



Ak-Chin Competes In Inter-Tribal Baseball Tournament

Story & photos by Runner Staff

Imagine as a little leaguer, walking onto Chase Field, where stars from the Arizona Diamondbacks, such as; Corbin Carroll, Ketel Marte, Nolan Arenado, Geraldo Perdomo, Merrill Kelly, Tommy Troy, and 2001 World Series Champions, Randy Johnson, Curt Schilling and Louis Gonzales roamed.

The memory and excitement of the experience to be on a “big league” field would obviously last a lifetime.

It's what a number of little league players from various Native American communities throughout Arizona experienced while participating in the Diamondbacks Inter-Tribal Tournament Parade, prior to the Washington Nationals vs Arizona Diamondbacks game on Sunday, June 7th.

Coach Jordan Gusse and his Ak-Chin club, were one of many teams who lined up and took part in the parade. The team walked the outskirts of the outfield and infield, before exiting near the third base area.

While walking the D-Backs home-field, teams were showcased on the Jumbo Tron, where family, friends and supporters were able to acknowledge them with cheers. Teams were also able

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Benji “The Jet” King, prepares to put the tag on a runner from New Mexico during Inter-Tribal Tournament play.

to witness a Diamondbacks 5-1 win over the Nationals, to help close an eventful day.

The following day, Monday, June 8th, the Inter-Tribal Tournament Baseball Tournament, which was sponsored by the Arizona Diamondbacks and Talking Stick Resort, began games at various fields throughout the Salt River Indian Community as over twenty teams took to the diamond.

The boys and girls from Ak-Chin faced off against the Guadalupe Chiefs in the first round Monday, June 8, Ak-Chin's squad, which were primarily up-starts, unfortunately were clipped by a well-established Guadalupe

team. The lack of experience may have been a deterrent, but it didn't stop Ak-Chin from trying their best to compete.

In round two, Tuesday, June 9th, Ak-Chin faced the Chinle Jayhawks. Playing against another experienced team, Ak-Chin quickly fell behind the Jayhawks and never recovered. Again, the team at no time quit and continued to do their best to stage a comeback, but to no avail.

With the loss, Ak-Chin fell to 0-2 heading into their third and final game Wednesday, June 10th against the New Mexico Sun Devils. Despite a loss against the Sun Devils, Ak-Chin coaches were proud of the teams play and the



Ak-Chin Preschoolers, Jack Tittes-Long and Miguel Contreras, show off their inflatable stick-horses during summer activities.

Summer Programs

Story & photos by Runner Staff

Just as Ak-Chin students concluded classroom activities within their respective schools to mark the end of the 2025/2026 school year, it was back into classrooms for many.

students were offered opportunities to enjoy programs at the Ak-Chin Early Childhood Development Program, Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum, Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation Department and Ak-Chin Education Department over the summer.

The programs offered in Ak-Chin are geared more to leisure activities from; arts and crafts, movie viewings, video game playing, swimming and field trips; with morning snacks and lunches provided.

Parks & Recreation scheduled sports activities during the afternoon where they focus on teamwork and water safety.

The Education is featuring a series of educational activities, which include lessons based on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and the Indigenous knowledge of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

At the preschool, young students partake in various learning activities based on classroom themes decorated by teachers and staff, for a fun experience. These themes include the wild west, Jurassic world, glow in the dark, and a science lab.

Meanwhile, at the museum,

students enjoy the different varieties of crafts, set up per age group and classroom, provided by staff.

Teachers and staff from the programs were asked to answer a few questions about their goals for the summer; if some of the activities that are planned tied into the culture; also, how the kids will benefit from these activities; and plans for next year's programs.

“This summer, our youth participants have been engaged in an exciting Sports and Aquatics Program designed to promote physical activity, teamwork, sportsmanship, and personal growth. Each week, students are introduced to a different sport offered through our department, allowing them to explore a variety of athletic opportunities, while developing new skills and interests.

Our goal is to provide students with meaningful experiences that encourage healthy lifestyles, build confidence, strengthen character, and foster a sense of community. Through sports, aquatics, and positive reinforcement, we are helping our youth develop skills that will benefit them both now and in the future.”

– Julia Dickerson, Parks & Recreation Coordinator

“This summer our focus was on developing an enrichment program that encompassed both STEM and Indigenous Knowledge of the Ak-Chin Indian Community (Language, Culture, Heritage). The

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HDS Team Member of the Month - Johnny Perkins

Story & photo submitted by HDS

On May 29, 2026, Johnny Perkins received Team Member of the Month. Johnny consistently brings a fresh, creative perspective and a strong sense of ownership to everything he does.

Recently, his idea to create a POV-style video for our annual Community Youth Program recruitment presentation transformed what was once a basic slideshow into something much more engaging and relatable, giving students a real sense of the experience and setting a new standard for how we connect with them.

Johnny's area of career interest is in the culinary field. At a recent department event for the Community Youth Program, Johnny took the initiative and led a couple of his Team Members with preparing and cooking forty personal pizzas for our orientation presentation at the Maricopa High School.

Johnny's leadership in the kitchen was instrumental in the success of our orientation and ensuring everyone was fed.



Johnny Perkins awarded Team Member of the Month

After attending leadership conferences, Johnny came back motivated to apply what he learned, especially by supporting others—he's already thinking about ways to mentor our new Youth participants and help his teammates build confidence and skills.

On top of that, he brings a

genuine service mindset, volunteering for community events with SALUTE, Giving Tuesday: Feed My Starving Children and participating in Ak-Chin's Annual Fundraiser for Special Olympics- Bowling Tournament- scoring top three winners- two years in a row!

These are just a few examples reflecting Johnny's leadership and how he cares for the growth and development of his Team Members, and not just himself- about the success and development of the entire HDS team.

Tribal ID Card Updates

On June 12, 2026 the Ak-Chin Enrollment Office issued a memo to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members to officially inform the Ak-Chin Indian Community of the following:

- NEW Tribal Identification card
- NEW fee schedule for Tribal Identification (ID) and Certificate of Indian Blood (CDIB)
- REVISED section(s) of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Enrollment Ordinance

Ak-Chin's Tribal Identification card has been updated to include new security features. The updated card will also include the date the card was issued, when the card expires, and a barcode, which includes sensitive information.

Included in the memo were the following:

- NEW Fee Schedule for a Tribal ID and CDIB
- REVISED sections of the Community's Enrollment Ordinance
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet

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Elder Center Trip Dates

We are excited that the elders attending these trips will be participating! The plans and itineraries are currently underway.

We will provide you with more information as soon as we have confirmation. We do have confirmed dates listed below, which we hope will assist you in preparing for your trip.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Elder Center.

