I am getting older and wanted more job experience. I saw the great opportunity to work and make my own money.

What was your first purchase with your first check? My first purchases were new Hello Kitty room decor and lashes.



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@Native Nations Sport



**AUDRINA PETERS**  
Agaves

Is this your first year working with the Harrah's Summer Worker Program? Yes

What motivated you to work this summer? To gain experience and to learn new things.

What was your first purchase after receiving your first check? I bought my grandma Flora Howerton lunch!



**BAYA OLIVAS**  
Pool Attendant

Is this your first year working with the Harrah's Summer Worker Program? Yes.

What motivated you to work this summer? Try something new and meet new people from outside the community.

What was your first purchase with your first check? Nothing yet, maybe shoes or clothes.



**BRIAN RUELAS**  
Facilities

Do you like the department you are working in? Yeah, it's pretty cool.

What motivated you to work this summer? Making some money.

Would you consider joining the HDS program in the future? Yes.



**CHRISTIAN SOLIZ**  
Housekeeping

Is this your first year working with the Harrah's Summer Worker Program? Yes.

What do you like about it? It's pretty fun, it's a really nice experience to get to know everybody.

What was your first purchase with your first check? Some wheels for my truck.



## Ak-Chin Fire Dept. Rescues Pup

Story & Photos Submitted by: Jennifer Boehm, Ak-Chin Fire Captain

On June 23rd, the B-Shift fire crew was called out to the Him Dak museum to rescue a small puppy who had his head stuck in their fence.

The crew had to cut the fence in order to release the puppy's head while his mom watched close

by. The puppy was uninjured and taken home.

Crew Members: Firefighter/Paramedic Thomas Hoetzlein, Firefighter/EMT Michelle Carpenter, Captain Chris Hayes, and Engineer/EMT Darren Peters.



## 2025 Ak-Chin Recreation Lifeguards



**Anthony Ruybal**

What are your best qualities? Friendly and make small talk with the patrons.

How did you get into being a lifeguard? A friend told us about the job and I came back from last year.

Are you planning on going to college/trade school/other? GCU or CAC for either business or sports medicine.



**Christopher Crone**

How did you get into being a lifeguard? I wanted to find a summer job so I could go back to playing football when it's over.

Why did you choose to be a lifeguard at the Ak-Chin Indian Community? I choose to be a lifeguard here because it gives more hours than working for Copper and pays better and honestly enjoy working here more.

Are you planning on going to college/trade school/other? CAC for cyber security.



**Daniel Batopis**

How did you get into being a lifeguard? Needed a job, love being in my community and

making sure everyone is safe.

Why did you choose to be a lifeguard at the Ak-Chin Indian Community? Close to home, I am an Ak-Chin member and returning lifeguard.

Are you planning on going to college/trade school/other? Harvard, to become an astronaut.



**Lucas Fitzgerald**

Do you participate in rescue drills often? Yes I do, I normally play as the drowning victim.

How did you get into being a lifeguard? A friend told me about the job and I need the money, was here last year and had so much fun I came

back.

Are you planning on going to college/trade school/other? In my second year of Cavit for welding.



**Saul Rodriguez**

How do you stay focused when your shift is really long and not much is happening? Swim.

Why did you choose to be a lifeguard at the Ak-Chin Indian Community? Money and I was here last year and wanted to help out.

Are you planning on going to college/trade school/other? ASU for business.

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# We are **GRHC!** Where Care Meets Community.



## PATIENT NOTICE

Ak-Chin Clinic  
to Transition from  
Gila River Health Care  
to  
Indian Health Services

Beginning  
October 1, 2025

Beginning October 1, 2025, the operation of the Ak-Chin Clinic will transition from Gila River Health Care (GRHC) to the Indian Health Service (IHS) and be staffed by the Phoenix Indian Medical Center (PIMC).

