

Coming Together

In Mind, Body, and Spirit
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Sept. 11-13, 2026



104th
Southern Ute Tribal Fair

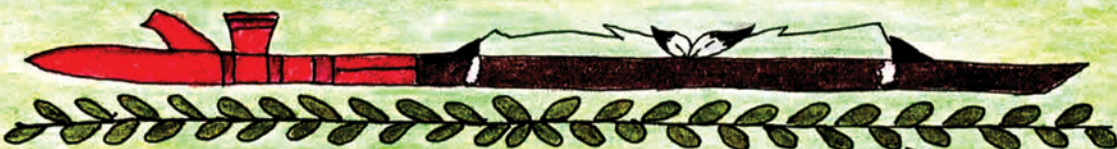


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Divine Windy Boy/Southern Ute Drum

2025 Tribal Fair Parade: Southern Ute Utilities Division featured handmade flowers and trees, loom, and water feature on their float.

Southern Ute Tribal Council

Welcome to the 104th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair!

We are delighted to have you join us for this vibrant celebration of our community! Whether you are a Tribal Member, community member, seasoned attendee, or curious newcomer, you are equally welcome here. This fair is a time for us to come together by sharing stories, strengthening connections, and celebrating the spirit of community.

Our fair is an expression of our heritage, culture, and traditions. In the days ahead, we invite you to join in the experience – whether by participating, learning, or simply enjoying the competitions, exhibits, dances, and games that bring us closer.

This Premium Book will serve as your path through the many events and activities planned. We encourage you to take part, connect with others, and create meaningful memories.

We extend our gratitude to the dedicated Tribal staff and volunteers whose hard work and commitment have made this gathering possible. Their efforts help bring our community together year after year. Thank you for being here and for joining us on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. May the Creator bless you and your loved ones as we celebrate in unity.

Toghoyaqh!
Marvin Pinnecoose
Chairman,
Southern Ute Indian Tribe



Jeremy Wade Shockley/Southern Ute Drum



Jeremy Wade Shockley/Southern Ute Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council 2025-2026: Marty Pinnecoose, Marjorie Barry, Marvin Pinnecoose, Melvin J. Baker, Andrew Gallegos, Linda Baker, and James "Mike" Olguin.

Theme & Logo Contest Winner

Hello,

My theme is "Coming together in mind, body, and spirit." The reason I chose this theme was because as Ute people, no matter where we are in this world, we always come together in different times of need. Over the mountains or near close to home. When we are troubled and need help or when there is a celebration like bear dance, our tribal fair, graduations, or celebration of one's life beginning or end. We hold hands and support one another mentally. We help each other overcome obstacles whether in life or in our health journeys, and we pray to creator for one another in those times of need. We use our medicine to keep good energy for everyone in our community, or when we are taking from mother earth, we give thanks to what she gives us.

Although I was not raised in the Ute way growing up, I have learned and use what I have learned from my family members and members of our tribe to help me and my own family in our own mind, body, and spirit. It is who we are as Ute people that make these three things come together.

Tanisha Figueroa



Divine Windy Boy/Southern Ute Drum

Tanisha Figueroa
Theme & Logo Winner

Cultural Preservation Department

On behalf of the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department, I am excited to welcome you to the 104th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. We are grateful that you have joined us for this special time as we come together to celebrate our vibrant culture, traditions, and community.

The Southern Ute Tribal Fair, Powwow, and Rodeo are cherished events that bring our people together to strengthen our bonds, create lasting memories, and carry forward our traditions. Over the next couple of weekends, we will honor our ancestors, recognize the knowledge passed down through generations, and share the values that continue to guide us today.

Through our songs, dances, arts, foods, games, and stories, we strengthen our connections to each other and ensure that our Ute traditions remain strong for future generations.

Thank you to the volunteers, vendors, participants, and families whose dedication and hard work make this celebration possible. We wish everyone a safe, memorable, and enjoyable time here at Southern Ute. Please enjoy your time here and safe travels.

Toghoyaqh!

Crystal E. Rizzo, Director
Audrey Andrews
Katrina Baker
Eugene Bereza
Lisa Burch
Izabella Cloud
Brianna Goodtracks-Alires
Dominika Joy

Alyssa Nez
Stacey Oberly
Autumn Sage
Gideon TwoCrow
Brandon Weaver
Roshae Weaver
Coven White
Jesse Wyasket

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/Southern Ute Drum

Crystal E. Rizzo, Director
Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept.

Southern Ute Royalty

Maykh,

My name is Autumn Sage, and my Ute name is Pachugway, which means River Otter. I am honored to serve as the 2026 Miss Southern Ute. I am 21 years old and currently pursuing an associate degree in General Education at Pueblo Community College. My parents are Roger Sage Jr. and Lynnette Sage, and I have a brother named Derek Sage. My paternal grandparents are Roger Sage (Christine Baker Sage) and the late Vera Mae Cuthair. My maternal grandparents are the late Leonard C. Burch and Irene C. Burch.

It's been an honor and a privilege to represent the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and serve as an ambassador. I've enjoyed my reign and have met some wonderful people while traveling and attending various events. I would like to send a big "Thank You" to all my family, Royalty members, friends, elders, and the community for always supporting me during my reign.

