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Welcome to the Tucson Indian Center Newsletter!

July has arrived, which is a month of warmth, celebration, and reflection. Bringing people together for celebrations, gatherings, cultural events, and moments of connection. It is also a time of independence—both in historical and personal ways—as people embrace renewal, adventure, and self-determination. Taking care of our well-being is vital and your support makes a difference. Whether through attending our events, volunteering, or advocacy, we invite you to be part of the Tucson Indian Center's journey.

The month of July also has several important awarenesses such as National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, Disability Pride Month, French American Heritage Month, Good Care Month, and Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month

As summer is in full swing, we continue to celebrate the resilience and strength of our communities. This is a time for reflection, growth, and coming together in support of one another. We highlight the following upcoming events and invite you, your family, and friends to the following events that are right around the corner:

- · Basketball Camp with Analyss Benally
- · Back to School Bash
- Elders Monthly Luncheon (See page 6 for further information.)

Together, we honor our past, support our present, and build a brighter future for all generations. Thank you for being a valued part of our community and for taking the time to read our newsletter. Your engagement helps drive the Tucson Indian Center's mission forward.

Please remember to stay connected with us through our website (https://www.ticenter.org) and like and follow us on social media to keep up and stay informed of upcoming community events, announcements, and other important information.

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https://www.facebook.com/tucsonindiancenter/

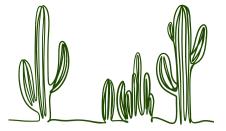
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Jacob Bernal/Executive Director

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We hope this message finds you—and those you care about—happy, healthy, and blessed.

We're excited to share that the Wellness Department has launched a fantastic lineup of Saturday programs designed to educate, energize, and inspire! Whether you're interested in Beading, Reiki, Strength Training, or the always-popular Line Dancing, there's something for everyone to enjoy. These events will take place right here at TIC throughout the summer, and we'd love for you to join us.

A quick heads-up: the City of Tucson now charges for weekend parking. If you plan to drive, be sure to feed the meter for street parking or consider using one of the nearby paid garages. We know this isn't ideal, and we're actively exploring alternative parking options.

Updates & Uplifts

While we can't promise a solution just yet, please know that we're doing our best—and we'll keep you updated with any changes.

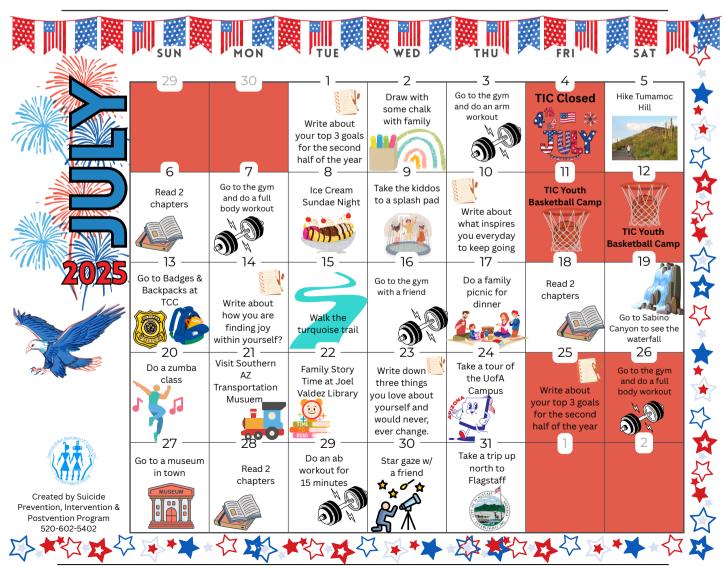
In the meantime, don't let parking stop the fun! Sun Tran buses are free and conveniently stop right across the street from TIC on Alameda.

We hope you'll mark your calendars and make the most of these engaging Saturday sessions. Bring your friends, bring your family, and most importantly—bring your good energy!

Until next time, have a safe, joyful, and blessed summer!

Warmly,
Michael Mulligan
Operations Director
Tucson Indian Center







Rodney W. Palimo, Sr. Clinic

We are dedicated to providing accessible patient-centered care. Empowering our community to achieve the highest quality health and well-being.

Pediatric Care



The Tucson Indian Center now offers sick and urgent visits for kids of all ages — **no need to wait!**Walk-ins and same-day appointments are welcome.
We also offer **well-child visits for children of all ages.**Bring your kids in — we're here to help them feel better fast!

FREE SPORTS PHYSICAL FOR CHILDREN 5-17

Vaccines

Don't forget! We offer a variety of vaccines to help keep you and your loved ones protected. From routine childhood immunizations to flu and COVID-19 shots, we've got you covered. Stop by or call us to learn more about what's available!