Ak-Chin Clinic patients are welcome to continue their relationship with GRHC doctors for their primary and available specialty care needs at our other campuses. We have maintained your medical records in our system to ensure you can easily continue your care with us. IHS / PIMC has received a copy of your medical records as part of the transition.

To continue your care with Gila River Health Care after October 1, 2025 please speak with your provider or contact the Gila River Health Care Transition team at 602-528-1212. For questions about services available through IHS/PIMC after October 1, 2025, please call (602) 263-1695.

It has been our privilege and honor to care for your health at the Ak-Chin Clinic. If you choose to continue your care with Gila River Health Care, we look forward to seeing you at one of our other campuses. If you decide to receive care through IHS/PIMC, we wish you well, and GRHC's doors remain open to you for your future needs.

4th  
of  
July

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

# CLOSED

Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

For any information on services open during the holiday,  
please call Gila River Health Care's main line (520) 562-3321.

Normal business hours will resume Monday, July 7, 2025.  
If you need immediate assistance, please call 911 or visit the  
Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

**Behavioral Health Services**  
GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

SCAN HERE

CHECK OUT OUR  
JULY  
CALENDAR OF  
EVENTS

Access our monthly calendar  
online at [GRHC.ORG/BHS](http://GRHC.ORG/BHS).  
Call us for more information at (520) 610-2394  
or email us [BHSprevention@GRHC.ORG](mailto:BHSprevention@GRHC.ORG)

Behavioral Health Services  
invites you to join our educational  
programming in July 2025.

- Active Parenting of Teens
- Yes to Life! & Narcan Booth
- Healthy Relationships
- Heroes Carry Narcan Booth
- Dangers of Meth
- Stress & Self Care
- Prevention Coalition
- Mental Health Awareness Line Dance
- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Active Parenting

**View news, information  
& events**

- Life Center
- Behavioral Health Services
- July Calendars
- and many more!

Scan QR  
code to view!





## JOB OPENINGS

### CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:

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

**Open to Enrolled Ak-Chin Members Only**

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

[www.ak-chin.nsn.us](http://www.ak-chin.nsn.us)

To review the full job description and apply visit [www.ak-chin.nsn.us](http://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.



### COLOR OUR WORLD

**MON-SAT**

**ST. MARY'S FOOD BANK GRAB N GO LUNCH**

Pick up 5 days of meals for kids under 18. Weekdays from 11am-1pm & Saturdays from 12-2pm. Ends July 22<sup>nd</sup> While Supplies last.

**THURS DAYS**

**STORYTIME & PLAYDAY**

Join us for an afternoon of play and reading at the library designed for young children ages 3 and up Thursdays at 10am.

**MON & FRI**

**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.

**JULY 8TH**

**DRAW WITH AUTHOR RAÚL THE THIRD**

Join us virtually for author and illustrator Raúl The Third as he discusses his book ¡Vámonos! Let's Go Read! Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

**JULY 16TH**

**CRAFTERNOON**

Enjoy your afternoon with fun crafts at the Ak-Chin Library! Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm.

**MORE INFO:** [LIBRARY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US](mailto:LIBRARY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US) 520-568-1675

## BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025**  
5:30PM - 7:30PM

**SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025**  
SUPPLIES ONLY, NO BACKPACKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED  
10:00AM - 2:00PM

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2025**  
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 receive a backpack.

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

**AK-CHIN EVENTS DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

**AK-CHIN WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY**  
46200 WEST RALPH STREET  
MARICOPA, AZ 85139



## 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!

**Wear a BodyGuardian Mini remote heart monitor for two weeks and complete the questionnaires and receive the following:**

**COMPLETE REPORT OF YOUR HEART ACTIVITY and a \$100 Amazon Gift Card**

**Are you Eligible to Participate?**

1. American Indian Adult (18 yrs and older).
2. A member of the Ak-Chin Tribal Community.
3. Preferred history of atrial fibrillation, congestive heart failure, or high blood pressure, however, it is not necessary to have these conditions.