I would like to warmly welcome everyone to our 104th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Powwow. I truly enjoy this special event each year because I love entering my homemade baked goods and watching all the exciting fair activities. There's something for everyone to enjoy, whether you want to participate or simply watch. Some of the great events include the grease pole contest, baby contests, fry bread contest, jalapeño eating contest, tug-of-war, the Saturday night fireworks display, and the powwow. Also, don't forget about our annual Tribal parade on Saturday morning, where candy, swag from tribal departments, and other goodies will be handed out.

The Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo will take place the following weekend. I always look forward to attending and watching the various categories and events, like the best painted horse, chicken pull, and the watermelon race.

I hope you have a wonderful time and that you'll return to the Southern Ute Reservation and Ignacio, Colo. Wishing everyone safe travels home, whether near or far.



Divine Windy Boy/Southern Ute Drum

Autumn Sage
Miss Southern Ute

*Təvuchi toghoyaqh,
Pənikyavaátisum 'ara
Autumn Sage,
Miss Southern Ute 2026*



Krista Richards/Southern Ute Drum

2025 Southern Ute Royalty Pageant: Autumn Sage (right), Rhianna Carel (center) and Zuriah Baker dance in the pageant, vying for the title.

Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. **Agriculture, Arts, Crafts, Homemaking, and Photography Exhibits Turn-In**
SUCCM – Large Classroom

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. **Baking & Livestock Exhibits Turn-in**
Baking: SUCCM – Large Classroom
Livestock: Sky Ute Fairgrounds

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. **Exhibits Displayed**
SUCCM – Large Classroom

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

8 a.m. – 11 a.m. **Fishing Derby**
Scott's Pond

9 a.m. **Employee Softball Challenge**
Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. **Exhibits Displayed**
SUCCM – Large Classroom

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Livestock Exhibits Displayed**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Fair Kick-Off Meal**
Sky Ute Casino Resort

3:30 p.m. **Gourd Dance**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Indoor Arena

4 p.m. **Youth Games**
Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Park

6 p.m. **Softball Tourney**
Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field

7 p.m. **Powwow Grand Entry**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Indoor Arena

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

All Day **Softball Tourney**
Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field

6:30 a.m. **Honoring Veterans Run/Walk**
(Registration) SunUte Park

7 a.m. **Honoring Veterans Run/Walk**
SunUte Park

7 a.m. **Parade Registration/Line-Up**
Ignacio High School

7 a.m. **Kiddie Parade Registration/Line-Up**
Ignacio High School

8 a.m. **Men's & Women's Softball Tourney**
Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Livestock Exhibits Displayed**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds

10 a.m. **Parade /Kiddie Parade**
Goddard Ave. (Ignacio Main Street)

10 a.m. **Gourd Dance**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Indoor Arena

12:30 p.m. **Outdoor Co-Ed Volleyball Tourney**
SunUte Park

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. **Exhibits Displayed**
SUCCM – Large Classroom

1 p.m. **Powwow Grand Entry**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Indoor Arena

1 p.m.

2 p.m.

3 p.m.

4 p.m.

4 p.m.

5 p.m.

5 p.m.

7 p.m.

Dusk

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

All Day **Softball Tourney**
Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field

6:30 a.m. **Archery Shoot (Registration)**
SunUte Archery Range

7 a.m. **Archery Shoot**
SunUte Archery Range

8 a.m. – 11 a.m. **Pancake Breakfast**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Concessions

9 a.m. **Tipi-Raising Contest**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Infield

10 a.m. **Greased Pole Climb**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Infield

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Exhibits Pickup/Premium Payout**
SUCCM – Large Classroom

10 a.m. **Gourd Dance**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Indoor Arena

11 a.m. **Frybread Contest**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Infield

12 p.m. **Baby Contest**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds – East Lawn

12 p.m. **Duck Race**
(Location TBD)

12 p.m. **Sasquatch Shoot**
Scott's Pond

1 p.m. **Powwow Grand Entry**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Indoor Arena

2 p.m. **Southern Ute Rodeo Pageant**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds

Afternoon **Jalapeno Eating Contest (Drums)**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Indoor Arena

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18 & SATURDAY, SEPT 19

All Day **Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo**
Sky Ute Fairgrounds

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

11 a.m. **Tribal Fair Golf Event**
Dalton Ranch Golf Club, Durango, CO

PATRICK SILVA MEMORIAL SOFTBALL
FIELD IGNACIO CO, 81137

104th So. Ute Fair

Softball Tournament

SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2026

ENTRY FEE: \$375

**\$25 UNLIMITED HOMERUN BAND
(2 PER TEAM)**

**USSSA 240 PRO M/W
BATS ONLY CLASSIC M/W**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**

Contact Recreation @
(970) 563-2660/2664/2655/2667



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FISHING DERBY

Friday, Sept. 11, 2026

Time: 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Location: Scott's Pond

Contact: Nicole Black, (970) 563-2417

Open to the public.

