

# River Run

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## Young River People's Council Newsletter



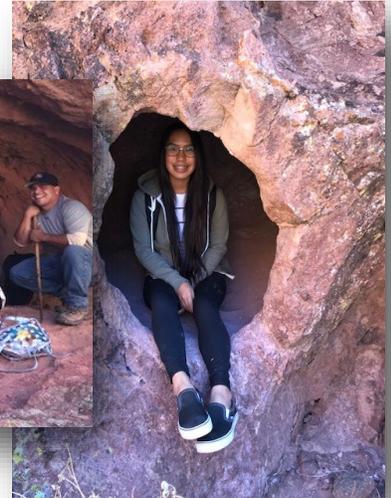
**Hiking Red Mountain**



**Cianna with grinding stone**



**Morning Star Youth Council and YRPC  
With Royce Manuel and Jacob Butler**



**Alyssa Andrews**

YRPC along with the Morning Star Youth Council had the opportunity to hike Red Mountain with Royce Manuel and Jacob Butler. Jason Barker from SR Fire Dept. came to make sure everyone was safe. Although it was quite tiring, learning more about the land and our people made it worth it. Royce and Jacob told us stories and we even learned a few O'odham words. The day was full of stories, culture, a few cactus pricks and a lot of fun! Thank you Jason, for finding us when we got off path! Thank you Royce and Jacob for taking the time to hike with us, it is much appreciated! **-Alyssa Andrews**



**Sommer with Luis Heredia, Governor Lewis, Congressman Gallego and other youth.**

On Feb. 9th, I got the chance to attend the Future Forum at the Heard Museum. The event was hosted by Congressman Ruben Gallego. Mr. Gallego was interested to hear what issues Native Americans were facing. There were a small amount of attendees, which gave me the platform to voice my opinion on substance abuse issues in our Community. I let him know of our youth council efforts and suggested more efforts be put into educating youth on substance abuse prevention. I'm glad that he was interested in hearing what I had to say and I hope that he takes my concerns seriously. **-Sommer Lopez**

The youth council had a Healthy Kids day workshop on Saturday January 24th and March 3rd at the new Way of Life Facility (WOLF). During this event, we taught kids and their families how to make fun healthy foods and infused waters. While we demonstrated this we also shared information on why they should be eating healthier and the benefits that come with it. Although the WOLF has many exercise facilities, we think it's just as important to teach good dietary habits. We have many health issues in the community, even for our youth, and we will do our best to help through education. -

**Sommer Lopez**



**Healthy Kids Day  
Activities**

Recently we have created committees to focus on goals that require more group effort. The Lonely Cactus Garden committee meeting allowed us to start planning and brainstorming ideas. We want to have native desert plants and provide a nice atmosphere with pretty scenery for the seniors. I am looking forward to getting it done.— **Nalani Lopez**

In our first Out of State College Tour committee meeting we had Denelle Prieto from higher education come and do a presentation. Denelle let us know what the Tribe covers in regards to in state tuition verses out of state tuition. She told us about the pros and cons of going to college out of state. Many of our youth council members want to go college out of state. In order for us to go tour an out of state college, we are requiring the youth council members write essays about how important college is to them. — **Ky-Mani Harney**

# Upcoming Events

- ◇ **March 3rd– Healthy Kids Day at WOLF from 10-2 (beading and dancing)**
- ◇ **March 8th Exec. Mtg. 5pm at TW**
- ◇ **March 15th– YRPC Mtg at TW-Time TBD**
- ◇ **March 12-16th– Spring Break Job Shadowing**
- ◇ **March 17th– Spring Training game at SRF (Need to sign-up with Chris)**
- ◇ **March 22nd– Exec. Mtg. 5pm at TW**
- ◇ **March 24th– Volunteer at Community Easter Egg Hunt-time TBD**
- ◇ **March 29th– YRPC Mtg. at 5pm at TW**

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