

# Cocopah Times Newsletter

#### **Tribal Phone Directory**

**October 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					

627-0980

Wild River

# Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 11:00am to 4:00pm



COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE

**Cocopah West Reservation** 14515 South Veterans Drive Somerton Arizona 85350

11:00am .....WELCOME 11:30am to 1:00pm .....FREE LUNCH 1:00pm ......ENTERTAINMENT STARTS

Special Guest: Billy Mills, 1964 Olympic gold Medal Winner for 10,000 meter run, second Native American to win an Olympic Gold Medal.

Meet Yuma area royalty & the new Miss Cocopah



- **Cultural Performances**
- Bird singing and dancing
- Arts & Crafts booths
- Informational booths
- Children's fun area
- Pony rides
- Watermelon eating contest
- Snow cones
- Free drawings and much more!



For more information: (928) 627-1992 or museum@cocopah.com

# **ELDERS LUNCH MENU OCTOBER 2014**

	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 Pork Chops Rice Gr. Beans	2 Chili Beans Cornbread	3 Hot Dogs Pork N Beans	4
5	6 Beef Macaroni Corn	7 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Macaroni Salad	8 Meatloaf Boiled Potatoes Green Beans	9 Gr. Salad w/diced Chicken Wheat Crackers	10 Hamburgers Lettuce Tomatoes	11
12	13 OFFICES CLOSED	14 Roast Beef Sandwich Macaroni Salad	15 Salisbury Steak Mash Potatoes Corn	16 Potato & Cheese Soup Wheat Crackers	17 Chicken Patties Lettuce Tomatoes	18 Annalis
19	20 Chicken Teriyaki Rice Egg rolls Mix Veggies	21 Beef Bologna & Cheese Sandwich Potato Chips	22 Gr. Beef & Rice Burrito Salsa	23 Chicken & Rice Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich	24 Chicken Strips BBQ Sauce Salad	25
26	27 Spaghetti w/ Meatballs Corn	28 Tuna Sandwich Macaroni Salad	29 Beef Stew Tortillas	30 Ham Salad w/Ranch Dressing Wheat Crackers	31 Ham & Cheese Croissant Potato Chips	

# **COCOPAH ELDERS CULTURAL COUNCIL (ECC)**



Meeting will be held

# October 9<sup>th</sup>

#### 10:00a.m. to 11:30a.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

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Reminder!

# October 2014

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

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

# PHEP/ WELLNESS





#### Thursday, 11 September 2014 10:05 By <u>Daniela Pastrana</u>, <u>Inter</u> Press Service

El Mayor, Mexico - In their language, Cocopah means "river people". For over 500 years the members of this Amerindian group have lived along the lower Colorado River and delta in the Mexican states of Baja California and Sonora and the US state of Arizona.

They fish and make crafts for a living, have strong family ties, and are united by their Kurikuri or rituals and funeral ceremonies – and, now, by the struggle to keep from disappearing, in a battle led by their women. Today, the Cocopah number just over 1,300 people, most of whom live in Arizona.

"I'm Hilda Hurtado Valenzuela. I'm a fisherwoman. And I am Cocopah," says the president of the <u>Cocopah Indigenous People Cooperative</u> <u>Society</u>.

She and other women of this community introduce themselves this way at an assembly attended by IPS, held to discuss the federal government's promise to finally consult them about a fishing ban which took away their livelihood and practically condemns them to extinction. "No government has the right to take our habitat from us," Hurtado told IPS during a visit to the EI Mayor Cocopah Indigenous Community, where the <u>Red de Periodistas de a Pie (Journalists on Foot Network) and the Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights are carrying out a project for the protection of human rights defenders, financed by the European Union.</u>

In May, the 61-year-old Hurtado, a mother of four and grandmother of 10, sat down on the road connecting the port of San Felipe on the Gulf of California with Mexicali, the capital of the state of Baja California, which abuts the US, and refused to budge until the federal government formalised its promise to hold a consultation with the local communities.

"The government agreed to do something that it should have done 25 years ago," said the lawyer Ricardo Rivera de la Torre of the <u>Citizens Commission of Human Rights of the Northwest</u>, an organisation that has been documenting violations of civil rights in Baja California since 2004. Rivera de la Torre and Raúl Ramírez Baena took the case to the <u>Inter-American Commission on Human Rights</u> in 2008.

"The government violated the Cocopah's people's right to consultation as outlined in the International Labour Organisation's <u>Convention 169</u>," which Mexico ratified in 1990, said Ramírez Baena. ILO Convention 169 Concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples requires prior consultation of local indigenous communities before any project is authorised on their land.

But in 1993, without any prior consultation, the government decreed the creation of the <u>Alto</u> <u>Golfo de California y Delta del Río Colorado</u> <u>Biosphere Reserve</u>. The nucleus of the reserve is the Zanjón, where the Cocopah have fished for the Gulf weakfish (Cynoscion othonopterus) for centuries.

The Gulf weakfish lay their eggs between February and May in shallow waters in the Gulf of California where the states of Sonora and Baja California meet, and the fish are widely sold during Lent, when Catholics abstain from eating meat on Fridays.