Extreme Heat Warning Safety Tips from the National Weather Service:

Stay Cool

- 1.Limit your outdoor activity to when it's coolest, like morning and evening hours
- 2. Find your nearest <u>heat relief site (cooling center, respite center, hydration station)</u> for free access to air conditioning and water
- 3.Do not leave children or pets alone in a parked car. The temperature inside can rise quickly and become deadly

Stay Hydrated

- 1. Drink plenty of water throughout the day
- 2. Avoid alcohol and drinks with high caffeine or sugar

Stay Informed

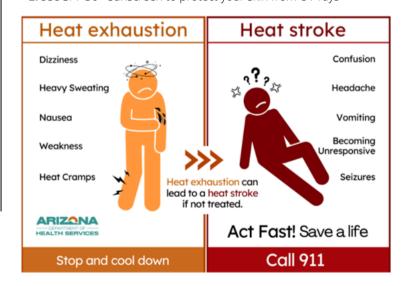
- 1.Look out for signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses: dizziness, muscle cramps, nausea, headache, and confusion
- 2. Check the weather forecast for temperature, air quality, and UV index
- 3.Learn more about today's NWS HeatRisk map https://shorturl.at/lAeGu

Stay Connected

- 1. Check on your family, friends, pets, and neighbors, especially those who are sensitive to heat, such as individuals over 65, those with chronic medical conditions, people living alone, and those who are unhoused
- 2. Share your location with friends and loved ones before taking a road trip, hiking, or camping and use <u>Arizona 511</u> for road conditions and traffic information

Be SunWise

- 1.Limit sun exposure with sunglasses, hats, and lightweight clothing
- 2. Use SPF 30+ sunscreen to protect your skin from UV rays





Tucson Indian Center Presents:



GONA

Friday, August 8th & Saturday August 9th 2025. From 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Location: Ramada by

Location: Ramada by Wyndham

777 W Cushing St.



What is GONA? Gathering of Native Americans. A GONA is a community healing process to address challenges like addiction, violence, chronic negativity and other lasting impacts identified by the community. GONA is a process that helps participants connect the dots between trauma, behavior, healing and living in balance. The process follows four powerful phases: Belonging, Mastery, Interdependence, and Generosity.

Each offering a path towards healing.

The Tucson Indian Center has started a podcast. Our first episode is out on Spotify. You will also find it on YouTube and Apple soon. Check it out and subscribe!

https://tinyurl.com/TICpodcast







FREE SUMMER WORKSHOPS



Saturday, July 19th
Moccasin Making 8:30-10:00 AM
Pot Painting 10:15-11:15 AM
Line Dancing 11:30-12:30
Reflexology will be offered

Saturday, July 12th
Moccasin Making 8:30-10:00 AM
Yoga 10:15-11:15 AM
Line Dancing 11:30-12:30 PM



Saturday, July 26th
Moccasin Making 8:30-10:00 AM
Sculpt Dance 10:15-11:15 AM
Line Dancing 11:30-12:30 PM
Reflexology will be offered

Saturday, August 2nd
Moccasin Making 8:30-10:00 AM
Arts & Crafts 10:15-11:15 AM
Line Dancing 11:30-12:30
Reflexology will be offered



For more information contact The Wellness Department ticwd@ticenter.org or call (520)884-7131 ext: 2249

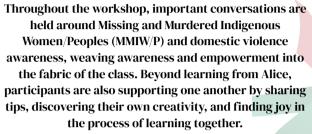






Ribbon Skirt Class

In June, we launched our Ribbon Skirt Workshop led by Alice Guzman. Alice began by sharing the cultural significance and history behind ribbon skirt making, along with the various styles and techniques used to create them. Participants are learning the fundamentals of sewing, gaining hands on experience with sewing machines, and expressing their individuality through personalized skirt designs.







Traditional Food Workshop





Throughout the spring and into summer, we've had the privilege of hosting Traditional Food Workshops led by Rainbow Lopez. Rainbow shares her deep knowledge of Indigenous foods native to Southern Arizona, offering insights into their cultural significance, historical roots, and nutritional value within local tribal communities. Each session highlights a different traditional food, sparking rich conversations around its role in Indigenous lifeways and healthy living. So far, we've explored a diverse array of native foods including squash, corn, nopal, cholla buds, wildflowers, tepary beans, prickly pear, mesquite beans, and saguaro fruit. These workshops are not only educational, but they're also a celebration of heritage, health, and the enduring relationship between land and culture.





Youth Summer Camp

This summer, we hosted an engaging and enriching camp designed to empower students with essential life skills while sparking their creativity. Throughout the week, students explored important topics including mental health awareness, emotional expression, substance abuse prevention, resiliency, and helmet and bike safety. They also learned about healthy eating habits and participated in a variety of fun, movement-based activities, and exercise practices. Every day, the students had the unique opportunity to craft their own gourds, where they learned about every step and their importance throughout the process. The camp was a vibrant mix of learning, creativity, and physical wellness, to continue encouraging young minds to grow strong, inside and out while increasing their cultural knowledge.