Albuquerque Balloon Festival:
October 5 - 10, 2026
Depart on October 5th
Return on October 10th 2026



Hawaii Trip:
October 24 - 31, 2026
Depart morning on
October 24th
Return October 31st 2026

You will be home before Trick or Treat!

Probate Community Outreach Event

Submitted by Karen Fierro - Ak-Chin Self-Governance Director

A Probate Outreach Event was held on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at the Ak-Chin Service Center from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Program launched nationwide Probate Outreach Events across Indian Country in states like Alaska, Arizona, Oklahoma, and North Dakota, as well as other Tribal communities across Indian Country.

Overall, there was a strong turnout from Community Members seeking information and assistance.

Probate supports the transfer of trust land and trust assets to rightful heirs after a loved one passes away.

The Event provided an opportunity for individuals and families to meet directly with BIA probate specialists, to ask questions, update records, and receive guidance on navigating the probate process.

Probate is an important process because it determines who will inherit trust property, keeps ownership records accurate, and helps protect family land for future generations.

This year, in 2026 to help address probate backlogs and better serve Tribes, the U.S. Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Probate

For more information, please call (520) 815-0287 (press 2 for Probate) or email: western_region_probate@bia.gov

Happy Father's Day Jose Jr!!!
 Hope u get to relax n chill n enjoy the day!
Love, Mom, Dad, Auciana n Nyaila

Happy Father's Day Dad!!
Thank-you for everything you do!!!
It is very much appreciated even tho it's not said.
Love, Auciana n Nyaila

Happy Father's Day Loov!
Thank-you for EVERYTHING you do!
So hope u get to kick off ur shoes n relax ur feet! ... unless our Grandbabies come!
With love, ooxxooXoXXx- Lena Rose

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DADS-POPS-PAPAS AND THOSE WHO TAKE ON THAT ROLE EVEN WHEN THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO...

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

LET US TAKE YOU TO THE FOOD BANK!

Every Monday
Door-to-Door Transportation Available
Need help getting to the food bank? We've got you covered!

Our Transit Team provides FREE door-to-door transportation for Ak-Chin residents and Members who would like to visit the food bank every week. We don't stop at just one location—we visit TWO food banks every Monday, giving riders access to even more food and resources.

Here's How It Works:

- We pick you up at your home
- We take you to both food bank locations if requested
- You can participate at each food bank stop
- We help transport your food items
- We take you safely back home

No driving. No parking. No hassle.
Don't be shy—we'd love to have you join us!
Reserve Your Seat Today!

CALL 520-568-1630 or TEXT 520-340-0382

You can call ahead up to 7 days in advance to schedule your ride. We are providign transportation to the F.O.R Foodbank In the town of Maricopa city as well as The Maricopa Pantry in Thunderbird Farms.

June Elder Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Breakfast served from 7 AM to 8:30 AM Lunch Served 12 noon to 1 PM Craft Room is OPEN from 8 AM to 3 PM For Transportation Call Georgia at 520-568-1760				Call After Hours 24/7 520-858-5043 Exercise w/ Health Ed Wednesdays at 9:30 AM - Elder Center Menu/Calendar Subject to Change Without Notice		6/19 Elder Center Closed 	
	6/22 Cereal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Goodwill Shopping Leaving @ 8 AM Tuna or Chicken Sandwich, Green Leaf/ Tomato, Chickpea Salad, Pickle, Vanilla Pudding	6/23 Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Peaches & Cottage Cheese Potato Soup & Salad, Whole Wheat/ White Rolls, Mandarin Oranges	6/24 Potatoes with Chorizo, Refried Beans, Tortilla, Fruit Salad Hot Dogs, Cole slaw, Baked beans, Apple/Orange	6/25 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana Squash Casserole, Romain Salad, Wild Rice, Crackers, Pears	6/26 French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fruit Salad Fried Chicken Steak, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Biscuits, Peach Cobbler		
	6/29 Bacon & Egg Scrambled, Toast / Avocado Slices, Fruit Bar-B-Que Ribs, Corn on the Cob, Carrots, Cornbread Muffins, Brownie/ Lemon Bar	6/30 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Apples Taco Tuesday Dinner @ 5:00PM Elder Center Chicken & Sweet Potato, Brown Rice Bowl, Broccoli, Avocado, Pineapples	7/1 Bread Pudding, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fruit Salad Grilled Chicken over, Romain Salad, Roasted Cauliflower, Avocado, Jell-O/Orange	7/2 Breakfast Burrito, Salsa & Sour Cream, Muffin, Fruit & Yogurt Hot Dog & Ham-burger Sliders, Potato Salad, Corn on Cob, Apple Pie/ Apple	7/3 Elder Center Closed 		

Key Health Benefits of Broccoli
 Heart Health: Its fiber and antioxidant content may help lower LDL ("bad") cholesterol, reduce inflammation, and regulate blood pressure.

Bone and Eye Health: It provides calcium for strong bones and contains antioxidants like lutein and zeaxanthin that protect against eye diseases.

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NEXT DEADLINE
 Don't forget the DEADLINE for the July 3-16, 2026 issue is due by **FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH**

Material submitted after the **JUNE 26TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

Inter-Tribal Baseball continued from Front

improvement they witnessed. In the third inning against New Mexico, the team was able to play one of their better defensive games. They also loaded the bases during the final inning, although they didn't plate a run, they never gave up. The

0-3 finish didn't advance Ak-Chin into the placement round, as they bowed out of the tournament. Coaches are optimistic and excited at the potential of the team's play as they gain more experience.



Ak-Chin - Front Row L to R - Deli Anna Lewis, Yondell Antone, Jaxson Brown, Benjamin King, Jose Lopez, Mauricio Contreras-Valles. Back Row L to R - Alyssa Dickerson (Coach), Lindsay Antone, Mylaunah Robles, Serenity Villegas, Joaquin Dickerson (Coach), Jacob Dickerson, Marquon Robles, Alice Denetsosie, Jordan Gusse (Coach).



Ak-Chin makes it on the Jumbo Tron during the Washington Nationals vs Arizona Diamondbacks game. (photo submitted).



Harlee Jose, is in hitting form as she awaits a pitch during the championship game during District 4 Regional play.

Harlee Jose with the Championship win

Story by Kristen Villegas, photos by Alvin Antone

Most of us have worked for one thing or another to reach a goal or an ending point. Through trial and error, through practice and defeat, through the easy and the rough; it is one's own determination that decides whether a person will reach their full potential.

Throughout her childhood, Harlee Jose was surrounded by the game of baseball. Not only has she played with the Ak-Chin Indian Community baseball team; her older brothers Marciano Joaquin, Adriano Jose, and Abraham Jose are decorated athletes in the game.