After the biosphere reserve was created, a Reserve Management Plan was adopted in 1995, along with a string of laws and regulations – such as the Law on Ecological Balance and a fishing quota and ban – which restricted the fishing activities of the Cocopah to levels that have made it impossible for them to make a living.

"The case of the Cocopah is an example of how ultra-conservationist policies can endanger the existence of a native community," said Yacotzin Bravo, another lawyer with the Citizens Commission of Human Rights of the Northwest.

The Mexican constitution defines indigenous people as the descendants of the populations that inhabited the area before the state was formed and who preserve their ancestral cultural or economic institutions.

Article 2 of the constitution establishes that native people have "preferential access" to the nation's natural assets.

"Indigenous rights are the rights of peoples," expert in indigenous law Francisco López Bárcenas told IPS. "Not of persons, not of municipalities, not of rural communities. With respect to indigenous rights, we are talking about the appropriation of territory, which is necessary for a people to be able to exist as such.

"They depend for a living on fishing, on a close relationship with their natural surroundings. It's not only about money. First, as a result of the laws on agriculture, their territories were shrunk to small spaces, and now their main livelihood activity is reduced. And if they can't fish, they have to go to other parts to find work," he said. Every year, just after the waning moon, the weakfish begin their migration to the shallow waters of the Colorado River delta, and fishing season starts.

The Cocopah go to sea in their "pangas" or fishing boats and sit quietly until they hear the weakfish and throw their "chinchorros" or nets. The Cocopah capture between 200 and 500 tons of fish per season.

"What the government has done with us is segregation," Juana Aguilar González, the president of the El Mayor Cocopah Rural Production Society, told Tierramérica. "They know that we Indians don't threaten the environment."

The Cocopah are not the only ones who catch weakfish. There are also two non-indigenous cooperatives in the area – San Felipe in Baja California and Santa Clara in Sonora – with a fishing capacity 10 times greater, according to statistics from the governmental National Commission for Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (CONABIO).

The weakfish "captured by the Cocopah are approximately 10 percent of the recommended quota, which shows that the fishing done by that indigenous community, even if they fish in the nucleus of the reserve, does not hurt the ecological balance or threaten the species with extinction," says recommendation 8/2002 of the National Human Rights Commission addressed to the ministries of the environment and agriculture.

"The decree creating the reserve changed our lives," Mónica González, the daughter of the late Cocopah governor Onésimo González, said sadly. "Now, instead of being busy organising our dances, we have to be worried about the legal action, the trials, confiscations and arrests."

The Cocopah, descendants of the Yumano people, are one of the five surviving indigenous groups in Baja California.

In the 17th century, some 22,000 Cocopah were living in the Colorado River delta. Today there are only 1,000 in the Cocopah Indian Reservation in the southwest corner of Arizona, and just over 300 in Mexico, in Baja California and Sonora, according to the governmental National Commission for the Development of Indigenous Peoples. According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Cocopah is an endangered language. There are only 10 Cocopah speakers still alive. Years ago one of them, 44-year- old Mónica González, began to make an effort to revive the language. "Sometimes I think our leaders talk about the Cocopah as if we had already died, but we are alive and still putting up a struggle," she told IPS.

# **OCTOBER POW WOW'S**

# Festival of the

# Americas Pow Wow

Submitted by Pow Wow Calendar – Added on: February 27, 2014

Status: Active

#### <u>When</u>

Date/Time October 4 to 5, 2014, All Day

#### <u>Where</u>

El Dorado County Fairgrounds: 100 Placerville Drive Placerville, CA

# **Contact Information**

Contact: Phone: 530-621-3096

Email:

Website: coming soon

Additional Information: All Drums and Dancers Welcome. Free Admission, Competition Dancing, Drum Contest,

Open Gourd Dancing, Exhibition Dance Groups, Quality Arts/Crafts. Head Staff To Be Announced. Grand Entry:

Saturday: 1pm & 7pm, Sunday: Noon. Absolutely no drugs, alcohol, or weapons. This is a smoke free event.

# 2014 San Manuel Pow Wow

Submitted by Kshoji – Added on: August 14, 2014

Status: Active

# <u>When</u>

Date/Time October 10 to 12, 2014, All Day

# <u>Where</u>

Cal State San Bernardino: 5500 University Parkway San Bernardino , California

# **Contact Information**

Contact: Kenneth Shoji Phone: 909-425-3450

Email: powwowsanmanuel@gmail.com

Website:www.sanmanuel-nsn.gov

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# 32ND ANNUAL NARD POWWOW

Submitted by Freedy Alvarado – Added on: September 10, 2014

Status: Active

#### <u>When</u>

**Date/Time** October 11 to , *11:00 am10:00 pm* 

### <u>Where</u>

Madison Park Middle School: 1431 East Campbell Road Phoenix, AZ

#### **Contact Information**

Contact: Loretta Sanders Phone: 602-507-5781

Email: Ilsanders4@yahoo.com

Website:

