



Cocopah Times Newsletter

Tribal Phone Directory

COCOPAHS INDIAN TRIBE

August 2014 ISSUE

ADAPP (Ext. 235)	627- 2161
Children's Home	627- 1298
Cocopah Casino	726- 8066
Cocopah Korner	341-1444
Cocopah Resort	722- 6677
Cocopah Speedway	344-1563
Cocopah Wellness (Ext. 210)	627- 2681
Community Center	627- 5658
Cultural Resources	627- 4849
CVT	627- 8026
Daycare	627- 3729
Education (Ext. 230)	627- 4973
Elderly Program	627- 4166
EPO (Ext. 290)	627- 2025
Head Start	627-3197
Housing	627- 8863

IHS 1(800) 862- 4911

IT Department (Ext. 280)	627- 2025
Judicial	627- 2550
Museum	627- 1992
Manpower	627- 0616
Native Eatery	217-1001
Pesticide	627- 2025
PHEP/CTERC	627-2025
Prosecutor (Ext. 270)	627- 2025
Public Works (Ext. 240)	627- 0616
Purchasing (Ext. 201)	627- 2025
Resort Gift Shop	217-1068
Rio Colorado Golf	627- 0057
RV Park	343- 9300
Social Services	627- 3729
Title VI/XX	627- 1148
Tribal Gaming	217- 7718

Tribal Headquarters

Administration (Ext. 205)	627- 2102
Finance (Ext. 310)	627- 2102
Tribal Police (Ext. 215)	627- 8857
Wild River	627- 0980

2014 INAUGURATION



2014-2016 Cocopah Tribal Council Sworn in

The Sovereign Nation of the Cocopah Indian Tribe held its swearing in ceremony for newly elected council members at 10 a.m. on Friday the 25th of July.

Honorable Chairwoman Sherry Cordova, Vice Chairman J. Deal Begay Jr., and Council members: Carlos Pereyra, Rosa J. Long and Edmund Domingues took the oath of office.

Hundreds of tribal members attended the ceremony that was held in the Tribal Council chambers. The event was broadcast on closed circuit television in the lobby of the Tribal Administration building.

Judge Pro-Tem Sheila G. McCord swore in the Tribal council.

Tribal Elder Paul Soto gave the invocation.

The Cocopah Indian Tribe held its election on July 11th. Council members serve two-year terms.

The Election Committee reports 340 tribal members cast their ballots that day, the highest in recent years.

ELDERS LUNCH MENU JULY 2014

AUGUST

Nutrition Program Lunches Provided Monday—Friday

Faye Ortega, Title VI/XX @ 627-1148

* Menu may be substituted due to shortages of needed items.

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
					1 Chicken Strips BBQ Sauce Salad	2
3	4 Salisbury Steak Mash Potatoes Green Beans	5 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Potato Chips	6 Spaghetti Green Beans Bread	7 Chef Salad Wheat Crackers Ranch Dressing	8 Chicken Patties lettuce/tomatoes Mayonnaise Mustard	9
10	11 BBQ Chicken Rice Mix Veggies Bread	12 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Mayonnaise Mustard Celery/Carrots	13 Meatloaf Boiled Potatoes Green Beans Bread	14 Garden Salad w/diced Chicken Wheat Crackers Ranch Dressing	15 Hamburgers lettuce/tomatoes	16
17	18 Beef Macaroni Green Beans	19 Chicken Salad Sandwich Potato Chips	20 Bean Burrito Rice Salsa	21 Green Salad w/sliced Ham Croutons Ranch Dressing	22 Hot Dogs Pork N Beans Mustard/ketchup	23
24	25 Ham Steaks Mash Potatoes Corn	26 Tuna Sandwich Celery/Carrots	27 Pork Chops Rice Mix Salad	28 American Blend Salad w/hard boiled eggs Croutons Ranch Dressing	29 Ham & Cheese Croissant Potato Chips	30

COCOPAH ELDERS CULTURAL COUNCIL (ECC)



Meeting will be held

August 14

10:30– 11:00a.m.