Her father, Antonio Jose also coached his own team called the Little Natives for several years, and with encouragement and support from her mother Marla Antone, the influence to pick up a glove and ball was bound to be in Harlee's future.

It was no surprise when Harlee showed interest in playing for the City of Maricopa's Little League Softball team. And throughout this season, they have faced their toughest games, but ultimately it progressed into a success for them.

Starting on June 8, the Maricopa Little League participated in the Arizona District 4 tournament in Surprise, AZ, that comprised of teams from throughout

the Valley, such as; Superior, Casa Grande, Pinal Mountain, Coolidge, and Florence.

Participating in 5 games and losing only one, Team Maricopa was on high rise to the Championship game. It was on June 13, that Harlee and team Maricopa took the win from Florence and received the title of District 4 Regional Champions with an ending score of 13-6.

During this season of softball, Harlee's family have shown tremendous support for her and the team. And with that we can expect more to come with her young career on the field.

Congratulations to Harlee and her Maricopa Little League team on this fantastic win! They will be participating in the Minor Softball State Tournament in Avondale (D11) on July 6. Stay tuned for more updates on Harlee's rise in softball!



Harlee Jose sporting her Championship ring.

Ak-Chin Boys & Girls Take To The Courts In Ft. McDowell Tourney



Isreal Noriega of Ak-Chin sets a pick for teammate Christian Kerley during tournament play against Tribal Dynasty at Fountain Hills High School.

Story & photos by Robert Miguel

Both Ak-Chin boys and girls high school basketball teams, took to the hardwood once again in preparation for the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI).

This past weekend, they participated in the Ft. McDowell Recreation Summer Basketball Tournament, on Saturday, June 13th and Sunday, June 14th, with games taking place at Fountain Hills High School and the Recreation Department on the Ft. McDowell-Yavapai Nation.

After taking a break from tournament competition the past couple of weeks, the Ak-Chin boys laced them up in the first round of tournament play against Tribal Dynasty, a squad from the Gila River Indian Community.

Having not played in weeks, Ak-Chin needed a few minutes to get into playing mode, which caused them to encounter a double-digit deficit midway through the first half. Prior to the whistle blowing for halftime, the boys from Ak-Chin were able to close the gap within single digits.

Early in the second half, costly turnovers and missed shots, saw Ak-Chin down by double digits once again. Tribal Dynasty was able to sustain their double-digit lead as they pinned a first-round loss to Ak-Chin.

In the second round, which was played later in the afternoon, Ak-Chin faced off against the host team, Ft. McDowell. The boys from the AKC played a more complete game, but succumbed to defeat and were knocked out of the tournament.

Look for Ak-Chin to compete in the upcoming Native American

Junior National Basketball Tournament in Mesa, which takes place from June 25th through the 28th.

The Ak-Chin Lady Hoa Nad: O Kam (Basket Makers), also participated in the Ft. McDowell Tournament and were pitted against Tribal Dynasty from the Gila River Community in the first round.

The Basket Makers, kept it close in the first few minutes, before Dynasty put distance between the two teams, as they were able to knock down long range shots. Although they were down early, Ak-Chin was able to hit some timely baskets to keep the score respectable in the first half.

In the second half, Dynasty continued to be consistent from long range to increase their lead. Despite being down by double digits, the Basket Makers, played team defense and fought for loose balls, playing extremely hard until the game ended.

Ak-Chin was eliminated in the second game against 21st Native, a group of players from various communities. The game was pretty close in the first half, which saw both teams playing good defense and scoring when needed. 21st Native was able to create separation in the second half for the win.

Look for the Lady Hoa Nad: O Kam to continue play this weekend and the following weekend as they participate in the Road 2 Natty's Basketball Tournament in Scottsdale on June 19th through the 21st, and the Native American Junior National Basketball Tournament in Mesa, from June 25th through the 28th.



Nyaila Miguel, of the Ak-Chin Hoa Nad: O Kam (Basket Makers), goes in for a layup against Tribal Dynasty during tournament action at Fountain Hills High School.

Welcome Summer Reading with a Dino-mite Party

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas and Antonio Rodriguez

This summer, we can expect all things dinosaurs at the Ak-Chin Indian Community Library as they encompass the "Unearth a Story" theme for the summer reading program.

To celebrate the start of reading fun Summer Reading has to provide, the library staff invited community members, residents, and staff to a Dino-mite party held on June 5. With crafts, games, a viewing of the 2000's "Dinosaur" movie, as well as food, and a visit from a friendly T-Rex; it was a memorable night for

sure. Starting on June 1 and ending on July 31, the Summer Reading Program is a great way to read more and be rewarded in the process. There is still time to sign up too! Who doesn't love incentive prizes? Have you signed up yet?

For more information on the Summer Reading Program or other library programming, please contact the Ak-Chin Library staff at (520) 568-1675 or Library@ak-chin.nsn.us.



Clockwise Starting at the Top: Rivers family decorate their Dino-masks and horns; Do you know the answer to this Dino question; This family was excited to see Mr.T-REX; Library staff member Adrius took the photo opp; Dinosaurs invaded the library the signage warns.



Tea Time at the Library

Submitted by Linda Brill, Ak-Chin Indian Community Library



Wednesday morning, June 10th, was an exciting time at the Ak-Chin Library! Children under seven and their parents attended the T. Rex Tea Party.

They listened to dinosaur stories, colored Tiny

T. Rex finger puppets, enjoyed yummy tea party goodies of goldfish, cookies, applesauce, and juice, while decorating safari hats.

They also got to take their picture with our resident T-Rex, Digby,

play Feed the Dino bean bag toss, and color the dino playhouse.

Many families stayed after the event, ending the morning with a tea party for the dinosaurs!



Dino Party Fun!



Crafting the Perfect Dinosaur

Story by Kristen Villegas, photo courtesy of Naomi Bishop, Ak-Chin Indian Community Library Manager

Keeping on theme with all dinosaur festivities, the Ak-Chin Indian Community Library organized one of their regularly scheduled crafting nights using recyclable items to build a one-of-a-kind dinosaur on June 15.

Not only was this craft Earth friendly by reducing the bulk of items that can be repurposed, it allowed all to be creative using a variety of different materials in one's choosing. Plastic bottles, straws, popsicle sticks, sponges, and pipe cleaners were a few of the items used during the Recyclosaurus event.

The Ak-Chin Library has crafting activities monthly, check out their calendar for the next scheduled event!



Two Matched for Puzzle Duel

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas



You would think puzzle competition would be the least competitive activity around, but if you throw in prizes and bragging rights; it changes the game completely.

On June 9, the Ak-Chin Indian Community Library held another Puzzle competition night, where interested

participants were challenged to complete a 300-piece puzzle within an hour.