YOUTH BASKETBALL

CAMP W/ ANALYSS BENALLY

Building skills, resilience, and community through basketball.

Pre-Registration is required. SPACE IS LIMITED, up to 35 participants for the first and second session.



Participants and family can join us Friday, July 11th for Dinner and a movie. We will be showing Rez Ball!



GUEST COACH
Analyss Benally

Professional Basketball Player & actor in Rez Ball Netflix Movie

More Information and registration

Call 520-884-7131 or email hshirley@ticenter.org

July 11th & 12th El Pueblo Activity Center 101 W Irvington Rd Building 1, Tucson, AZ 85714

3RD-6TH GRADE

Boys & Girls 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 7TH-12TH GRADE

Boys & Girls 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM



TUCSON INDIAN CENTER

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SATURDAY, JULY 26TH, 2025



LOCATION: DONNA R. LIGGINGS CENTER 2160 N 6TH AVE, TUCSON, 85705

TIME: 1:00-3:00PM

For more information contact: Angela Reyes (520)-884-7131 or Email: ticwd@ticenter.org

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ELEMENTARY,
MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS



Elder Monthly Luncheon (Native American 55+)

Come enjoy a delicious meal, great company, and an opportunity to socialize with fellow elders. This is a wonderful chance to share stories, spread positivity, embrace our culture, and, most importantly, have a blast together!

> Luncheons are held the last Wednesday of every month Time: 12:00pm - 3:00 pm

To Register call Marlene F. Jose 520-884-7131 x2238

Sobriety Support Groups

Join us at the Tucson Indian Center for weekly Sobriety Support Groups rooted in healing, sisterhood, and community.

SOBRIETY SUPPORT

GROUPS

PLEASE JOIN US IN PERSON AT
THE TUCSON INDIAN CENTER

AA Meetings:
Every Friday Mornings
8:30-9:30AM

White Bison: Native Sisters in Recovery:
Every Thursday Every Thursday
5:30-6:30pm 4:15-5:15pm

Call or email Christina Luna with any questions or concerns 520-884-7131 or cluna@ticenter.org

Whether you're just beginning your journey or continuing the path, these groups offer a safe, welcoming space for Native relatives to connect and grow together.



Let's gather, share laughs, and continue to strengthen our beautiful Native American community. We look forward to seeing you there!

DATES:

- JULY 30, 2025
- AUGUST 27, 2025
- **SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**
- OCTOBER 29, 2025

NO ELDER LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 2025 DECEMBER 2025



FOOD CLUB

DELICIOUS FOOD
DEMONSTRATION CLASS

TO PREPARE FOOD AND ENJOY
WHAT YOU CREATED

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July 2nd: Ahuacatl/Sauwo

July 9th: Strawberry Delight Salad

July 16th: Meat me at TIC

July 23rd: Special Chef Presents

July 30 : Easy Workout Snack

Wednesday's at 10:30am at Tucson Indian Center 160 N Stone Ave Tucson 85701, 2nd Floor

TIC Services Updates



Our Health Promotion Specialists are here to assist individuals and families impacted by substance use.

Let us help you take the next step toward healing and wellness.







Pick Up Schedule

Monday: 11am - 4pm Tuesday: 9am - 4pm Wednesday: 9am - 4pm Thursday: 9am - 4pm

Friday: 9am - 4pm



Documents Required for Food Box:

• State ID or Tribal ID

One Food Box Per Month Per Family

Documents Required for Diapers:

- State ID or Tribal ID
- Child Birth Certificate or Proof of Guardianship
- Proof of Income or SNAP/AHCCCS Card



Location:

160 N Stone Ave Tucson, AZ 85701 Questions: Please Call Us At (520) 884-7131

LOOKING FOR A JOB? WE CAN HELP!

Our **WIOA Program** (Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act) is designed to assist adult Native Americans living off-reservation and within the Tucson Metropolitan Area.

Job Clubs are every Thursday, from 10:00am to 11:00am.

New Client Orientation is every **Monday, from** 11:00am to 12:00pm.

Veterans Arizona@works James A. Bautista July 3, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Canyon Building & Design LLC Ramos-Hernandez July 10, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM
NESCO Tasha Flores July 17, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Pasque Yaqui Tribe Danielle Obregon HR July 24, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM
Pima County Thomas Bartkowski Human Resources Coordinator July 31, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM	



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Enrollment Includes:

Job referrals, resume workshops, job readiness training

TIC Activities Update



🜟 Join Our Amazing Walking Club! 🌟



Are you ready to get moving and boost your health and well-being? Come join Jose and friends of our Walking Club, where you'll create social connections and friendships, promote healthy mental-wellbeing, and learn about healthy eating choices.