Additional Information: NO WALKING VENDORS ALLOWED



# OCTOBER POW WOW'S CONTINUED AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Auburn Big Time Pow Wow

Submitted by Loren N – Added on: May 13, 2014

Status: Active

#### <u>When</u>

Date/Time October 17 to 18, 2014, 12:00 am9:00 pm

#### <u>Where</u>

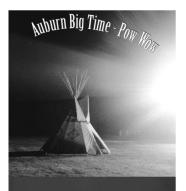
Gold Country Fairgrounds: 1273 High St. Auburn, California

#### **Contact Information**

Contact: Loren Nakai Phone: 530 888 8767

Email:lorenn@sierranativeallianc e.org

Wesite:www.sierranativealliance .org/events



October 17th & 18th, 2014 6pm - 9pm Friday /California Big Time 10am to 9pm Saturday / Pow Wow GOLD COUNTRY FAIRGROUNDS 1273 HIGH STREET, AUBURN, CA

# 31st Annual Roy Track Memorial

## Powwow

Submitted by UrbanN8VWarrior – Added on: September 15, 2014

Status: Active

#### <u>When</u>

**Date/Time** October 24 to 26, 2014, *6:00 pm* 

#### <u>Where</u>

Pioneer Park: 525 E. Main St. Mesa, AZ

#### **Contact Information**

Contact: Phone: 602-799-0260

Email: mesapowow@gmail.com



# ATTENTION LOCATION HAS BEEN CHANGED

FOOD HANDLER'S TRAINING

DATES AND LOCATION:

DATE: Tuesday, October 14, 2014
TIME: 8:00AM—10:00AM
LOCATION: Community Center

#### **Michael Fila**

14515 S. Veterans Dr.

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

#### INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP

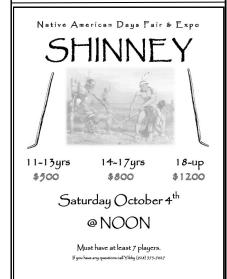
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NOTIFICATIONS

THROUGHOUT THE

**COCOPAH RESERVATIONS?** 

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



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# **COCOPAH NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**



# COCOPAH'S HEAD START



Our Cocopah Head Start for their Field Trip came to Tour the Cocopah Museum on September 24, 2014

# COCOPAH WISHES . . .



Happy 12th (Pre-teen) Birthday To our Nephew Benicio Esquerra on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, You're growing so fast & have accomplished so much We're <u>very</u> proud of you!!!! This is your day & hope you have fun, I hope the Monster Truck show comes in time! Love You- Auntie Laura & Uncle Shawn

> Happy Birthday to the most wonderful Father/Grandpa in the world, "Mickey." I'm so glad to have a Father like you in my life. I Love that you would do anything for me whenever you could. I wouldn't trade you for anything in the world. Danielle is also thankful to have a Grandpa like you as well. We Love You So Much! Hope you have an awesome birthday. Love Your Daughter Melissa Fawn & Your Granddaughter Hazel Nut :)

Happy Birthday to a wonderful Lady who has taken me in and raised me as one of her own children, Ms. Veronica Mack! Hope your birthday is as wonderful as you are. Love Melissa & Danielle

Sisters: Molly & Mariella. You two are growing up too fast, I can still remember when you were just babies (tear). Have an awesome birthday. Better do well in school and behave :) I Love you!! Love Your Big Sis Melissa & Your Crazy Lil Niece Danielle. ллллллл Happy Birthday to the Lil Cuz Timo, the Bros/Uncles Isaac and Jonny & Lil Sis/Auntie Destiny. Hope you guys have an awesome birthday. From Melissa, Danielle & Sonny

Happy Birthday to my (2)

October 12, 2014 Happy Birthday Michael Barley 4-Years Old Love Auntie Deanna & Family





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# **COCOPAH WISHES CONTINUED...**



Wishing my big boy Ivan Avalos Jr. (Lil John Cena) a Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Words are simply not enough to express how amazing I feel to have you as my son. I am so proud of the smart young boy you have become. My Love or you is endless an no matter how old you are you will always be my "Baby Ivan" forever. Proud to be you Mother; Christie (Mom) P.S. Congratulations on being the first 1<sup>st</sup> grader student of the month at Alice Byrne School. Love You!

October 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 Brianna Dee Twist "B-Gurl" 4years old, You're growing so fast, you're so Amazing at everything you do, at home, in school, its your Journey Baby Girl. We love you so much. Happy Birthday Brianna Love Daddy, Mommy and your Brothers & Sisters Hugs & Kisses. Sending out a Birthday wish to my Hero– My Father Dale Phillips Thank you for all you do for our family you are our Super Hero! Happy Birthday. . . We love You Deanna & Family

Good Luck to you, <u>Shelyne Twist</u> In the run for the coveted title in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Miss Indian Arizona Pageant Congratulations <u>Tearsey Lau</u> For being elected Treasure for Student Council at Gary Knox Elementary School Love your Family

# **Cocopah Newsletter Submission Form**

The last day you can submit any information for the November Issue is: **Friday, October 24, 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.	
	Phone/Message
Person Placing Submission:	Number:

Message:

Data:

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