It sounds straight forward enough, but like a test, the pressure to finish along with being first can cause hiccups during the process.

There were two

determined teams who tried their hand at the "Life was Good" puzzle and it was Doyleen Pablo, Dee-Andra Pedro, Volincia Pablo, and Irene Arredondo who finished just shy of half an hour.

The winning team received a puzzle and maintained their title as "Puzzling Champions."



NEW HOURS!
Library Hours
Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9pm-4pm
Sun: Closed

6/2026
JUNE

UNEARTH A STORY
SUMMER READING
JUNE 1ST-JULY 30TH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 StoryTime (Ages 2-7) 10-11am	4	5 Dino Party All Ages 4-6pm	6 Family StoryTime 10-11am all ages
7	8 Little Dinos (birth-5) 10-10:30am	9 Puzzle Competition 10+ 5-6pm	10 T-Rex Tea Party (2-7) 10-11am	11	12	13 Family StoryTime 10-11am Crafter noon 1-3pm
14	15 Little Dinos (birth-5) 10-10:30am Recyclosaurus All Ages 4-6pm	16	17 StoryTime (Ages 2-7) 10-11am	18	19 June 19th Closed	20 Closed
21	22 Little Dinos (birth-5) 10-10:30am	23 Library After Dark 15+ 5-7pm	24 Puppet Show Bubble Party (2-7) 10-11am	25	26	27 Family StoryTime 10-11am Poppicles 1-2pm
28	29 Little Dinos (birth-5) 10-10:30am	30 Crafternoon 3-5pm All Ages	Programs and events open to Ak-Chin members, residents, and employees. Minors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult over 18.			

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

Enrollment continued from Front

In addition, the following, were also updated:

- Enrollment Application
- Document/Tribal ID Request Form
- Address Update Form
- Name Change Form

The Enrollment Committee and Staff hosted an information meeting regarding the changes and updates on **Thursday, June 18th from 6p-7p at the Ak-Chin Service Center.**

Due to software updates, the Enrollment Office will not be issuing any Tribal Identification cards the week of June 15th-19th.

New Tribal Identification Cards will begin being issued at 8am on Monday, June 22nd at the Ak-Chin Enrollment Office (old Fire Dept. building), located at 16472 N. Maricopa Road.

Issuance of cards will be by appointment, until further notice. If you received the current Tribal Identification card, they are still valid until it expires.

Any questions or concerns, please contact the Ak-Chin Enrollment Office at 520.568.1029/1074.

Fee Schedule for Enrollment Documents

1. Tribal Identification Cards

- a. If and when the Community updates its tribal identification card format, members may get one (1) free tribal identification card, even if the member's most recently issued tribal identification card was issued less than 365 days ago.
- b. Thereafter, members may get one (1) free tribal identification card upon the expiration date.
- c. Members who request a replacement tribal identification card shall pay:
 - i. \$20 per tribal identification card for members aged 55 and older.
 - ii. \$30 per tribal identification card for members aged 14 to 54.
- d. Any member who requests more than two (2) replacement tribal identification cards in any six (6) calendar month period shall pay \$40 for each additional tribal identification card issued.

2. CDIB

- a. Each CDIB will be \$8 for ages 54 and under.
- b. Free to members aged 55 and older.

3. DNA Testing

- a. When Paternity and Maternity Tests (separate reports) are required for an application, the child, Alleged Father, and Alleged Mother should report on the same day for the collection. If all parties are unable to report at the same time, the missing party/parties must report for their portion of the collection within ninety (90) calendar days of the first collection. If an Alleged Mother or Alleged Father does not provide a sample for DNA testing within ninety (90) days of the first collection, the non-providing parent may be charged the testing fee for a second test.

Ak-Chin Indian Community Enrollment Ordinance Section Revised Notice

SECTION XIV

ENROLLMENT RECORDS

B. Updating Records. Upon receipt of appropriate listed documentation, the Enrollment Office is authorized, without further approval by the Council or the Committee, to update the information on the Membership Roll in the following circumstances:

1. Name Change: Marriage License, Divorce Decree, or court ordered name change. Provided all other requirements are met.
2. Name Correction: Letter from the Member or the Member's guardian providing notice that the Member's name on the Membership Roll is not the Member's legal name with a copy of government-issued official documents showing the Member's true legal name (e.g., birth certificate/ State or Federal Issued I.D./Social Security card) supporting the request for name correction.
3. Change of Address: Change of Address Form.
4. Death: Death Certificate, BIA Records, Mortuary Record/Burial Permit, Hospital Record, Obituary Notice,

SECTION XVI

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Identification Cards.

1. Identification cards for Members (enrollment cards are authorized pursuant to Community Resolution No. A-16-75) will be issued by the Enrollment Office only at the request of the Member.
2. Identification cards will be issued pursuant to policies and procedures approved by the Committee.
3. Any corrections desired or mistakes found on such cards will be referred to the Enrollment Office. The correction will be made provided that there is sufficient back-up documentation for such changes, whereby a new card will be issued to the Member.
4. Any person who has relinquished membership with the Community by his choosing shall turn in his/her ID card immediately to the Enrollment Office. Persons who desire to retain the ID card must present the ID card at the Enrollment Office so it can be hole punched to void the card.

B. Enrollment Numbers.

1. The assignment of AK-ID and Roll Numbers shall be in consecutive order.
2. The AK-ID and Roll Numbers of any person who has relinquished membership or who has been disenrolled with the Community shall not be reassigned or in any way used again, except for possible cross reference.

C. Fees. The Enrollment Office may charge fees for enrollment services (issuance of identification cards, CDIBs, DNA testing, etc.); provided that, any fee schedule must be approved by the Community Council prior to becoming effective.

Ak-Chin Indian Community Frequently Asked Questions about New Tribal Identification Cards and updated fees

1. Q.) What are the Tribal Identification card requirements for Community?

- A.)
1. Must be an enrolled Ak-Chin Indian Community member.
 2. Must fill out the Membership Document/Tribal ID request form with the Enrollment office.
 3. Must be 14 years old or older. (Accompanied by Parent/Legal Guardian, if minor)

2. Q.) Why is the Tribal Identification card new?

- A.)
1. To be up to par with the Social Security Administration Office acceptance requirements.
 2. Due to the acceptance of the identification card at surrounding businesses.

3. Q.) What is new or different on the Tribal Identification card?

- A.)
1. New features on Tribal Identification cards are in compliance with the Real ID Tribal ID format.
 2. Issue and Expiration dates.
 3. Updated photo and signature on cards.
 4. Special features that pertain to the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

4. Q.) Would my New Tribal Identification card be accepted at our designated polling location for the State voting elections?