Age Groups:

- Youth: 2-13
- Adult: 14 and up

Prizes for winner of each group: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, biggest and smallest fish. Other prizes are available if you catch a tagged fish. Catch and release only and use of one pole only. Specific rules and contest details will be provided at the event. Southern Ute Fishing Licenses will not be required for this event.

EMPLOYEE SOFTBALL CHALLENGE

Friday, Sept. 11, 2026

Time: 9 a.m., First game

Location: Patrick Silva Softball Field

Contact: SunUte Recreation, (970) 563-0214

Co-Ed Teams must consist of employees from any of the following tribal entities: Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, Sky Ute Casino, SUSS or BIA. Eight (8) members of your team must be an employee from one of the representing entities. The remaining players can be family/friends of employees. A traveling trophy will be given to the winner!

SOUTHERN UTE KICK-OFF MEAL

Friday, Sept. 11, 2026

Time: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Sky Ute Casino Resort, Event Center

Contact: S.U. Cultural Preservation Dept., (970) 563-2983

66TH ANNUAL TRIBAL FAIR CONTEST POWWOW

Friday, Sept. 11, 2026

Gourd Dance: 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Grand Entry: 7 p.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena

Contact: S.U. Powwow Committee, (970) 759-1722

Vendor Information: Starlene Naranjo (720)-276-5259

YOUTH GAMES

Friday, Sept. 11, 2026

Time: 4 p.m.

Location: Multi-Purpose Facility, Park

Contact: Robin Duffy Wirth (970) 403-9369

Age Divisions:

- 3-5 years
- 6-8 years
- 9-11 years
- 12-14 years
- 15-17 years

Male and female divisions. Open to Tribal Member families. Prizes: 1st – 3rd place, Prizes TBD. Fun activities for participants under 3 years of age.

SO. UTE TRIBAL FAIR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday, Sept. 11, 2026

Time: 6 p.m. (Start time subject to change based on number of registered teams.)

Location: Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field and SunUte Multi-Sports Field

Contact: SunUte, Kelsey Frost, (970) 563-2660

Divisions:

- Men's
- Women's
- Co-Ed

\$375 Entry Fee; Registration deadline: Sept. 6.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/Southern Ute Drum



Krista Richards/Southern Ute Drum

2025 Fishing Derby: Romeo Thomas tries his luck at Scott's Pond.

2025 Softball Tourney: Jasper Abeyta is called SAFE!

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SO. UTE TRIBAL FAIR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Time: All day

Location: Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field and SunUte Multi-Sports Field

Contact: SunUte, Kelsey Frost, (970) 563-2660

Divisions:

- Men's
- Women's
- Co-Ed

\$375 Entry Fee; Registration deadline: Sept. 6. Awards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places

HONORING VETERANS & FALLEN HEROES RUN/WALK

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Times: 6:30 a.m., (Registration); 7 a.m., Run/Walk Starts

Location: SunUte Park

Contact: SunUte, Abel Velasquez (970) 563-2651

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR PARADE

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Time: 7 a.m. (Line-up/Registration); Parade starts at 10 a.m.

Location: Ignacio High School

Contact: Dept. of Justice and Regulatory, Brandon Heard (970) 563-2813 / (970) 553-1139

Fair Theme: "Coming Together – In Mind, Body & Spirit"

Parade entries will be judged on the adherence to the theme. Float Categories include; Service/Nonprofit, Organization, Commercial, and Family.

Float Awards: 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100. Chairman and Executive Officer Award: (TBD).

Individual Categories and Group Categories and Prizes:

- **Best Native Dressed (Male & Female).** Prizes: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75
- **Best Native Group.** Prizes: 1st \$200
- **Best Royalty Float.** Prizes: Trophy Award. (Entrant must be a current title holder).
- **Best Car.** Prizes: 1st \$300
- **Horse Categories:** (Entrant may enter only one horse category)
- **Best Dressed Native Rider.** (Male & Female). Prizes: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75
- **Best Dressed Cowboy & Cowgirl.** Prizes: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75

KIDDIE PARADE

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Time: 7 a.m. (Line-up/Registration); Parade starts at 10 a.m.

Location: Ignacio High School

Contact: Dept. of Justice & Regulatory, Brandon Heard (970) 563-1139 / (970) 563-2813

Fair Theme: "Coming Together – In Mind, Body & Spirit"

Kiddie Parade open to all children 12 years and younger.

Categories and Prizes:

- **Youth Group.** Prizes: 1st \$200
- **Best Bicycle/Wagon.** Prizes: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75
- **Best Native Dressed (Male & Female).** Prizes: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75

66TH ANNUAL TRIBAL FAIR CONTEST POWWOW

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Gourd Dance: 10 a.m.

Grand Entry: 1 p.m., and 7 p.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena

Contact: S.U. Powwow Committee, (970) 759-1722

OUTDOOR CO-ED 3 VS 3 VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: SunUte, Park

Contact: SunUte, (970) 563-0214

4-man roster, 1 female on court at all times. All teams must be registered by 12 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 12. Prizes for top three teams.

SAM BURCH MEMORIAL HORSEMANSHIP

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield

Contact: Judy Burch, (970) 749-7116

Sponsored by the family descendants of the late Sam Burch. Open to all Native Americans enrolled in a federally recognized Indian tribe. Memorial Trophy Payouts: Adult and youth prizes (TBD).

