

Cocopah Times Newsletter

COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE

September 2014 ISSUE

Tribal Phone Directory

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

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
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Tribal Headquarters

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

MISS COCOPAH TRIBE 2014-2016 CANDIDATES



MEET THE CANDIDATES:



Samantha Twist

My name is Samantha Jane Twist and I am currently running for Miss Cocopah Tribe. I was born in Yuma, Arizona and have recently turned 18 years old. My parents are John Harvey and Wesla Twist. My father does not have native blood but my mother Wesla was born and raised on the reservation as a proud member of the Tribe. My maternal grandparents are Wanda Twist and Wesley Gutierrez. My paternal grandparents are Carolyn and Patrick Harvey. I have one older sister but I am an older sister as well to many younger siblings where I hope to be a positive role model for them. I lived on the West Cocopah Reservation for 15 years but now reside in Yuma.

I am a 2014 high school honors graduate from Antelope Union High School. Throughout high school I have been involved in various clubs and sports including basketball, softball, drama and student council. Aside from sports I find enjoyment in art, long boarding and reading sci-fi novels. I plan to attend AWC this fall to start my education and pursue further to NAU to study Sports Medicine.



Santana Salazar

My name is Santana Marie Salazar. I am 17 years old, I'm Cocopah and Hispanic from Somerton, Arizona. I reside on the West Cocopah Reservation. My parents are Manuel Salazar Jr. and the late Marcella Hayes. My maternal grandparents are Mary Hayes and the late Billy White. My paternal grandparents are Manuel Salazar Sr. and the late Emma Paz.

I'm currently running for Miss Cocopah because I believe that I can be a good role model to our Cocopah youth and also represent the Cocopah Tribe proudly.

My hobbies are traveling to different powwows and gatherings—participating in Bird Dances, playing Peon, meeting new people, making new friends and having the pleasure to attend all native events.

My interest is in Law Enforcement. I participated in the Cocopah Explorers Program for two years and graduated.

My short term goal is to graduate from High School. My long term goal is to attend college and earn my degree in Law Enforcement.



Kayla Burney

My name is Kayla Danielle Burney. I'm 16 years old; I'm Cocopah, African American and Hispanic. I live on the West Cocopah Reservation.

I'm the proud daughter of the late Marcella Hayes and the late Michael Burney. My grandparents are Mary Hayes and the late Billy White.

My interests are playing volleyball with friends and family. I love music, I love singing songs with my nephew. My most passionate interests are bird dancing. When I bird dance I feel like I could be me and feel free to express my culture to anybody. I would like to teach the younger girls in my Tribe how to bird dance as well.

My goals for my future are to make better choices along the way. Prove to everybody that I can change my ways and become the better person they want me to be. My short term goal is to graduate from High School. My long term goal is to go to college and be a successful young woman in the future.

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ELDERS LUNCH MENU SEPTEMBER 2014

September

Nutrition Program Lunches Provided Monday—Friday
Faye Ortega, Title VI/XX @ 627-1148

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

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SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
	HAPPY LABOR DAY	2 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Macaroni Salad	3 Bean Burrito Rice Salsa	4 Caesar Salad Wheat Crackers Ranch Dressing	5 Hot Dogs Pork N Beans Salad	6
7	8 Salisbury Steak Mash Potatoes Green Beans	9 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Potato Chips	10 Meatloaf Boiled Potatoes Green Beans	11 Chef Salad Wheat Crackers Caesar Dressing	12 Chicken Patties lettuce/tomatoes	13
14	15 Chicken Teriyaki Rice Egg Rolls Mixed Veggies	16 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Macaroni Salad	17 Beef/ Potatoes Rice Salsa Tortillas	18 Potato Soup w/ Cheese Wheat Crackers	19 Hamburgers lettuce/tomatoes	20
21	22 Spaghetti w/ Meatballs Green Beans	23 Tuna Sandwich Celery/ Carrots	24 Indian Tacos Fry Bread Beans Ground Beef tomatoes/lettuce Cheese & Salsa	25 Chicken Salad w/ lettuce Wheat Crackers	Native American Day	27
28	29 Beef Macaroni Corn	30 Beef Bologna American Cheese Sandwich Potato Chips				

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COCOPAH ELDERS CULTURAL COUNCIL (ECC)