- A.)
1. Yes, accepted as another form of identification. *Must be current and not expired.

5. Q.) How much would the new Tribal Identification card cost?

- A.) The first Tribal ID card issued is free to enrolled Community members.

6. Q.) How much would a replacement or renewal Tribal Identification card cost?

- A.) Ages 14 through 54 fee is \$30.00, and the Elder's fee is \$20.00.

7. Q.) If I lost my Tribal ID and I need some kind of identification as soon as possible, what would I need to do?

- A.) See Question one and pay the necessary fee for a replacement/renewal card, no

exception.

NOTE: Under the Community Council's directive, the replacement tribal ID card fees are waived until further notice

8. Q.) If I changed my name or address, would I have to pay the replacement fee?

- A.) Yes, pay the necessary fee, no exception.

NOTE: Under the Community Council's directive, the replacement tribal ID card fees are waived until further notice

9. Q.) My card has been through wear and tear; would I have to pay the renewal/replacement fee?

- A.) Yes, pay the necessary fee, no exception.

NOTE: Under the Community Council's directive, the replacement tribal ID card fees are waived until further notice

10. Q.) If my Tribal Identification card has an expiration date and my card has expired or is soon to expire, do I have to pay a renewal fee?

- A.) Yes, ages 14 through 54 fee is \$30.00, and the Elder's fee is \$20.00

NOTE: Under the Community Council's directive, the replacement tribal ID card fees are waived until further notice

11. Q.) Is there a fee to request my Certificate Degree of Indian Blood?

- A.) Yes, \$8.00.

12. Q.) My child is under 14 years old and needs some form of ID. Would I have to pay for a photo on their Certificate Degree of Indian Blood CDIB?

- A.) Yes, it's an official certified document.

NOTE: Under the Community Council's directive, the replacement tribal ID card fees are waived until further notice

13. Q.) What kind of payment is accepted for Tribal ID Card replacement/renewals, and or Certificate of Blood Degree (CDIB)?

- A.)
1. Money orders or cashier's checks made out to: Ak-Chin Indian Community
 2. Cash will be accepted in the exact amount of the fees priced

14. Q.) Do I have to turn in my old or expired identification card?

- A.) Yes, for proper disposal.

15. Q.) When do Tribal Identification cards expire?

- A.) Every four years from the date of issuance.

16. Q.) Will I be able to use my new Tribal Identification card at the airport?

- A.) Yes, Tribal ID card MUST be current and not expired.

17. Q.) If I am unable to pick up my Tribal Identification card or CDIB in person, can I have someone pick it up for me?

- A.)
1. Yes, depends if an updated photo or signature is current on the Tribal ID card or CDIB.
 2. However, a third party can pick up on your behalf, with the appropriate notarized Membership Document/Tribal ID request form



Harrah's Ak-Chin Recognized as Outstanding Donor by Soldier's Best Friend

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – June 2, 2026) Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino has been recognized as an Outstanding Donor by Soldier's Best Friend, a nonprofit organization that pairs veterans living with military service-related Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) with service or therapeutic companion dogs.



Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino has been recognized as an Outstanding Donor by Soldier's Best Friend.

Through Harrah's Ak-Chin's Caesars Makes Change NRT kiosk donation program, guests have the opportunity to support meaningful community causes by donating up to \$0.99 in change when cashing out slot machine vouchers. In just six months, the initiative raised nearly \$20,000 for Soldier's Best Friend.

The funds will help support the organization's mission of empowering veterans through life-changing partnerships with trained dogs that

provide companionship, support and improved quality of life.

"We are incredibly grateful to Harrah's Ak-Chin guests for their generosity and commitment to supporting veterans," said Barbara Achten, HERO committee chair for Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino.

"This partnership demonstrates how small

acts of giving can make a significant impact in the lives of those who have sacrificed so much for our country."

Soldier's Best Friend recognized Harrah's Ak-Chin as an Outstanding Donor for its exceptional fundraising efforts and dedication to giving back to the veteran community.

For more information

about Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, please visit www.harrahsakchin.com. Guests must be 21 or older to gamble.

Remember to "Know When To Stop Before You Start.®" If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, please call 1-800-NEXT STEP. ©2026, Caesars License Company, LLC.

Ak-Chin Indian Community
Capital Projects



PROJECT CONSTRUCTION NOTICE for WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT 266 HOMES, AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS

Project Description:
This project will replace the water service lines between houses and the water mainline for 266 houses throughout the Ak-Chin Indian Community in Maricopa Arizona. The service waterline replacement will include new service tap connection to the water mainline and installing new water meters. The old service line will be disconnected and the old water meter will be removed. The disturbed areas within the construction limits will be resorted to original position.

Purpose of the Project:
This project will replace the old service lines with new more dependable water service lines and new water meters. The project will improve the water service quality to the houses by minimizing water line breaks and repeated repairs on the old service waterlines.

Safety Precaution:
During construction activities, residents should take extra precautions around the construction areas and keep clear from moving construction equipment.

Timeline of the Project:
The project started construction March, 2026, and will continue for 8 months. Currently working in Greasewood & Firehouse subdivisions. Water service lines for several houses were successfully replaced. Flyer notices will be distributed to the individual houses prior to starting construction on the houses' new water service lines replacement.

Project Team:
Owner/Applicant:
Carlton Carlyle
Water Operation Manager
Ak-Chin Indian Community
Phone: (520) 568-1148

Design & Construction Engineer
Marcus Felter
Indian Health Service
Western Arizona District Office
Phoenix, AZ
Phone: (480) 280-6341

Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation

Pool Hours

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	12:00pm-7:00pm
Thursday	12:00pm-7:00pm
Friday	12:00pm-7:00pm
Saturday	12:00pm-7:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm-7:00pm

SUMMER

SCAN & EDIT OLD PHOTOS

For Any Questions
Contact The Library at
(520)568-1675
Or Email
library@ak-chin.nsn.us

REMOVE
Cracks
Scratches
Age spots
Pen marks
Stains

EDIT
Color
Image size

Before After

From Analog To Digital

TURN YOUR OLD CASSETTE TAPES INTO MP3 FORMAT FOR CD OR DIGITAL PLAYER

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EMAIL
library@ak-chin.nsn.us

ATTENTION Community Members Past Due Fines/Restitution

If you are delinquent on your 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.