**OPEN TO ALL COCOPAH
ELDERS & SENIORS 55+**

Please be advised, this will serve as your notice
for the meeting. Any questions please call:

(928) 627-1992

COCOPAH VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

Training for Success



August 2014

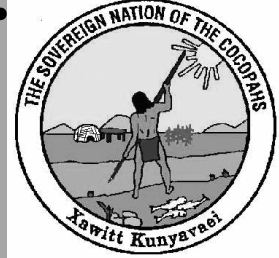


Phone: 928.627.8026
Fax: 928.627.2510
E-mail: cococvt@cocopah.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Location: 14250 Avenue I Somerton, Arizona 85350

Cocopah Vocational Training Center GED Class Session



ATTENTION

Interested in obtaining your
G.E.D. Diploma?

Accepting applications for the next GED Class Session at Cocopah Vocational Training Center to attend the GED Classes at the Adult Literacy Plus of Southwest Arizona

Come in as soon as possible so that we can begin the Intake Process.

***Present 2 to 3 forms of ID**

(official social security card & driver's license or state ID;
or other forms of ID)

***Proof of Income**

Deadline is August 15th, 2014

Dislocated Worker Program. . . *Let us help you get back into the workforce*

WIA Title IB Dislocated Worker Eligibility Criteria:



Category I—Terminated from employment of U.S. Veterans and Military Spouses, or

The term “terminated” does not include workers who were terminated for cause, left voluntarily, or voluntarily retired. Individuals who accept early “force” retirement as part of a reduction in workforce are considered dislocated. If a person is fired with cause by their employer or quits their job, they are not eligible for the DW Program . There is no time limit after a client’s date of dislocation to be considered eligible for the DW program.

Category II—Terminated due to plant closure; or

An individual who has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notification of termination or layoff from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at a plant, facility, or enterprise; or

An individual who is employed at a facility where the employer has made a general announcement that such a facility will close within 180 days; or

For purpose of eligibility for core services, an individual who is employed at a facility where the employer has made a general announcement that such facility will close.

Category III—Self employed; or

An individual who was self-employed (including employment as a farmer, rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

Category IV—Displaced Homemaker

An individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home who has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income and is unemployed and underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

The Dislocated Worker Program is dedicated to providing opportunities for those that meet the role of a Dislocated Worker. Through Orientation and Assessments, we offer “SERVICES AT NO COST TO YOU” with many “CHOICES” to assist the Dislocated Worker.

1. ***Career Decisions: Transferable skills/Interest Identifications***
2. ***Career Planning: Labor Market Information/On-The-Job Training***
3. ***Case Management Services: Assistance with resources for Education/Training***
4. ***Job Readiness: Workshops, Resume and Cover Letter Writing***
5. ***Placement Assistance: Employment Resources, Labor Market, Equal Employment Opportunity Laws***
6. ***Community Resources: Where/How to begin***

Services are available through the Dislocated Worker Program, as part of your local One-Stop Resource Centers. Think of it as a New Adventure with many opportunities to follow!!

If interested, please contact Diana A. Navarro at your local Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Office at the Cocopah Vocational Center at (928) 627-8026.

Equal Employment Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request

To individuals with disabilities.
Arizona Relay Service TTY: 7-1-1

DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS. . .



J.O.M.

Is sending out a special thanks to the Museum staff for a wonderful Cultural experience.

I would also like to thank my JOM staff and workers, my teachers Jennifer Teasley, Vanessa Fierros, and Kareena Owl.

My college Intern September Massey.

My Summer youth workers Elizabeth Twist and Aaron Massey.

The Volunteers Jesse Begay and Winter Alvarez.

The Education staff Nick Kenn, Lucinda Phillips, Nanny Palone, Irene Hein and Juan Bedoy without all of you JOM would not have been such a success. -Delonie Snowden Johnson O'Malley Coordinator

"Teaching is the profession that creates all others"

Middle School Advisor
Cocopah Indian Tribe
Education Department
(928) 627-4973

Cocopah Indian Tribe Department of Emergency Management

Michael Fila

14515 S. Veterans Dr.
Somerton AZ 8535
Cell phone: (928) 750-6612
Email: (mfila@cocopah.com)

INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COCOPAH RESERVATIONS?

*Please contact Michael Fila,
Emergency Manager for the
Cocopah Indian Tribe
@ (928) 750-6612*



Cocopah Truancy Prevention Program Starts Field Trip Series

GET AN EDUCATION



The Cocopah Truancy Prevention Program is launching a series of field trips aimed at giving students a first hand look at various careers. "Your dreams are within reach. To get there, you have to stay in school and earn a high school diploma," says Cocopah Truancy Officer Nick Kenn.

