2012 100 Mile Club

Newflash folks…we’re nearing the end of the 2012 100 Mile Club! Can you believe it? Time flies when you’re having fun right?! For the 100 Mile Club staff, it’s been a lot of fun and we are motivated by the hard work and determination of our participants to continue to bring you exciting and fun events in your community.

It’s been great to see so many smiling faces at our fun run/walks, but we’d like to see more of you! We all lead busy lives, and remember that taking care of YOU and your health should always be a priority. With two more run/walks to go, we hope you will make some time to join us for a great evening of physical activity and family time! Don’t forget, you could also win an awesome incentive just for showing up!

For those of you working hard to get to your 100 mile goal, don’t give up! Keep it up and push yourself to get those miles in! Need some help or motivation to reach the 100 mile mark? Try these mileage earning tips:

- Take a plastic bag with you and pick Hohoysi as you walk! The further you walk the more delicious Hohoysi you can collect!
- Incorporate your daily walk or run with a story or history lesson for your children and grandchildren. Show them the places you used to play or a memory you have growing up in your village. Exercise time is a great time for learning something you never knew before!
- Try a new walking or running route! Spice up your normal routine by walking a new trail or even walking or running your usual trail in the opposite direction!
- Stop by a friend or relative’s house to visit during your run or walk! Get your exercise and make someone’s day by stopping by to say hi!
- Need one more ingredient for dinner? Walk or run to the store for your item instead of driving!

These are just some ideas, and there are many more ways to earn your miles; don’t let the heat or other commitments keep you from getting out there and earning your miles! Remember, you are improving your health with every mile you earn! Keep it up, you can do it! Askwali!
From the Desk of the Chairman

Lolma Hopi-Tewa Employees,

It is that time of year again when our children return to school with excitement of what the new school year will bring. The eagerness to learn and to make new friends and reunite with old friends is a trait that we should apply to our workplace as well. Learning is a lifelong process and I encourage all of us to continue to learn new skills or techniques that your program will benefit from.

The new school year is also the time when some of our children will be getting involved with sports. Many of us enjoy and love to go cheer and support our youth. We must also remember that we are each a part of a team here at work. Directors make the efforts to lead and advise your team and employees take the time to help one another. Don’t ever be afraid to ask for help. Without each of you as part of the team we would not be able to succeed and provide services to the Hopi/Tewa people.

As you know, we are very honored to be the home of state champions in cross country. To win these championships, it took practice, hard work, determination, leadership and commitment. We must display these in our everyday duties as well. I wish all of you and your children a great 2012-2013 school year.

Kwa’kwha,
Chairman Shingoitewa

From the Desk of the Vice Chairman

The following information includes updates on several Tribal issues/projects that the Office of the Vice Chairman (OVC) is actively working on:

**Legal Developments**

Currently the tribe is at a juncture to take action on the future of the Hopi Tribal Council’s Legal resource. HTC will be taking action during the month of August to select its legal Counsel. The HTC retaining legal counsel is important as there are many issues and tasks that require the services of a legal firm or counsel. OVC will be involved in HTC’s role in selecting a legal counsel.

**Hopi Justice System**

Currently OVC is involved with the Detention Facility Steering Committee in pursuing the building of a new Detention Facility to replace the existing one. The current facility is small and is in dire need of various repairs. The new facility will accommodate both juvenile and adult offenders.

OVC continues to work with the Courts and other department towards overall improvement of the criminal justice system on Hopi. The anticipated passage of the newly drafted Criminal Code will support in creating an effective and efficient justice system.
From the Desk of the Vice Chairman

Water Rights
This has been a very important but often, dividing issue. The Hopi people have been motivated to deliberate on the water needs of the Tribe. These deliberations require input from everyone in formulating a plan for future generations’ water needs and use. Water is a finite and precious resource, one which requires intense thought and planning. It is important that the Hopi people continue to remain active in this complicated deliberation process. I applaud everybody’s involvement and welcome their thoughts. It is hoped that we can one day achieve an amicable solution.

Economic Development
Tawaovi Community is a planned community to be developed near the Hard Rock Chapter. It is anticipated to create much needed housing for our Hopi as well as building and allowing for structures to provide other forms of services and amenities. Currently OVC is included in the Team working on moving this project forward.

Tribal Administration
We continue to work at updating and approving several key aspects of tribal administrative functions to promote efficiency and effectiveness. These are the approval of the overall organizational chart, the Human Resources policies, and the Financial Policies and Procedures. These are vital sources of information that provide administrative guidance for our tribal programs and departments.

Health & Human Services
With regard to our Health Care Services provided by Indian Health Service, there is continuing change in the field as its important for our office to be involved and aware of currently and future changes or developments. Recent major health care laws have been recently implemented that impacts the Native American people, and our assurance of receiving health care services is important, therefore it’s vital that our office be aware or be involved in changes in services in this field.

Executive Schedule

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Please Note: Executive schedule is subject to change on short notice. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the Chairman, please contact Nicole Honanie, Executive Assistant at (928) 734-3102 for availability. Thank You ☺️
As the summer months come to an end, we are happy to report that the 2012 Be Hopi, Be Healthy Summer Camps have been a great success!