Walking is a fun, easy way to stay fit, reduce stress, and improve your mood, all while making new friends and strengthening your sense of community. Whether you're looking to get active, unwind, or simply enjoy nature, our Walking Club is the perfect opportunity to do so!

Wednesday's Walking Club at the Tucson Indian Center from 8:30am-10:30am.





Squash Enchiladas Recipe

Ingredients:

- 2 cups baked, mashed ha:l or butternut squash
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ¼ cup onion
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- ½ cup canned corn
- 12 6-inch corn tortillas of choice
- 4 cups grated cheese
- Salsa Verde Picante

Instructions:

- Heat oil in a large skillet, sauté onion, and garlic for 3 minutes. Mix in squash and corn. Season with salt and pepper.
- Warm tortillas (microwave, fry or heat over direct flame)
- Place 1 heaping Tbl of squash mixture down center of tortilla. Top with 1Tbl of cheese. Roll up tortillas. Arrange seam side down in 13x9x2" baking dish
- Spoon salsa and remaining cheese over enchiladas. Bake until heated through, about 20-30 minutes.



Recipe courtesy of Southern Arizona Guide

COFFEE AND BINGO Looking for a fun way to spend your Friday mornings? Join the Tucson Indian Center for Bingo every Friday, 2nd Floor! 10:00AM - 12:00PM





EVERY FRIDAY





CANCELLATION: NO BINGO: July 4th

Sculpt Dancing!

Every Wednesday

TUCSON INDIAN CENTER ON THE 2ND FLOOR 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM



7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30



WORDS OF IMPACT

Welco. Junnancs 2025 Thank you for reading!

Hey Youth — Summer is Here!

What can you do besides staying indoors glued to your phone or TV?

Try this:

Take a walk and enjoy the sunshine Call up a friend and catch up

Shoot some hoops at the park 👭

Go swimming and cool off Spend time with an elder — you'd be surprised what you can learn ***

Just hang outside and soak in the vibes Make this summer one to remember.

Stay active. Stay connected. Stay you.



Hey Youth, Feeling a Certain Way? You're not alone. When it feels like nobody's listening, someone is.

TEXT Native to 741741- Available on any smartphone or iPhone.

Reach out anytime. We're here to listen and support. Your voice matters. Your feelings are valid. Help is just a text away.



Join the Native Youth Coalition!

Every Wednesday | 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Looking for a safe, fun, and empowering space? Come connect with other Native youth, share ideas, and explore the harms of commercial tobacco use, while also honoring and learning about tobacco's sacred, traditional role in our communities.



What to Expect: Group discussions Culturally rooted education Creative activities Peer support



All Native youth are welcome! **Hosted at the Tucson Indian Center**



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To enhance leadership, provide advocacy, deliver education, and strengthen the well-being of the people in the greater Tucson Area with emphasis on the Urban Native American Community.

Reminder and Announcements

- · New Client Orientation Every Monday 11:00am-12:00pm Contact: Tucson Indian Center
- Job Club Every Thursday 10:00am-11:00am Contact: Tucson Indian Center
- 2 Spirit of Tucson July 14th @ 5:30 pm-7:00 pm Contact: Marlene F. Jose
- Native Sisters in Recovery Thursdays (07/02, 07/10, 07/17, 07/24, 07/31) @ 4:15pm-5:15pm
 Contact: Wellness Case Managers *Location: Tucson Indian Center*
- White Bison Recovery Group Thursdays (07/02, 07/10, 07/17, 07/24, 07/31) @5:30 pm—6:30pm Contact: Wellness Case Managers *Location: Tucson Indian Center*
- AIIR (American Indians in Recovery) AA Mtgs. Fridays (07/03, 07/11, 07/18, 07/25)
 @ 8:30 am 9:30 am, Contact: Wellness Case Managers *Location: Tucson Indian Center*
- Native Youth Coalition 4PM 6PM, Wednesdays (07/02, 07/09, 07/16, 07/23, 07/30)
 Contact: Wellness Department
- Coffee & Bingo Every Friday, 10:00am-12:00pm NO BINGO JULY 4TH
 Contact: Tucson Indian Center *Location: Tucson Indian Center*
- Walking Club Wednesdays (07/02, 07/09, 07/16, 07/23, 07/30) @8:30am-10:30am
 Contact: Jose Duran
- Chair Zumba/Yoga- Tuesdays & Thursdays 12pm -1pm
 Contact: Jose Duran *Location: Tucson Indian Center*
- Elder Monthly Luncheon: July 30, 2025, 12pm-3pm RSVP with Marlene F. Jose

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