Earlier this summer, the program took some students to the Yuma County Detention Center to show them what it's like to work as a detention officer.

The program is planning a field trip to the Yuma U.S. Border Patrol station to give students a look at what it takes to be a Border Patrol agent.

Kenn says the program intends to expand the list of field trips over the next several months. "We have a program in place to help everyone to succeed. Staying in school is the key to making that happen," he said.

Cocopah law requires all students to stay in school through the age of 18. While most local schools allow five unexcused absences per semester, being habitually absent is a serious offense---both the student and the parents could face serious consequences.

Parents who fail to enroll their children in school and/or allow them to be truant can face up to 10 days in jail and fines of up to \$250, according to Cocopah Law and Order Code Article III, Chapter 2, Section 141.

"Our goal is keep kids in school and keep families from ending up in court. That's why we step in if a student has missed four days of school," Kenn says, adding: "We have a proven track record of helping kids catch up if they fall behind."

One student who had missed too many school days is now averaging B+ grades and is earning lost credits through summer classes.

If you are missing school or your child is falling behind, the Cocopah Truancy Prevention Program can help.

Call Truancy Officer Nick Kenn at: (928) 627-4973 or email him at: truancy@cocopah.com.

COCOPAH INDIAN HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

Job Opening

RESIDENTIAL SPECIALIST - FULL-TIME

Duties:

- Conduct home visits and provide counseling, training, guidance and assistance to tenants, as needed.
- Schedule and complete move-ins, annual and interim certifications/inspections and move-outs.
- Conduct home inspections annually, quarterly, monthly and weekly, as needed.
- Participate in rent collection and eviction activities.
- Maintain all assigned tenant/applicant account files up-to-date.
- Complete monthly or as-assigned reports, journals/logs and tenant contacts.
- Assist in the development and updating of policies and procedures.
- Assist in developing and implementing operational manuals/brochures, tenant handbooks, newsletters and training programs, classes and workshops.

Skills/Abilities:

- Have experience and knowledge of office software, practices and procedures.
- Be focused on customer service with the ability to encourage and facilitate cooperation, pride, trust and group identity.
- Able to prioritize and self-direct work load with a minimum of supervision ("self-starter").
- Able to read and interpret/follow government regulations.
- Able to establish a working relationship with all residents and applicants.
- Able to promote commitment and team spirit and work cooperatively with co-workers.
- Able to work with others to achieve the goals and mission of Cocopah Indian Housing and Development without prejudice or judgment.

Miscellaneous:

- Have a clean Arizona driver's license and vehicle insurance.
- Must pass a pre-employment drug test.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Preference will be given to qualified Native Americans.

Applications are available at:

www.ontherez.org
or
Cocopah Indian Housing and Development
10488 Steamboat Street
Somerton, AZ 85350
928-627-8863 – Phone
928-627-9800 – Fax

J.O.M. AT THE COCOPAH MUSEUM

J.O.M. Session started for the month of July.

1st Session was the K thru 5th grade.

The first group of K thru 2nd grade played the bingo game which includes learning the animal name and three colors. The Bingo session was taught by one of the ECC Elders, Irene Sharkey. Ms. Sharkey did a great job teaching the language, Thank You!

The second group 3rd thru 5th grade was the Peon game. The peon game is a traditional game played among tribes. The game consists of 8-players, 4 per team. The idea of this game is one team will hide the bone and the other team will guess which hand the bone is in.

2nd Session was the 6th thru 12th grade.

The game was taught by Kayla Sanchez and her helper's Deanna Thomas and Xyntrice Barley. These three women helped out with the games and taught them to sing the peon songs. The children learned very quickly on the peon calls and some learned the songs, they enjoyed playing the game. They got to play for the champion game. Prizes were given out to all the players for participation.

The Museum staff would like to thank all the J.O.M. Students for coming out to play. This was the first time the Museum taught and played this traditional game.



Steven making the call two fingers making the call wada grande



Students hiding the peone's under a blanket



Students all showing their peone's as the other team made the calls



More students playing the traditional peon game

SPECIAL WISHES



Special Birthday

Special Birthday to **Maryann Ramirez** on August 26th. It has been an honor to spend time with you. I hope you enjoy your special day because you are a very special woman!