Categories:

- Class I – Adult (18 years & older)
- Class II – Youth (17 years & younger)

Sam Burch Memorial Contest Rules:

- **Competition:** This contest is a competition in the performance and characteristics of a sensible, well-mannered, free and easy-moving ranch horse which can get a person around on the usual ranch chores, in open country rides, and over obstacles.
- **Equipment:** Any western equipment of the exhibitors choices may be used, the kind of equipment apparently necessary for the control of the animals, such as tie downs may be considered by the judge in making awards. Extra credit will not be given for expensive, fancy, or parade equipment of the animal or dress of the rider.
- **The Horse:** The horse will be judged on riding qualities of gaits (walk, trot and lope), movement, response to the rider, manner, disposition and intelligence. Confirmation will not be judged.
- **The Exhibitor:** The Exhibitor will be judged on proper dress (Native or Western) and will remain mounted throughout the exhibition except when asked to dismount and remount and ability to control and maneuver the horse.

Horsemanship Course (Map available at event):

1. Exhibitor will walk to gate, open while mounted, with a right hand push, ride through, close and latch the gate.
2. Proceed to walk through ground poles and continue, walking over bridge.
3. Trot to side-pass pole. Side-pass pole from left to right.
4. Loop through pole bending pattern, changing leads between each pole.
5. Sliding stop at #6 obstacle, settle and back-up 10 feet in a straight line.

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6. Do (1) 360° spin to the right.
7. Dismount. Judge may ask to inspect your equipment at this point.
8. Remount and exit course

24th ANNUAL JALAPENO EATING CONTEST

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Time: 2 p.m. (Sign-up begins at 1 p.m. at Fairgrounds)

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield

Contact: Robert Ortiz, 970-563-2253 or 970-903-0346

Categories: Men and Women

Open to everyone (18+ years). Must sign a liability waiver prior to contest. First to eat five (5) jalapeños wins in their category. Over \$1000 in Cash & Prizes! Grand Champion awarded to the fastest overall time between men and women's categories. Cash & prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

TUG-O-WAR

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield

Contact: Southern Ute Behavioral Health, Marvina Olguin, (970) 563-2359

Categories:

- **12-on-12 Open Co-Ed.** 12-member teams, (6) Men and (6) Women, 18+ years. Prizes: "Winner-Take-All" cash award!
- **Women & Men, Open.** 6-member teams. Prizes: "Winner-Take-All" cash award!
- **Kids, Open Co-Ed. Age Groups:** (6-10); (11-13); and (14-17). 6-member team: (3) Boys & (3) Girls. Prizes: "Winner-Take-All" cash award!

NATIVE REZ-OLUTION YOUTH CONCERT XVI

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Time: 4 p.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield

Contact: Robert Ortiz, (970) 563-2253 or (970) 903-0346

Bands scheduled to perform: Dead Pioneers (Punk, Pyramid Lake Piute – Denver, CO), Treaty (Hardcore, Diné – Shiprock, NM), Inferno Antichrist (Death metal, Santa Clara/San Felipe, NM), Sacred Blood (Heavy Metal, Diné – Gallup, NM), The Sovereign (Punk, Crow Creek Sioux/Hidatsa Mandan Arikara – Fort Thompson, SD), Letricide (Metallica cover band, Pueblo of Isleta – Bosque Farms, NM), Seeing Lions Seamlessly (Emo/New wave, Diné, Kirtland, NM), Guest MC: **Dexter Dale**. Info: www.facebook.com/NativeREZolution. **Notice: This event will be filmed!**

The annual Native REZ-olution Youth Concert is a FREE, all ages, drug & alcohol-free outdoor concert. The focus is to inspire the YOUTH of our community to chase their dreams and achieve their goals in their lives, by seeing the bands perform and by meeting them, and realizing they are just like them – they may be inspired to say, "if they can do this, so can I!" THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT, anyone suspected of drug/alcohol use will be asked to leave and/or reported to the Southern Ute Police Dept.

DINO RUN

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Time: Races start at 4 p.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, North Lawn

Contact: Agatha Bison, (970) 317-3618; email: aggieb80@gmail.com

Prizes: 1st and 2nd place prizes for each category

Categories:

- Male and Female

Age categories:

- Senior, 55+
- Adult, 20-54
- Teen, 13-19
- Youth, 6-12

Sign up begins immediately after the parade. Sign up table will be set up at the Exhibit Hall by the north lawn. Rules: Each contestant must sign a consent waiver, no inappropriate costumes. Complimentary inflatable dinosaur costumes to the first 10 participants who sign up. Dino Run will be ¼ mi. or less.

66TH ANNUAL TRIBAL FAIR CONTEST POWWOW

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Gourd Dance: 5 p.m.

Grand Entry: 7 p.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena

Contact: S.U. Powwow Committee, (970) 759-1722

SKATE PARK COMPETITION

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Times: 5 p.m.