**What is the BodyGuardian Mini?**

The FDA-approved BodyGuardian MINI is an easy-to-use wearable and waterproof heart monitor that can be moved and reapplied for comfort.

**1st Wave of 5 participants**  
Place monitor on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 - appts will be made between 12pm thru 5pm  
Remove monitor on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 - appts to remove between 8am thru 12pm


**2nd Wave of 5 participants**  
Place monitor on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 - appts will be made between 1pm thru 6pm  
Remove monitor on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 - appts to remove between 12pm thru 5pm

**Please contact to be screened**  
Brenda Charley  
Phone: 928-856-1050  
Email: [Brenda.Charley@naui.edu](mailto:Brenda.Charley@naui.edu)

**Location:**  
Service Center Small Conference Rm

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## Restorative Yoga With Vickie

### Ak-Chin Circle- Elements

### Wednesdays 6:00p-7:00p

**July 02, 2025**  
**July 09, 2025**  
**July 16, 2025**  
**July 30, 2025**



Questions?? Please call Health Education at: (520) 568-1080  
\*Open to All Ak-Chin Community Members, Ak-Chin Community Residents, Employees and Employee Family Members

## Birthdays 7/1 - 7/17

**JULY 1ST**  
Kalene Santiago

**JULY 2ND**  
Daniel Batopis  
Abrianna Machado  
Angel Warren

**JULY 3RD**  
Fernanda Acunia-Pablo  
Valecita Enos  
Sierra Paddock

**JULY 4TH**  
Dalia Antone  
Mathilda Miguel  
Yessenia Santiago  
Elisia Ugalde

**JULY 5TH**  
Amanda Kaniatobe  
Jilayne Miguel

**JULY 6TH**  
Flora Howerton

**JULY 7TH**  
David Garcia  
Lucio Martinez IV

**JULY 8TH**  
Jason Smith

**JULY 9TH**  
Georgia Corella  
Jeremy Johns  
Chizzum Justin  
Yrene Zepeda

**JULY 10TH**  
Stacy Antone  
Whitney Justin  
Kenneth Lewis  
Elizabeth Machado

**JULY 11TH**  
Lyndsey Peters

**JULY 12TH**  
Iris Attakai  
Leeanna Jensen

**JULY 13TH**  
Martin Antone Jr.  
Simon Bowman  
Jaelyn Justin  
Dustin Miguel  
Mason Miguel  
Leeann Peters

**JULY 14TH**  
Esther Alvarez  
Noahli Antone  
Jayden Hayslip

**JULY 16TH**  
Elaina Enos  
Linda Smith  
Danny Soliz Jr.

**JULY 17TH**  
Taos Joaquin

**JULY 1ST**  
Teresa Tsanos, Education

**JULY 2ND**  
Daniel Batopis, Parks & Rec  
Dalena Crawford, Courts  
Tristan Garcia, Police

**JULY 3RD**  
Mayra Martinez, ECE  
Sierra Paddock, Finance  
Rayford Vavages, Elder Center

**JULY 4TH**  
James Fortier, Capital Projects  
Mathilda Miguel, Courts

**JULY 6TH**  
Flora Howerton, Purchasing

**JULY 8TH**  
Adriana Alvarado, Elder Center

**JULY 9TH**  
Georgia Corella, Elder Center

**JULY 10TH**  
Kimberly Creamer, PCR

**JULY 13TH**  
Leeann Peters, Tribal Gaming Agency

**JULY 14TH**  
Esther Alvarez, Events

**JULY 15TH**  
Keith Franklin, IS  
David Vaughn, Tribal Gaming Agency

**JULY 16TH**  
Timothy Costello, Ak-Chin Airport  
Brian Hammerschmidt, Fire  
Rodney Huffaker, Capital Projects  
Nathan Shearer, Capital Projects  
Linda Smith, Vekol  
Danny Soliz Jr. Elder Center