FIXED ROUTE SCHEDULE

PICKUP TIMES	BUS SHELTER	LOCATION
10:15AM 12:00PM	YES	WB -West of Carlyle Rd
10:16AM 12:01AM	YES	NE Elders Center
10:17AM 12:02PM		Apartments
10:18AM 12:03PM	YES	EB-Elders Center
10:20AM 12:05PM		Vekol Market
10:21AM 12:06PM		Library and Gym
10:23AM 12:08PM		Lewis and Joaquin
10:24AM 12:09PM		Joaquin and Joaquin
10:24AM 12:09PM		Lewis at Park
10:24AM 12:09PM		Lewis and Manual
10:25AM 12:10PM		Smith and Lewis
10:26AM 12:11PM	YES	Bureau of Indian Affairs
10:27AM 12:12PM	YES	Police Station
10:28AM 12:13PM		Peters and Narcia
10:28AM 12:13PM		Pablo and Narcia
10:29AM 12:14PM		Pablo and Miguel
10:30AM 12:15PM		Ralph and Miguel
10:30AM 12:15PM		Ralph and Milton
10:31AM 12:16PM		Ralph and Hohokam St

PICKUP TIMES	BUS SHELTER	LOCATION
10:32AM 12:17AM		Juan and Ross St
10:33AM 12:18PM		Juan and Hohokam St
10:36AM 12:21PM		Coppersky
10:37AM 12:22PM	YES	SB -Ak-Chin Circle
10:38AM 12:23PM		Front of Ak-Chin Circle
10:39AM 12:24PM		Front of Casino
10:41AM 12:26PM	YES	Harrahs Casino West Side
10:42AM 12:27PM	YES	Harrahs Casino South Side
10:46AM 12:33PM	YES	Peters and Nall at Milo
10:47AM 12:34PM		Ak-Chin Govt. Headquarters
10:47AM 12:34PM		Barley and Pecan
10:47AM 12:34PM		Farm and Pecan
10:56AM 12:43PM		Walmart
11:05AM 12:52PM		Frys
11:11AM 12:58PM		CVS Pharmacy
11:14AM 1:01PM		ACE Hardware
11:15AM 1:02PM		Walgreens
11:18AM 1:05PM		Bashas
11:23AM 1:10PM		Sprouts

Transit will still be offering Free On-Demand door to door pickup in Ak-Chin that can be scheduled up to 7 days in advance. This new route is an addition to our current services. Residents can make unlimited On-Demand Reservations in addition to the new fixed route.

KEY

WB = West Bound | SB= South Bound
EB= East Bound | NB= North Bound

Yes at bus shelter indicates the stop is at the bus shelter

TO SCHEDULE A RIDE:
CALL: 520-568-1630
TEXT: 520-340-0382



HDS visits Ak-Chin Airport

Story submitted by Erica Oliver and photo by Megan Quintero



On Thursday, June 11, 2026, Harrah's Ak-Chin HDS program leaders arranged a tour of the Ak-Chin Regional Airport for their employees.

The HDS Team Members had an opportunity to meet with the airport staff and members of Alpha Kilo Aviation, operating at the airport.

The HDS Team Members were introduced to different career opportunities in the aviation industry and received firsthand knowledge from the

flight training employees regarding becoming a private and commercial pilot or working as a flight mechanic.

The HDS Program, which stands for Harrah's Development System, is a leadership development program geared specifically for qualified enrolled Ak-Chin tribal members who are employed within the casino.

Participants in the HDS Program range from the *Associates*, who train throughout the casino,

Interns working to gain specific knowledge within a department, *Graduates*, who have obtained employment following an internship, and *Community Youth*, students employed in non-gaming departments when school is not in session.

Throughout the year, HDS Manager, Erica Oliver and HDS Supervisor, Della Honie work to develop and create educational and experiential opportunities for the program participants.

Community Artist Call

Story and photos by Runner Staff



To the left: staff and members discussing the project, to the right: Elaine explaining that artwork can be resized.

Are you looking to showcase your artwork within the community? If so, now is your chance to do so!

Ak-Chin Museum staff are eagerly looking for community members ages 12 and older, who would like to submit their own original artwork for the opportunity to have their work placed in one of the new spaces being built throughout the community.

On Wednesday, June 10th around 5:30 pm, an

in-person meeting was held for members, where staff shared information on the upcoming project.

The meeting proceeded to give insight on a construction plan, as well as what artists can expect with their art and the process their pieces will go through in order to be selected and featured.

Whatever your focus in art may be, whether it's drawings, paintings, photography, basketry, sculptures, pottery, digital art, beading, sewing or embroidery;

Him-Dak encourages all artists to get involved and participate.

All media may be submitted to the following:

email:
art@artstudio-101.com

Subject line:
Ak-Chin Artist Submittal

Deadline for submissions is August 28, 2026.

For more information contact Him-Dak staff at 520-568-1350.



COMMUNITY FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE NOTICE

To help protect the health and safety of our community members and residents during the extreme summer heat, Community Fixed-Route Transit Service will be temporarily suspended beginning June 22, 2026.

Fixed-Route Service Suspension:
June 22, 2026 – September 30, 2026

Fixed-Route Service Resumes:
October 1, 2026

During this period, On-Demand Transportation Service will continue to operate and remain available to eligible riders.

This temporary suspension is intended to reduce the risk of heat-related illness for passengers waiting at bus stops during the hottest months of the year.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to resuming Fixed-Route Service on October 1, 2026.

For questions or to schedule On-Demand transportation, please contact the Transit Department.

CALL 520-568-1630 or TEXT 520-340-0382




CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

JULY 4, 2026

ALL WELCOME

**MUSIC, VENDORS,
FIREWORKS AND MORE!**

4:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
FIREWORKS – 8:00 P.M.
AK-CHIN CIRCLE ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
16000 N MARICOPA RD, MARICOPA, AZ 85139

QUESTIONS?
(520) 568-1072 OR EVENTS@AK-CHIN.NSN.US

WATER SAFETY UPDATE

ANYONE 15 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER MUST SIGN IN AND SEE A LIFEGUARD FOR A SWIM PLACEMENT TEST BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL.
CHILDREN 10 YEARS OLD AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE PERSON AGE 16 OR OLDER

GREEN WRISTBAND: ADVANCED SWIMMER

- Must pass the Deep-Water Proficiency Test.
- May swim anywhere in the pool.
- May use the slide (if available) when 48 inches or taller.

YELLOW WRISTBAND: INTERMEDIATE SWIMMER

- Must pass the Shallow-Water Proficiency Test.
- May swim only in water at armpit depth or less.
- Adult supervision is required at all times.

RED WRISTBAND: NON-SWIMMER OR BEGINNER

- Ages 0-3 are automatically classified as non-swimmers.
- Must remain within arm's reach of an adult at all times.
- May not leave the shallow area without adult supervision.
- Adults may supervise no more than two non-swimmers in the pool.
- Anyone refusing a swim test is considered a non-swimmer.
- Swimmers who do not pass the Shallow-Water Proficiency Test are considered beginners and must remain in the shallow area with adult supervision.