Location: Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park (behind SunUte)

Contact: SunUte, (970) 563-0214

Categories (Open to everyone):

- Skateboard
- Scooters
- Bike

Age groups:

- 13 and under
- 14-29 years
- 30+ years

Prizes awarded to top 3 per age group, per event. This is a free event. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a liability waiver signed by a guardian/parent. Helmets are mandatory. Bring your own chairs.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Time: Dusk!

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield

Brought to you by: J&M Displays, Inc. (Keenesburg, CO). A free event for the whole family to enjoy! An annual tradition which lights up the evening sky at the Southern Ute Tribal Fair, sure to coax plenty of oohs and aahs!

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SO. UTE TRIBAL FAIR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Time: All day

Location: Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field and SunUte Multi-Sports Field

Contact: SunUte, Kelsey Frost, (970) 563-2660

Divisions:

- Men's
- Women's
- Co-Ed

\$375 Entry Fee; Registration deadline: Sept. 6.

Awards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places

3D ARCHERY SHOOT

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Time: 6:30 a.m. (Registration); 7 a.m. Shoot start

Location: Archery Range

Contact: Sun Ute, (970) 563-0214

Divisions:

- Youth Open (17 years and younger)
- Compound Men/Women
- Traditional Men/Women

Prizes for winner of each group: 1st-3rd places

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Time: 8 – 11 a.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall

Contact: Trae Seibel, (970) 764-8098

Proceeds benefit the Ignacio Varsity Boys Basketball Team.

Cost: \$7. Menu: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, and Orange Juice.

TIPI-RAISING CONTEST

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield

Contact: Byron & Etta Frost, (970) 946-4061

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places (TBD).

No entry fee! Registration forms will be available for this event. 3-member teams, 3-member team will erect tipi.

Tipi-Raising Judging Criteria:

Contestants will use tribal tipi provided. Fastest time to erect the tipi. Each team will be given 45 min. max to erect the tipi. Technique of erecting the tipi. Each team will have only one (1) chance to erect the tipi.

66TH ANNUAL TRIBAL FAIR CONTEST POWWOW

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Gourd Dance: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Grand Entry: 1 p.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena

Contact: S.U. Powwow Committee, (970) 759-1722

GREASED POLE CLIMB

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield)

Contact: Nathan Strong Elk, (970) 553-0623

Prizes: Cash prizes.

Categories:

- Individual: Adult: 13 years & older.
- Kids: 12 years and younger.
- Team: Adults only 13 years & older.

Greased Pole Guidelines: All participants must sign a waiver! 18 years and younger need a parent/guardian signature. Team Category, will consist of 5-person teams, must include one female. Individual Category, must reach envelope at top of pole.

FRYBREAD CONTEST

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Time: 11 a.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield (north end)

Contact: Lisa Burch, (970) 799-2056

Categories:

- Singles Category: 15-17 years; 18 and older.
- 2-team Category: 14 years & younger.

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places (TBD)

Frybread Contest Rules:

20-minute time limit: Build fire; Prepare dough; Fry two (2) frybreads to be judged (swap two (2) of your best within 20 min. if needed). Open to all Native Americans. Flour, salt, baking powder, shortening, water will be provided. Must bring your own utensils, bowls, potholders, etc. No pre-made dough will be allowed! Each contestant will be provided with (3) matches to start fire. No paper to be used to start fire, no outside help. Frybread will be judged on color, texture & taste. No outside interference with judges! Judge's decisions are final!

BABY CONTEST

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Time: 12 p.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn

Contact: Tribal Services Dept., Shyida Howe, (970) 563-2264

Open to all Native Americans. Babies can only be entered into one category. Prizes: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Judge's decisions are final.

Boys & Girls Categories:

- Best Native Regalia
- Best Western Wear
- Best Formal Wear

Age Categories:

- Infant: Newborn to 6 months
- Crawlers: 7 months to 1 year
- Toddlers: 2-3 years

DUCK RACE

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Time: 12 p.m.

Contact: Dustin Weaver & Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Committee, (970) 563-2786

Events & Contests • Sunday, Sept. 13

SASQUATCH SHOOT

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Time: 12 -2 p.m.

Location: Scott's Pond

Contact: Sun Ute, (970) 563-0214

Categories:

Compound; and Traditional

Ages: 6-15 years, 16+ years

Prizes: Best shot in each category wins a prize.

POWWOW DRUMS JALAPEÑO EATING CONTEST

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Time: Afternoon Session of Powwow (TBD)

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena

Contact: Robert Ortiz, 970-563-2253 or 970-903-0346

OPEN TO ALL DRUM GROUPS (one representative from each drum, can be backup singer). Men and Women (18+ years). Must sign a liability waiver prior to contest. Sign up will take place at the powwow prior to the contest. First to eat five (5) jalapeños wins Grand Champion! \$500 "Winner-Take-All" cash prize awarded to winner.

SOUTHERN UTE RODEO QUEEN PAGEANT

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds

Contact: LuRhea Ramone, rodeoqueenmsu@gmail.com

The Southern Ute Rodeo Queen Pageant is an opportunity for young Native women who are interested in representing the values and traditions of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and rodeo community. Contestants demonstrate their skills and leadership through four judged categories: Horsemanship, Personality, Essay, and Public Speaking. Through these competitions, participants showcase their riding ability, character, cultural pride, communication skills, and dedication to serving as an ambassador for the Southern Ute Rodeo.