**JULY 17TH**  
Adan Enriquez, EPD  
Martina Guy, Health Education



## WIC

### Tuesday, July 01, 2025

### 8:15a-11:45am

### EPD Building

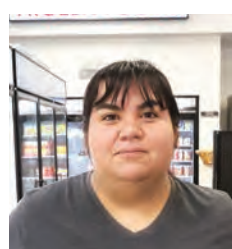
**Do you qualify for WIC?**

- Pregnant
- Breastfeeding women
- Infants
- Children under the age of 5


WIC foods include: yogurt, fresh fruit & vegetables, baby foods and other favorites such as milk, peanut butter, cheese,

**Questions? Need to make an Appointment?**  
**CALL: (520) 562-9698**  
Gila River Indian Community WIC Program

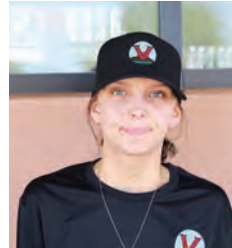
## Employee Updates




**Bianca Valenzuela**  
Custodian  
Maintenance



**Dawn Fuentes**  
Gaming License Tech  
Tribal Gaming Agency



**Hailey Bell**  
Deli Clerk  
Vekol



**Jamie Sanchez**  
Bailiff Process Server  
Courts

**Happy Birthday to my daughter Flora Love, Mom**

**Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Lyndsey and Leeann Love, Grandma**

**Happy Birthday Chizzer, Shweetz, Lynds and Sister Love your family**



## COLOR OUR WORLD

READ, COLOR, AND PICK-UP PRIZES ALL SUMMER!

SUMMER READING ENDS JULY 31

## 7/2025 JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 <b>HAPPY 4TH OF JULY</b> Closed	5 Closed
6	7 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30	8 Draw with Author Raúl The Third @1pm	9	10 Storytime & Playdate @10am	11 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30	12
13	14 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30	15	16 Crafternoon 3-5pm	17 Storytime & Playdate @10am	18 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30	19
20	21 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30	22 Grab & Go Last Day	23	24 Storytime & Playdate @10am	25 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30	26
27	28 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30	29	30	31 Storytime & Playdate @10am		

Programs and events open to Ak-Chin members, residents and employees. Minors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult over 18.

**GRAB & GO FREE KIDS MEALS**  
18 & UNDER  
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 11AM-1PM  
SATURDAY: 12PM-2PM

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 <p><b>DRAVEN SOLIZ</b> Warehouse</p> <p>Is this your first year working with the Harrah's Summer Worker Program? Yeah.</p> <p>What motivated you to work this summer? Money and talking more.</p> <p>What was your first purchase with your first check? Dog food</p>	 <p><b>JOHNNY PERKINS</b> Housekeeping</p> <p>Do you like the department you're working in? Yeah, it's all right, it's just all cleaning but overall, pretty cool experience for the first time.</p> <p>What motivated you to work this summer? Something to do and get out the house instead of staying inside all day.</p> <p>Would you consider joining the HDS Program in the future? Yes.</p>	 <p><b>KEIRA ATTAKAI</b> Facilities</p> <p>Is this your first year working with the Harrah's Summer Worker Program? No, this is my third year working with the summer youth program, but it's my first year here at the casino.</p> <p>What motivated you to work this summer? Knowing I'm making money and supporting the things that I want to do.</p> <p>Would you consider joining the HDS Program in the future? Yes, of course I would, I love being here.</p>	 <p><b>NEVAEH JOHNSON</b> Dunkin' Donuts</p> <p>Do you like the department you're working in? Yeah, it's pretty cool.</p> <p>What do you like about it? Learning new things about the equipment we use.</p> <p>Would you consider joining the HDS Program in the future? Yeah.</p>	 <p><b>RYLEIGH DELORES</b> TDR</p> <p>Is this your first year working with the Harrah's Summer Worker Program? No.</p> <p>What motivated you to work this summer? Getting out of my house, just doing something.</p> <p>Would you consider joining the HDS Program in the future? Yes.</p>	 <p><b>ZACH VALLES-GARCIA</b> Pool Attendant</p> <p>Is this your first year working with the Harrah's Summer Worker Program? Yes it's my first year.</p> <p>What motivated you to work this summer? Keep myself busy and having my own money.</p> <p>What was your first purchase after receiving your first check? Stuff for my drums.</p>
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AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY PRESENTS