Meeting will be held

September 11th

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



Reminder! September 2014



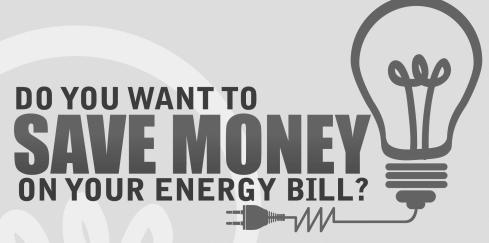
Phone: 928.627.8026 Fax: 928.627.2510 E-mail: cococvt@cocopah.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY	2 B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	3 B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	4 B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	5 B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	6
7	8 B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	9 B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	12 B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	13
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21	B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	24 B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	26 NATIVE AMERICAN DAY	27
28	B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment	30 B.I.A., N.A.U. , N.E.W. & W.I.A. Intakes by Appointment				

Location: 14250 Avenue I Somerton, Arizona 85350

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PROGRAMS FROM APS TO HELP REDUCE YOUR ELECTRIC BILL



APS has the following programs to help reduce your electric bill:

LOW-INCOME RATE ASSISTANCE

Energy Support Program

Offers a discount up to 40% off the cost of electricity for customers who meet certain income guidelines.

Medical Care Equipment Program

Offers a discount up to 40% off the cost of electricity for customers who meet certain income guidelines. Must provide a letter from a doctor showing a need of life sustaining medical equipment.

LOW-INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Energy-Wise

Provides weatherization improvements or repairs to the home and energy education.

EMERGENCY CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE

Project S.H.A.R.E.
(Service to Help Arizonans with Relief on Energy)

May be able to help pay energy bills for seniors over 60, living on a fixed income and facing a financial emergency or for customers under age 60 and experiencing special hardships or for disabled with no source of income.

Home Energy Assistance Fund

Provides funds for low-income families experiencing extreme financial hardship to help pay overdue utility bills and prevent potential electric gas shutoffs.

For more information contact: Faye Ortega, Title XX, Title VI, and LIHEAP Coordinator at (928) 627-1148.

Pick up an application at the Community Center, Administration, or Enrollment offices.



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COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE 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



SEASONAL FLU SHOT CLINIC

BEAT the Bug!



Gett a
Flu Shot!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014

RV & GOLF RESORT—Room 104 8:00 A.M. TO 8:45 A.M.

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT—THMP
Conference Room
9:30 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.

COCOPAH CASINO—Native Eatery Area 12:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

DETAILS: <u>FREE</u> to Participants in the Cocopah Indian Tribe Health Plan & their Children Age 5 & Older.

Those not covered by the Cocopah Indian Tribe Health Plan can purchase a flu Shot for \$32.00 or other insurance can be billed such as Medicare

For any questions, please contact Human Resources @ (928) 627-2102 Page 6 Cocopah Times Newsletter

COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF THANKS PROGRAMS & VOLUNTEERS

Thank You Very Much

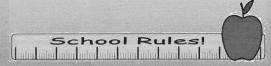
- * Education Department * Early Steps Specialist (Mrs.Rojas)
 - * PHEP (Mr. Fila) * First Things First (Mrs. Garcia)
 - * First Smiles Staff * ADAPP (Keith, Wesla & Veronica)
 - * Community children who came out to help

We the Staff at the Community Center want to send out a "Thank you very much!" to all the different programs and volunteers for helping and assisting us in our Back To School Extravaganza this year.





The kids were extremely happy with the FREE backpacks that were handed out to the first 50 who attended this extravaganza, and especially excited about the skit and free information that was given them that afternoon. We thank you for your time and hard work. This event truly was a success, see you next year.



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REIGNING MISS COCOPAH HEADING FOR STATE PAGEANT

Shelyne Twist, the reigning Miss Cocopah, is in the running for the coveted title of Miss Indian Arizona. If she wins, Ms. Twist will be the first Miss Cocopah in the organization's 53-year history to attain this honor.

"Of course I'm excited. I have such a love for representing my tribe, it will be a great experience and a great honor," Twist said.

The 23-year-old reigning Miss Cocopah is among seven other contestants from five other Arizona tribes who are competing for the state title. The other contestants are from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Gila River Indian Community, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the Tohono O'odham Nation, the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Navajo Nation.