Eligibility

- Member of a Federally Recognized Tribe (proof of enrollment)
 - Ages 15-25
 - Live within 50 miles of the Southern Ute Reservation
- Application Deadline: Sept. 4, 2026.

As the 104th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow concludes, on behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept., Southern Ute Powwow Committee, Sky Ute Fairgrounds, and all the Event & Contest Superintendents, and Volunteers, we will see you in 2027 for the 105th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow, safe travels and blessings along your journey!

SUNUTE ARCHERY RANGE: 256 UTE RD, IGNACIO, CO 81137

104TH SO. UTE FAIR Archery Shoot

FREE EVENT

DATE: **13 SEPT
2026**

REGISTRATION: **6:30AM**

SHOOT STARTS @ **7 AM**

DIVISIONS:

- ✓ **COMPOUND M/W**
- ✓ **TRADITIONAL M/W**
- ✓ **YOUTH OPEN**

AWARDS: **1ST - 3RD**



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SUNUTE @ (970) 563-0214

104TH SO. UTE FAIR SASQUATCH SHOOT

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

DIVISIONS:

COMPOUND & TRADITIONAL

AGE CATEGORIES:

6-15 YRS OLD & 16+

🕒 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

📍 Scott's Pond
Ignacio CO, 81137

BEST SHOT WINS!



For more information contact SunUte @ (970) 563-0214

Events & Contests • Sunday, Sept. 13

FRYBREAD CONTEST

Time: 11:00am

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield (North end)

Contact: Lisa Burch 970-799-2056

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Frybread will be judged on color, texture, & taste

Categories:

Singles: 15-17 years | 18 years & older

2-team: 14 years & younger

20-minute time limit:

Build fire, prepare dough, fry two (2) breads to be judged (may swap two (2) of your best within the 20 min. time period)

Rules:

- Open to all Natives
- Flour, salt, baking powder, shortening, & water will be provided
- Must bring own utensils, bowls, potholders, etc.
- 3 matches will be provided for each contestant to start fire
- No paper may be used to start fire, no outside help
- NO PRE-MADE DOUGH WILL BE ALLOWED
- NO OUTSIDE HELP
- NO INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES

GREASED POLE CLIMB

Time: 10:00am

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield

Contact: Nathan Strong Elk 970-553-0623

Prizes: Cash

Categories:

- Individual: Adult 13 years & older
- Kids: 12 years & younger
- Teams: Adults only 13 years & older

Greased Pole Guidelines:

- All age participants must sign a waiver
- 18 years and younger need a parent/guardian signature
- Team category will consist of 5-person teams, must include one female
- Individual category must reach the top of pole for the envelope

TIPI-RAISING CONTEST



TIME: 9:00AM

LOCATION: SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS, INFIELD

CONTACT: BYRON & ETTA FROST 970-946-4061

PRIZES: 1ST, 2ND, 3RD (TBD)

NO ENTRY FEE | REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT | 3 MEMBER TEAMS

TIPI-RAISING JUDGING CRITERIA:

- CONTESTANTS WILL USE THE TRIBAL TIPI PROVIDED
- FASTEST TIME TO ERECT TIPI
- EACH TEAM WILL BE GIVEN 45 MINUTES MAXIMUM TO ERECT THE TIPI
- TECHNIQUE OF ERECTING TIPI
- EACH TEAM WILL HAVE ONLY ONE CHANCE TO ERECT THE TIPI

Pancake Breakfast



Time: 8am - 11am

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall

Contact: Trae Seibel 970-764-8098

Benefits the Ignacio Basketball Team

Cost: \$7

Menu: Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, & orange juice



SOUTHERN UTE
TRIBAL FAIR

Rodeo Queen
PAGEANT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | 2:00 PM

SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS, IGNACIO COLORADO

ELIGIBILITY: ☀ **MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED
TRIBE (PROVIDE PROOF OF ENROLLMENT)**

☀ **Age 15-25 Years old**

☀ **LIVE WITHIN 50 MILES OF THE SOUTHERN
UTE RESERVATION**

**APPLICATION
DEADLINE:**

**September 4, 2026
5:00PM**

Pageant

Categories: HORSEMANSHIP, PERSONALITY, ESSAY, PUBLIC SPEAKING

PRIZE PACKAGE: CROWN, SADDLE, BUCKLE & SASH

CORONATION: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026, 6:00 PM
1ST RODEO PERFORMANCE
SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS

For additional information, please contact:

LuRhea Ramone
email: rodeoqueenmsu@gmail.com

SCAN HERE



TO APPLY



ORGANIZED BY: SOUTHERN UTE RODEO GROUP



66th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair POW W O W



SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2026

Sky Ute Fairgrounds (200 E. HWY 151, Ignacio, CO)

GRAND ENTRY

Friday, Sept. 11: 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12: 1 & 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 13: 1 p.m.