# FOURTH of JULY

## Celebration

**FREE HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, CHIPS, AND SLICED WATERMELON AT ELEMENTS CONCESSION STAND**

**5PM START UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST**

 **Ak-Chin Circle**  
ENTERTAINMENT CENTER



**Fast & Furious Saga**

# SUNDAY FREE MOVIES



July 6<sup>th</sup>



July 13<sup>th</sup>



July 20<sup>th</sup>



**Ak-Chin Circle**  
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**\* ALL MOVIES START AT 7 PM  
OUT FRONT IN AMPHITHEATER**

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# JULY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION</b> SUMMER PLAY FEST FOLDING CHAIR GIVEAWAY POOL PARTY JIMMY BUFFETT TRIBUTE</p>		 <p>1 HERE'S THE SCOOP BY CHEF'S COUNTER™ GIVEAWAY</p>	 <p>2 SUMMER PLAY FEST FOREVER YOUNG</p>	 <p>3 10X 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	 <p>4 SUMMER PLAY FEST FOLDING CHAIR GIVEAWAY POOL PARTY</p>	 <p>5 T-APP IN!</p>
 <p>6 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!</p>	 <p>7 REDEEM REWARD CREDITS FOR FREE SLOT PLAY!</p>	 <p>8 HERE'S THE SCOOP BY CHEF'S COUNTER™ GIVEAWAY</p>	 <p>9 SUMMER PLAY FEST FOREVER YOUNG</p>	 <p>10 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER MID-SUMMER SPIRITS GIVEAWAY</p>	 <p>11 SUMMER PLAY FEST</p>	 <p>12 BASES LOADED SWEEPSTAKES</p>
 <p>13 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!</p>	 <p>14 TABLE GAMES MULTIPLIER MADNESS</p>	 <p>15 TABLE GAMES MULTIPLIER MADNESS HERE'S THE SCOOP BY CHEF'S COUNTER™ GIVEAWAY</p>	 <p>16 SUMMER PLAY FEST FOREVER YOUNG TABLE GAMES MULTIPLIER MADNESS</p>	 <p>17 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER TABLE GAMES MULTIPLIER MADNESS</p>	 <p>18 SUMMER PLAY FEST</p>	 <p>19 FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK &amp; X!</p>
 <p>20 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!</p>	 <p>21 COFFEE &amp; DONUTS, A WINNING COMBINATION</p>	 <p>22 HERE'S THE SCOOP BY CHEF'S COUNTER™ GIVEAWAY</p>	 <p>23 SUMMER PLAY FEST FOREVER YOUNG</p>	 <p>24 10X 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	 <p>25 SUMMER PLAY FEST</p>	 <p>26 RENT A CABANA ON YOUR NEXT STAY!</p>
 <p>27 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING! BRANTLEY GILBERT CONCERT</p>	 <p>28 INDULGE YOUR SWEET TOOTH AT AGAVE'S RESTAURANT</p>	 <p>29 HERE'S THE SCOOP BY CHEF'S COUNTER™ GIVEAWAY</p>	 <p>30 SUMMER PLAY FEST FOREVER YOUNG</p>	 <p>31 10X 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	 <p><b>SUMMER PLAY FEST</b></p>	 <p>WIN YOUR SHARE OF <b>\$600,000</b> IN PRIZES WEDNESDAYS &amp; FRIDAYS THIS SUMMER</p>