

YOUNG RIVER PEOPLE'S COUNCIL

RIVER RUN

June 2019



NATIVE YOUTH GATHERING

The YRPC, along with the Tohono O'odham, Gila River, Fort McDowell, and FINAL Youth Council collaborated together for the 1st Quarterly Native Youth Gathering. During the gathering we introduced our youth councils and shared with each other what efforts we make into bettering our communities. We also participated in educational workshops and culture sharing throughout the day. It was a great event that I think will help our youth councils collaborate more in the future.

- **Sommer Lopez**



NCAI

As the secretary of the NCAI Youth Commission, I assisted with the youth commission meetings. We helped youth understand what was going on in the various meetings. We did ice breakers to get to know each other. Jeri Bruno was the facilitator and provided a space where youth had the opportunity to ask questions they may not feel comfortable asking in the meetings and sessions. I'd like to thank my Community for supporting me as the Youth Commission Secretary.

- **Marisella Villegas**





REC-ED CAMP PRESENTATIONS

The youth council presented to the rec-ed youth for both the June and July sessions this year. We taught them why it is important for them to stray away from drugs and alcohol and that by learning your culture you can live a healthier lifestyle. It was a good experience to work with the kids because we have to remember that they're the future so we must do our best to steer them in the right direction

- Caleb Dash

BEADING CLASSES

As part of my goal for youth council I wanted to promote more culture in the youth. So, I decided to host a Piipaash and O'odham beading class at the WOLF. Cultural Resources explained the history and the process of making the necklaces/capes, and then we got to try it for ourselves. I think we had a pretty good turn out for our first time hosting this class. I'm thankful for the Cultural Resources staff that made this event possible.

- Aniceya Miles



JR. MISS SALT RIVER

If you went to the Jr. Miss Salt River pageant you may have seen our very own youth council members, Teegan Smith and Marisella Villegas. We are all very proud of the job they did and the work that they will continue to do in Salt River. Please congratulate these two smart and beautiful young women if you ever get a chance to see them in the community! - Nalani Lopez

GILA RIVER YOUTH CONFERENCE

A couple of our youth council members got the chance to attend the Gila River Youth Conference at the Ak-chin Entertainment Center. It was my first time going to one of these conferences and I really enjoyed it. It was very fun, I got to meet youth from the sister tribes, and I learned many new things through the workshops and activities they hosted. My favorite part was listening to Tantanka Means speak because he was so funny and I couldn't stop laughing. Overall, it was a great event and I look forward to it again next year.

- Rj Lopez



TRAINING DAY

LANGUAGE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ETIQUETTE

Our youth council spent the day attending different workshops. We started off with a graphic design class by Chandra Narcia. She taught us all the tips and tricks to design our own poster. After that we had a language class taught by Cultural Resources and they taught us how to introduce ourselves in O'odham, along with our family members and how to say Young River People's Council.



After that we went to Orange Sky at Talking Stick and were taught dinner etiquette. We are glad the Mentorship group were able to join us. .

- Sommer Lopez



DISTRICT MEETING

On June 17th the youth council got the chance to present at Councilman Tom Largo's District Meeting at the Way of Life Facility. Before it was our turn to speak we got to listen to the other presenters. We talked about all the events and activities we've done in the Community regarding substance abuse prevention. We also spoke about our upcoming events. - **Caleb Dash**



Upcoming Events:

- August 1st- I.G.N.Y.T.E Youth Conference
- August 15 -Executive Meeting 4pm at Two Waters
- August 15th- YRPC Meeting 5pm at Two Waters
- August 29th- Executive Meeting at 4pm at Two Waters
- August 29th- YRPC Meeting at 5pm at Two Waters



Thank you Patty Ferguson-Bohnee for presenting at our Youth Council meeting



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