GOURD DANCE

Friday: 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 5 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Friday: 4 – 7 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

POW W O W HEADSTAFF

Master of Ceremonies: Carlos Calica
Arena Director: Winston Stewart
Head Judge: Nick Brokeshoulder
Head Drum Judge: Ian Thompson
Head Gourd Dancer: Domingo Whiteman
Host Gourd Drum: The Cozad Singers
Host Northern Drum: Assiniboine Cree
Host Southern Drum: Bad Company
Head Lady Dancer: Southern Ute Royalty
Head Man Dancer: Picked Daily

CONTEST PRIZE MONEY

Dance Contest – \$43,000
Drum Contest – \$60,000 (Split, 1st-5th)

DANCE CONTEST CATEGORIES

Tiny Tots (5 yrs. & Under)
Jr. Boys/Girls (6-12 yrs.)
Teen Boys/Girls (13-17 yrs.)
Jr. Men/Women (18-34 yrs.)
Sr. Adult Men/Women (35-59 yrs.)
Golden Age Men/Women (60+ yrs.)

POW W O W COMMITTEE SPECIAL

FANCY DANCE CONTEST
Men' Fancy Dance – \$500
Women's Fancy Shawl – \$500
5 Consolation Prizes in each category.
Registration: Sat., 6 – 8 p.m., and Sun. 12 – 2 p.m.
Open to all recognized Tribes with ID (18+ yrs.)

PARADE INFORMATION

Parade starts at 10 a.m., Sat. Sept 12
Line-up begins at 8 a.m. Line-up at Ignacio
High School. **MUST BE IN FULL REGALIA** for
Parade Points!

VENDOR INFORMATION

Arts & Crafts: Starlene Naranjo,
720-276-5259
Food: Sky Ute Fairgrounds,
970-563-5541

SOUTHERN UTE POW W O W COMMITTEE

Rochelle Aguilar, Chairwoman: 970-759-1722
Alfreda Armstrong, Vice-Chairwoman: 405-
764-4198
Starlene Naranjo, Treasurer: 720-276-5259
Katrina Vasquez, Secretary: 970-403-4563
Karen Washington, Committee Member: 970-
759-5880
Marty Pinnecoose: So. Ute Tribal Council Ex-Officio

FREE CAMPING & SHOWERS

Sky Ute Fairgrounds
200 E. HWY 151, Ignacio, CO 81137
Contact JayDee Brunson: 970-563-5540

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee, Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Cultural Preservation Dept., or the Southern Ute Tribe, will not be responsible for accidents, theft, injuries, foodborne illnesses, or death.

Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow

SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE

Maykh! (Hello)

On behalf of the Southern Ute Powwow Committee, we welcome you to the 66th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow and 104 Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair, here on the homeland of the Mou-ache/Capote Bands. We send blessings to each of you who traveled near and far to attend this memorable event. Best of luck to all the contestants and drum groups who are participating in the powwow contest. We hope you enjoy the festivities included in the premium book. May Creator be with you on your travels home and we hope to see you next year!

The Powwow Committee appreciates and thanks each and every one of you for attending another memorable event here on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation!



*Toghoyaqh!
(Thank you),*

*Rochelle Aguilar
Alfreda Armstrong
Karen Washington
Starlene Naranjo
Katrina Vasquez
Marty Pinnecoose*



Divine Windy Boy/Southern Ute Drum

Southern Ute Powwow Committee: Front row, Chairwoman – Rochelle Aguilar, Karen Washington, Vice-Chairwoman – Alfreda Armstrong. Back row, Tribal Council Ex-Officio – Marty Pinnecoose and Special Events Coordinator – Eugene Bereza. (Not pictured, Starlene Naranjo and Katrina Vasquez).

Tribal Fair Powwow – Head Staff

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Carlos Calica

Greetings Powwow friends and Family!

Inmi Naimuma (my people). My Indian Name is Sitwala of the Tyxhpum, Wasqupum, and Newe from Warm Springs, Oregon.

It is a honor to be considered to serve as MC for the Southern Ute Fair and Powwow. I've been raised in powwows 50 of my 56 years of life and active as a singer in both powwow and tribal social dances, dancing in the fancy, grass, traditional, as well as round bustle and war bonnet categories.

I have also served as Arena Director, Head Judge, Head singing judge, and helped coordinate Head staff for many celebrations.

Once again it is an honor to serve the Southern Ute Tribe as I have family of the Ute tribes, Watts, Hulligan, and Ridley families.



Carlos Calica

ARENA DIRECTOR

Winston Stewart

Hello, my name is Winston Stewart, and I am a descendant of the Assiniboine, Cree and Crow tribes in Montana. I am a father of seven children, four boys and three girls, with my wife Amy Stewart. We do our best to instill the traditions and culture that was passed down to us.

I am a singer and event organizer within our community, hosting numerous gatherings including powwows, round dances, and Kahomni.

One of my passions is working with the youth to ensure that they too get the chance to understand the culture of our people. I am very honored and humbled to be this year's Arena Director and will do my best to provide quality service to the people near and far.