WATER WATCHERS

- Adults supervising children must serve as dedicated **water watchers** by maintaining constant visual contact. *No reading, texting, sleeping or other activities that reduce supervision.*
- Non-swimmers, toddlers, children under 48 inches tall, and wearing a life jacket **must remain** within an adult's direct arm's reach. (Arms-Reach Rule.)

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

All swimmers must use the restroom and shower before entering the water.

- Entry is **prohibited** for anyone with open wounds, active skin infections, severe colds, or diarrhea within the last 14 days.
- **Proper swim attire is required!**
- **NO** dark cotton or denim clothing.
- Children ages 0-3 who are **not** potty-trained must wear approved swim diapers.
- **Long hair must be tied back.**

For more information
Email: Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us Call: (520)-568-1740



4TH OF JULY

POOL party

JULY 4TH | 12:00 PM-5:00 PM
@ AK-CHIN PARKS & RECREATION POOL
SWIMMING, GAMES, & MUSIC



After the Pool Party, join us at the Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center!
Celebrating 250 years of independence
July 4th, 2026
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Fireworks - 8:00 PM

recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us or call (520)-568-1740

Summer Programs continued from Front

2026 summer program will provide an introduction to the O'odham way of life by introducing participants to the local environment and the medicinal and edible plant life that has historically been used and consumed by the Ak-Chin O'odham.

The summer program students will work on these STEM topics that are aimed at encouraging their academic curiosity that will help them be more successful in their academics at school" – Dr. Mario Molina, Education Director

"I like to incorporate the O'odham language by implementing songs and teaching the language in our everyday lesson... For the children to engage, learn and most importantly have fun." – Guadalupe Gloria, Preschool Teacher

"Our focus for the summer in our class is for the kids to have fun do some crafts and be awesome DINO-SAURS! Most of our activities have the kids thinking and using their hands

continuing to learn is an essential part of our day. Next year I hope to do some more music and movement or maybe camping so we can enjoy the outside without the heat." – Mary Narcia, Preschool Teacher

"Activities that are planned are Fine and Gross Motor activities which will help them use their small and large muscles which are a part of their development.

Activities include tracing their names, shapes and numbers using glow markers. Students will do some painting of their choice of a picture while using glow paint. Students will use their large muscles while Glow dancing and playing Follow the Leader using glow sticks." – Francine Sanchez, Preschool Teacher

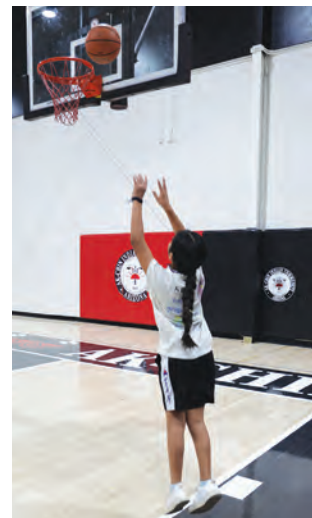
"Introducing the kids to new art projects, to bring out the creativity and making it fun. The program ties into more of the projects they work on that might involve the culture. Also, the culture of being creative ties into that as well,

I think everybody has some part of creativity within them. One of the activities we have planned is we have various departments come in and do an activity or presentation pertaining to their department.

It benefits the kids in knowing other departments in the community, their importance to the community and how they may be important to them." (If any departments want to participate with a presentation or activity in the future Art Programs, please give me a call or email me) – Waylon Antone, Art Program Coordinator

For students, 14 and older, in good academic standing, they are enjoying the opportunity to be placed with various Community departments to earn some summer income.

These Summer Youth Workers can be seen shadowing respective department employees, learning what kinds of services and skills they provide for the community, and getting a pay check.



Ak-Chin Child Development

Accepting applications for
Preschool 2026-2027 SY
Deadline is July 13th, 2026

Our office is open
8am-5pm
Monday-Friday
Register now!
First day of Preschool is
August 10th, 8:30am-2:00pm

Ak-Chin Child Development offers:

- A High Quality Early Education Experience
- Health/Developmental Screenings
- Disability Services (Through M.U.S.D.)
- Kindergarten Readiness
- *Story time (Provided by Ak-Chin Library)
- *Cultural Activities/Events (Provided by Language Program/Cultural Resources)*
- *Physical/Nutrition Education (Provided by Ak-Chin Health Ed. Program)
- *Fire Safety Education (Provided by the Ak-Chin Fire Department)*
- *Field Trips/Fun activities throughout year*
- Health and Safety Protocols in Place

Enrollment is based on availability and children are selected in the following order:

1. Child is an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
2. Child is a non-enrolled member, but he/she is the Legal child of an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
3. Child is living within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries.
4. Child is living outside of the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries and is enrolled with another federally recognized Native American Community.
5. Child of a parent who is an employee of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
6. Non-member children based on availability.

If you have any questions please contact the Preschool at
48251 W. Farrell Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85139
(520) 568-1700.
Ak-ChinChildDevelopment@ak-chin.nsn.us

Pick up a 2026-2027 Enrollment Packet at Ak-Chin Child Development.

Please bring in the following documents to be considered for enrollment

- Completed Application
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) if applicable
- Child's Certified Birth Certificate
- Child's Current Immunization Record

(returning students only need the current Immunization Record and a completed Returning Student application)

Only completed applications with required documents will be accepted. Children registering must be three (3) years old prior to September 1st of the current year.

Transportation provided for children living within the Ak-Chin Community boundaries.



Central Arizona College
GED Classes
at the
Ak-Chin Indian Community Education Building

HOW DO I REGISTER?
You must attend an Information Session!

CLASSES:

- Start: Tuesday, August 18, 2026
- Tuesday & Thursday | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Taught by certified teachers
- In person
- FREE!

When?
11:30 AM Thursday, June 25th or
10:00 AM Wednesday, July 15th

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

Contact Us!
520-494-5952
adult.education@centralaz.edu



JOB OPENINGS

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:


- Child and Family Therapist (part-time)
- Communication Officer
- Lab Tutor (part-time)
- Maintenance Technician
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer (non-certified)
- Police Officer (certified)
- Security Guard
- Therapist

Open to Enrolled Ak-Chin Members Only

- General Worker (Temp Worker)
- Museum Technician
- Oral Historian (part-time)

www.ak-chin.nsn.us

Health Education Presents:



Join us... At the Ak-Chin Recreation Pool and get your **ZUMBA** on!

THURSDAYS- 6PM-7PM

JULY 09, 2026
JULY 16, 2026
JULY 23, 2026
JULY 30, 2026

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

COME TO THE Library AFTER DARK TRIVIA NIGHT
AGES 15+

WE'RE STAYING OPEN LATER!
ENJOY SOME FOOD AND TRIVIA.