Twist was crowned Miss Cocopah in 2012. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Performance through the University of Arizona in Tucson. She was born on the Cocopah reservation and lived there until she was 16 years old. She graduated from Yuma High School in 2009 where she made the National Honor Roll.

During her two-year term as Miss Cocopah, Twist has represented the Tribe at numerous Native American events throughout Arizona, California, and New Mexico. In addition, she has participated in numerous community events including the Cocopah Cultural Celebration, the Annual Yuma Jaycees Rodeo Parade, and the Veterans Day parade.

"My two main goals for the past two years are simply representing the tribe and being a role model. Whether that's to other tribes or non-natives, I try my best to represent the tribe with honor, dignity, and respect," Twist said.

Twist has also served as a guest speaker at area schools and has participated in fund raising activities.

Most recently, she and the three Miss Cocopah 2014 candidates participated in the annual Stuff the Bus campaign, donating 10 complete backpacks for needy school children.

The 53rd Annual Miss Indian Arizona Pageant will be held on October 11 in Chandler, Arizona.





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C.R.I.T. NATIVE AMERICAN FAIR / SYCUAN POW WOW/ PRESCOTT POW WOW





Prescott Social Intertribal



Head Man: Alvis Robertson Head Lady: Janelle Six Killer MC: Vernon Foster Youth MC: Ashley Foster

Host Drums: Saste Takoja, STRONG HEART Arena Director: Rick Yazzie

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FRIDAY: GOURD 2PM TO 6PMGRAND

SATURDAY: GOURD 10AM TO 12PM GRAND ENTRY 1PM TO 4PM

SATURDAY EVENING: GOURD 5PM TO 7PM GRAND ENTRY 7PM

SUNDAY: GOURD 10AM TO 12PM GRAND ENTRY 1PM TO 4PM

Friday we Kick off our Pow-wow with an All Native American Free Concert. last year we had Keith Secola with Special Guest

Free Concert. last year we had Keith Secola with Special Guest Charlie Hill, also Native Hip Hop Artists. This year is going to be Bigger.

We are also setting up a HANDDRUM Contest, for more info contact Vernon

There is FREE CAMPING & Showers For arts/crafts info call Sheba 928-776-4521 For Youth program/ Drums/ Concert call Vernon 928-554-5064

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E-mail: bathsheba67@hotmail.com

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18TH ANNUAL COCOPAH CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Join us for the 18th annual

Cocopah Cultural Celebration





Saturday, October 18, 2014 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. West Cocopah Reservation

14515 S. Veterans Drive, Somerton, AZ 85350

Cultural Performances, Bird Singing & Dancing, Arts & Crafts Booths, Museum Exhibit, New Gift Shop Items, Informational Booths, Children's Fun Area, Free Drawings and much more!

For more Information: (928) 627-1992

museum@cocopah.com



Interested in showcasing your

Arts & Craft, Information or favorite food

Items during the Cultural Celebration?

We have booths at no cost available.

Please contact:

Deanna Thomas

(928) 627-1992

thomasd@cocopah.com

Please Note: Due to limited equipment.... booths are on a first come, first serve basis with canopies, tables

and chairs



Volunteers Needed

The Cocopah Museum
Is asking for help with the
18th Annual Cocopah Cultural
Celebration Day on
Saturday, October 18th.
To volunteer, please call
Serena Thomas, Office Manager
at
(928) 627-1992

Email: museumofcmgr@cocoah.com

COCOPAH WISHES . . .



Happy Birthday to an awesome boy named Mikey Anderson!! We hope you have the best birthday. Love You Lots! From: Auntie, Daisy & Benji Bear



May you always walk with the creator, Follow your heart, ♥ Never give up and always remember that your loved dearly. Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to my favorite sister MercedesWishing you the greatest day ever. Love you Lots, Serena & Kids

Happy Birthday "Juice".! Wishing you the best on this special day Only Me.

Congratulations Miss Delsie Jim for winning 2nd place in the Cocopah Casino King & Queen



Karaoke Contest.

Happy 15th Birthday "Jesika " Wishing you the best on your special day. We love you.

Mom, Dad & your siblings



Let's Welcome our new Museum Director Ms. Susan Taylor. Please stop by and say hello.



Happy Birthday Sarah Have a good one. Serena & Kiddos

Cocopah Newsletter Submission Form

The last day you can submit any information for the September Issue is: Friday, September 19, 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

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Message:		
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