Love Crystal

Happy Birthday to **Neil White** on August 21st. Thanks for all you do and continue to do for others! Love you very much!

Crystal, Robert & Kids

Happy Birthday To our special daughter **Raelynn Alise Connors** who is going to be 18 yrs. Old on August 21st. We love you very much babe and are very proud of you!

Love— Mom, Robert, Mikaela and Talon

I wanna wish my Uncle Luke Thomas a Happy Birthday and many more too! I Love you Uncle! Take care. Don't party to much. LOL :) JTK

Happy Birthday August 8th. To Amanda Sharkey! Have a great Birthday. Love Robert, Crystal & Kids

I wanna wish my Rubster a Happy 19th Birthday (can't believe your growing up so fast). Best wishes to you. I love you! Take Care and don't party to hard now LOL :)

I wanna wish my Lil Beautiful Prima **(LexiPie) a Happy Birthday** Best Wishes to you I love you! Take Care

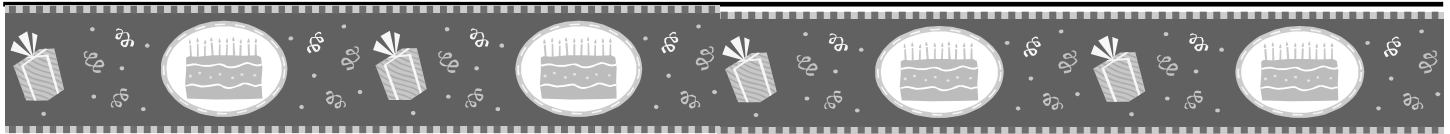
Marisia M.

Sherry
Have a wonderful Birthday. . .
Wishing you the most special day sending you much love to fill you all year through.
Happy Birthday Lady
LYUAS ~ Sheila

Special Birthday

I wanna wish myself, Allan Phillips, Amanda Sharkey and Ms. Sherry C. a **Happy Birthday On August 8th** With love, joy, laughter and many more to come. Take Care and be Safe

COCOPAH WISHES CONTINUED. . .



Momma & Petey
 Remember that on your Birthdays count your Blessings not your candles, no one wants to stand around all day waiting for a piece of cake Okay?
 Hope you two have a Wonderful Birthday
 I love you both so much
 Love your Daughter, Faithlynn



Petey we've been through so much together . . . From our own quarrels to financial struggles & sickness. I now find myself lost in remembering just how lucky I am to have a man like you in my life! Thank You so much for always being there for me. I love you so very much and HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Love Sheila

**Caring, Loving, Wonderful, Supportive, and Thoughtful. . . Aunt Mellow you are all of these and more! Here's wishing you a Birthday that's just as special as you are. I love you very much
 Your Niece
 Sheila**

*Happy Happy 1st Birthday to my baby girl
 Mia Briella!
 We all love you so much and I know you are gonna enjoy your first piece of cake!
 Love Always,
 Mommy, Lilah,
 Xzandra & Cristian*

August 1, 2014 Happy Birthday to my Love Michael Cleveland Thank you for always being there for me and the kids. We appreciate every thing you do for us. Enjoy your special day with us family! Love you, Deanna



Happy Birthday
Xochilit Dawn Phillips
 Love your
 Auntie Deanna



Happy Birthday to my Niece
Mia- Hooray!
 Have a great Birthday Princess.
 Love Auntie Deanna



Happy Birthday to my Nephew: John D. Sanchez III
 I am so proud of you. Have a great, safe birthday.
 Love your Auntie, Deanna



Happy Birthday to my Sister
Collette Phillips
 Love your Sister,
 Deanna



We want to wish a Happy Birthday
 To our youngest Grand daughter
Mia on August 4th Turning One
 Love, Grandma & Grandpa



Cocopah Newsletter Submission Form

The last day you can submit any information for the September Issue is: **Friday, August 22, 2014 by 5:00 p.m.** Any late submissions will be added in the next month's newsletter. Community, Tribal departments and local events submissions are welcomed. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for length, language, multiple submissions, clarity or reject inappropriate submissions. You can complete this Submission Form which includes your name, date, and a contact phone number, email us or fax with all information

Date: _____

Person Placing Submission: _____ Phone/Message Number: _____

Message: _____

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