JUNE 23RD TUESDAY
5PM-7PM

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES

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OR EMAIL: LIBRARY@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.

POPSICLES

COME TO THE LIBRARY AND COOL OFF WITH A SWEET TREAT!

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

JUNE 27TH SATURDAY @1PM

CONTACT: (520)568-1675 OR LIBRARY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US

JOIN US THIS **Crafternoon**

Popsicle Stick Flags

CREATE AN AMERICAN FLAG FROM POPCICLE STICKS TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY.

TUESDAY JUNE 30TH 3PM-5PM

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

QUESTIONS? CALL: (520) 568-1675 OR EMAIL: LIBRARY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US

Employee Birthdays 6/20 - 7/2

6/20 Mayra Bandin, Preschool Daniel Jimenez, Sanitation Juanita Miguel, Elderly Raymond Vaca Jr, Prosecutor	6/21 Sarah Zabawa, TGA	6/22 Bija Gozhone Talkalai, Police	6/23 Guillermo Ruiz, Sanitation Gino Williams, TGA	6/24 Rufus White, Sanitation	6/27 Aiyanna Narcia, Vekol Sheila Pablo-Bandin, Youth Council	6/28 Amanda Maldonado, PRC Gino Williams, TGA	6/29 Susan Guerin, Vekol	6/30 Naomi Bishop, Library	7/2 Daniel Batopis, Security Tristan Garcia, Police
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Books & Bubbles

Come along for a special bubbly Storytime at the library!

June 24th @10am

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

Contact: (520)568-1675 or Library@ak-chin.nsn.us

Employee Updates

 Anthony Hernandez Senior Gaming Agent Tribal Gaming Agency	 Dyami Jackson Elder Driver Elder Center
 Mary Diaz Gaming License Tech Tribal Gaming Agency	 Yrene Zepeda Elder Driver Elder Center

Happy Birthday Mena!!!
Enjoy ur Day! Thanks for everything u do for us!
From: Brother, Lena, Nyaila, Auciana, n Jose Jr. Oooh n Paco

Happy Birthday "CJ"!
Have a cool, good, awesome Birthday!!
From: Uncle Jose, Auntie Lena, the girls, n Jose Jr.

Happy Birthday to my daughter Adella
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my great-grandson John
Love, Grandma



Lovelle Peters
Your hard worked & determination paid off. You have a beautiful spirit & a bright future ahead. Keep looking forward and achieve your dreams.
Love Mom

JUNE 6/19 - 7/2 BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 19 Kellen Hoffman Josefa Lewis Michelle Soke	JUNE 23 Lillian Shade Charity Vincent	Kaniatobe Sheila Bandin Aiyanna Narcia
JUNE 20 Juanita Miguel Julianna Smith Justin Zabawa Sayra Montero-Zamudio	JUNE 24 Salvatore Johnson Jr. Autum Manuel Kevin Ormsby Nicole Narcia Adela Zabawa	JUNE 28 Makaylia Allison
JUNE 21 Bridget Carlyle Tanya Enos Linda SueJose Andreas Antone Sedra Dean	JUNE 25 Anthony M. Antone Johnny Lopez	JUNE 29 Susan Guerin Janelle White John White
JUNE 22 Davidson Ugalde Jr. Baya Olivas Bija Talkalai Genisys Sandoval Pamela Vincent Pablo Alejandro, Jr.	JUNE 26 Delores Rodriguez Tylen Zepeda Rufus White Savanna Enos Armanii Carra	JUNE 30 Esmeralda Santiago Ionni Flores John Zabawa Martin Antone Sr
JUNE 27 Gabriel Narcia Joseph Narcia Esperanza Valentin-	JUNE 27 Gabriel Narcia Joseph Narcia Esperanza Valentin-	JULY 1 Kalene Santiago
JULY 2 Daniel Batopis Angel Warren Abrianna Machado		




JULY 4, 2026

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FREE HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, AND SLICED WATERMELON AT ELEMENTS OUTDOOR CONCESSION STAND

4PM START

UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST



Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Announces Appointment of Robert Rutter to Casino Operations Manager (Slots) and Responsible Gaming Chair

(Maricopa, Ariz., May 21, 2026) Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino announced the appointment of Robert Rutter to Casino Operations Manager (Slots) and Responsible Gaming Chair.

a decade of hospitality and gaming industry experience to the roles, having served in several leadership positions with Caesars Entertainment, including Slot Performance Manager and Hotel Operations Manager at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino.

includes food and beverage and gaming operations leadership roles at premier hospitality destinations across the country.

In his new positions, Rutter will oversee slot operations and performance initiatives while also leading the property's responsible

gaming efforts. Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino is recognized for its ongoing commitment to guest service, regulatory compliance and responsible gaming education.

Rutter earned a bachelor's degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from

Northern Arizona University.

For more information about Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, please visit www.harrahsakchin.com. Guests must be 21 or older to gamble.

Remember to "Know When To Stop Before You Start.®" If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, please call 1-800-NEXT STEP. ©2026, Caesars License Company, LLC.

SUMMER Movie FUN

JUNE 1 - JULY 24
8 MOVIES • 8 WEEKS FOR KIDS

Kids Movies Every Monday - Friday at 10AM **\$12** For all 8 or **\$3** Each Film Daily

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
June 1 - June 5 	June 8 - June 12 	June 15 - June 19 	June 22 - June 26
Week 5 June 29 - July 3 	Week 6 July 6 - July 10 	Week 7 July 13 - July 17 	Week 8 July 20 - July 24

Doors open at 9:30AM - Movies start at 10:00AM - All films presented in 2D
For more information, to book groups, or for school fundraising opportunities contact Riva Quintana at (520) 233-2445 or RQuintana@AkChinCircle.com

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JUNE BUY ONE GET ONE

NATHAN'S ALL BEEF HOT DOG

Play #miniDunes and get a Nathan's Famous All Beef Hot Dog BOGO. Must present coupon to server. No substitutions. Not valid with any other specials, offers, discounts or Harrah's Rewards. One coupon per order, no split checks. Does not include alcohol. Non-transferable. Offer expires 6/30/26.

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DT COMEDY SHOW

SAT. JUN 27
Doors open at 8pm | Show Starts at 9pm

DT & Big Rob with Special Guests

Ak-ChinCircle.com
16000 N. Maricopa Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85139

JURASSIC JULY SUNDAY FREE MOVIES

July 5 th	July 12 th
July 19 th	July 26 th

* ALL MOVIES START AT 7PM OUT FRONT IN AMPHITHEATER
Ak-ChinCircle.com

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

WIN YOUR SHARE OF \$700,000 IN PRIZES THIS SUMMER

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS THIS SUMMER

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