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Young River People's Council Newsletter

YRPC Election Results

YRPC Executive Council for 2018-2019

President– Sommer Lopez

Vice President– Caleb Dash

Correspondent Secretary– Nalani Lopez

Clerical Secretary– Teegan Smith

Treasurer– Casey Wood

YRPC helped at the 2018 Inauguration of our Tribal Council. We helped seat families, dignitaries and special guests. After the program we served elders. It was an honor to help at the ceremony as we witnessed the newly elected council be sworn in. We are always thankful for their support.—**Casey Wood**

Council Inauguration

Merry Christmas

On December 20, Youth Council members gathered at the two waters to celebrate the holidays, with a pajama themed party. The party was kicked off with a gingerbread decorating contest. The contest consisted of two teams; Team “Rez House” and team “Surf Shack”. Youth council members uploaded pictures to YRPC Instagram page to do a poll on which team had the best gingerbread. Based on the poll, “Rez House” won. The youth council members also participated in a white elephant gift exchange. Youth council members closed the evening with a short game of “hide and seek”. The evening was fun! - **Cynthia Alvarez**

YRPC Christmas Party

O’odham Christmas Bingo

In December we focused on learning the O’odham and Piipaash language so we could host a Bingo game for the youth in the Community. It was a great experience with a good turn out of youth that came to learn. I believe that the native youth of this community have the capacity to learn our culture and language. By learning from their culture I hope that native youth can learn who they are as O’odham and Piipaash youth. Thank you to all the youth and families that came to our event!– **Caleb Dash**

Christmas Light Parade

Youth Council got to walk with Administration in the Community light parade. We got to hand out coloring books and candy to the kids of the community. I had a lot of fun with fellow youth council members. It was nice to see kids faces light up when they saw our Charlie Brown themed float. **- Teegan Smith**

***For questions about joining the Young River People’s Council please email Christine Porter at Christine.porter@srpmic-nsn.gov or call 480-362-7527.**

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