The Be Hopi, Be Healthy (BHBH) Summer Camp began in 2007 through the Hopi Health Care Center’s (HHCC) Health Promotion/Disease Prevention (HPDP) Program in an effort to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of childhood obesity on Hopi. Five years later, the BHBH summer camps are still going strong and growing every year! Through a coordinated effort between the HHCC HPDP program and the Hopi Wellness Center, we were able to provide a total of seven (7) camps for our Hopi youth.

Four 3-day camps were held for youth ages eight (8) and up, with over 50 campers participating. During the three days, campers experienced a variety of activities including Zumba, an outdoor obstacle course, health presentations, and archery. They also participated in several service learning projects such as working in the fruit tree orchards, home building with natural materials, and thinning corn at a local corn field. Each camp concluded with a full day field trip to several local sites to learn about Hopi history. It’s amazing to see how much the campers learned in just a few days!

With our little campers, we also provided a variety of fun activities for them to participate in. Activities included an adventure walk, making healthy snacks, learning to build a “healthy me”, planting, and lots of fun physical activity. The little campers have a ton of energy and it’s always fun to work with them!

We would like to give a big shout out to all those that contributed to the 2012 BHBH summer camp – without them camp wouldn’t have been a success! These programs and individuals have demonstrated the meaning of “sumi’nangwa” and our sincere appreciation goes out to all of them!

Donald Dawahongnewa
Hopi Wildlife and Ecosystems Management Program
Kellen Polingyumptewa – HOPI Cancer Support Services
Erica Smith – Hopi Health Care Center Nutrition Department
Jacobo Marcus-Carranza and Lillian Hill – Hopi Tutskwa Permaculture
Michael Johnson
Natwani Coalition
Kykotsmovi Village Youth Center
Bacavi Village Youth Center
Hopi Head Start Program
Hopi Fitness Center

Again, thank you to everyone that contributed and participated in this years’ BHBH camp! We look forward to seeing you all again next year! Askwali!
Office of the Vice Chairman cont...

Education
The OVC is working to develop a more concerted effort to work with Schools and their respective Schools boards. It’s time for tribal council to become in tune with addressing local education issues and aid in the support of enhancing/improving education of our Hopi children.

Natural Resources
The OVC has assisted the Department of Natural Resources in issuing and implementing the following Executive Orders: #02-2012 Declaration of Extreme Fire Danger and #04-2012 Extreme Drought Conditions and Water Hauling.

Funding/Revenue
Revenue for the Hopi Tribe has plateaued; meaning any significant increase to our anticipated level of revenue is not expected. This presents challenges to the tribe due to many requests for funding continues to face the tribe. It’s going to reach a point where hard decisions must be made regarding funding of past activities. HTC must initiate active discussions on how to address this matter. Possible options that are open to the tribe to help ease this burden are to consider creating a severance tax on non-Hopi owned businesses, leasing gaming machines and to revisit some existing agreements that potentially could be amended to increase revenue to the tribe. All these options and others will need to be explored and brought to the table for full discussions. The Tribe must take the necessary and needed steps to address this matter in the most prudent but effective manner.

Hopi Revolt Day Holiday Festivities Set for August 10, 11, 12

Several private organizations have combined resources to host a series of festivities to commemorate the Great Pueblo Revolt of 1680. The Hopi villages participated in this revolt against the Spanish Crown and the Catholic Church resulting in the freedom of Hopi, Tewa and other Pueblos.

Louie Pavinyama, sponsor of the Pavinyama “Rock the Mesa” Bull-riding and Jr. Rodeo was instrumental in this co-sponsorship of activities for August 10, 11 and 12. “The Hopi people have to take charge to celebrate our independence and sponsor these event to promotes community spirit, positive feelings, and a sense of pride for being Hopi and Tewa” he said.

This year the Miss Hopi Pageant Committee has committed towards supporting this combined effort along with the Orayvi Footrace, the Tewanima Footrace Committee and the Hopi Original Music Festival/Hopi-Pueblo Art Expo Committee.

Kicking off the festivities with the ever popular 6th Annual Hopi Music Festival which also showcases Hopi artisans and of course, food. The Music Fest begins on Friday, August 10th and continues through Saturday. Each day, the festival will open at 8 am at the Hopi Veteran’s Memorial Center.

The Pavinyama schedule includes a Junior Rodeo on Saturday, August 11th, and the featured event, bull riding, on Saturday, August 12. Both events are at the Pavinyama Rodeo grounds.

As for the Orayvi Footrace, it is scheduled for Saturday, August 12 in the village of Orayvi (Oraibi).

Mr. Pavinyama hopes that these private initiatives will motivate the tribal government, who declared the tribal holiday, to be more active in supporting these community efforts.

For information on the schedules, you may contact Ms. Sonwy Kuwanwisiwma at 602-692-3086 for reserving Art Expo booths and Leigh Kuwanwisiwma at 928-380-6322 for general information on other events.
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Thank you to all the departments who submitted their updates and stories. The next deadline for submission is on August 31, 2012. You may email submissions to LDyer@hopi-nsn.us.

~Value work. But not any kind of work. Ask yourself, "Is the work vital, strengthening my own character, inspiring others, or helping the world?" ~ Anna Robertson Brown