*Thank you,
Winston Stewart*

Tribal Fair Powwow – Head Staff

HEAD JUDGE

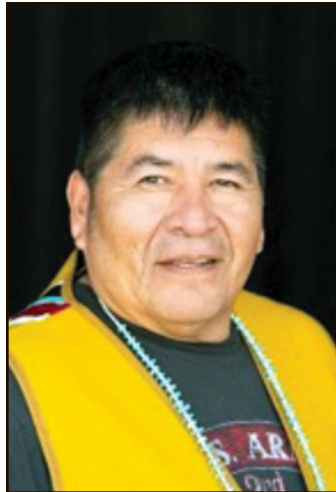
Nick Brokeshoulder

Hello to Everyone!

My name is Nick Brokeshoulder and I am honored to have been named Head Dance Judge for the 2026 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow in Ignacio, Colorado, this Sept. 11-13.

As a young man, I began dancing at age 8 and my first time entering the Arena was at "Ed Mack Powwow Grounds" in Shawnee, Oklahoma! I danced as a boy in "street clothes" and because of this my parents Joan and Harrell Brokeshoulder felt it was time for me to get a full outfit and that's how I started Fancy War Dance back in 1968. Throughout many years I have kept up with powwows and as a dancer, singer, emcee, coordinator/director – Powwow is and always will hold a special place in my heart and I encourage all tribal groups to come out and dance and have a good time!

Powwow people are a Family and that's what is needed to help our communities-to share and be one people as a whole!! so, I hope to see you at this year's Southern Ute Tribal Fair and please be safe and watch the road on your way to this special celebration!



Nyah-Weh-Thank You!!!

Nick Brokeshoulder

US Army Retired, SFC-E7

Absentee Shawnee/Muscogee Creek/Choctaw/Hopi

HEAD DRUM JUDGE

Ian Thompson

An enrolled Southern Ute Indian tribal member, Ian Thompson was born and raised in Ignacio, Colorado. He is an original member of the champion Southern drum group, Yellow Jacket. Well known throughout Indian Country, Ian has sung with several drum groups, both Southern and Northern styles.

He is honored to have been asked for the first time to serve as the Head Drum Judge for the 104th Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Powwow.



HEAD GOURD DANCER

Domingo Bruce Whiteman

Vo'atam (Welcome), Pehevoomatseme (Good to see you all).

My name is Domingo Ma'xe-maheone' Bruce Whiteman, Natsistah. I'm Southern Cheyenne from Ma'khibono (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma) My Namshim (grandpa) is Bruce Whiteman Sr. and my Geh'Eeh (Grandma) is Dolores Little Coyote. My Nahko'iih (mother) is Ginger Whiteman-Vun'aheo-Sage Women. Navoohistot – are Barry Whiteman and Yolanda Whiteman-Valenzuela.

I grew up attending Sundance Ceremonies, Peyote Meetings, Powwows, and Benefit Dances from Seiling to Fonda to Canton and many other towns.

I'm a yoga instructor, I dance at many powwows in and out of state, attend Zumba fitness classes, and I reside in (Bono') El Reno, Oklahoma, with my wife Courtney Whiteman, with six of our kiddos.

I contribute to my tribes' Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Office of Recovery program (TOR). Culture is the Solution in Recovery! Ho'soo' means "Dance," dancing is praying, healing, and celebration of life!

I will be serving as Headman Gourd Dancer for the 2026 Southern Ute Powwow!! Come celebrate and dance with us this year!! Good luck to all the Singers and Dancers!



Safe travels to all,

Nea'ese – Thank You

Domingo Bruce Whiteman

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

970-563-0100

Sky Ute Fairgrounds

970-563-5540

Southern Ute Cultural Preservation

970-563-2983

Southern Ute Powwow Committee

970-759-1722 or 405-764-4198

Sky Ute Casino Resort

970-563-7777

Southern Ute Police Dept.

970-563-0246 or 911 (Emergency)

Tribal Fair Powwow – Head Staff

HOST NORTHERN DANCE DRUM *Assiniboine Cree Singers*



courtesy Assiniboine Cree Singers

The Assiniboine Cree Singers are a family group from the Rocky Boy and Fort Belknap reservations located in Montana.

Formed from over five generations of singers, the group was originally called Grayboy, which derived from a family name and later changed to Assiniboine Cree after the passing of one of our grandfathers.

The group is now comprised of nephews and grandchildren. With the new generation, the group continues to thrive both academically and ceremonially.

Traveling throughout Canada and the United States the Assiniboine Cree Singers will continue to share their songs with many more to come.

HOST GOURD DANCE DRUM *The Cozad Singers*

The Cozad Singers was formed in the early 1940's by their late father Leonard Cozad, Sr. They are from the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, the siblings of their late father are now taking care of the drum group duties.

Since their inception, they have served as Host, Invited, or Head Singer positions at their own tribal and local area tribal gatherings as well as other tribal celebrations throughout the Powwow Trail. They're called upon as Head Gourd Dance Singers at certain times of the year, either individually or as a group.

They have competed in singing competitions throughout the Powwow Trail at different tribal celebrations. Throughout their travels, they've met friends and made new ones and even made adopted relatives through the big Drum way of singing.

Singing has been a way of life and they'll always continue to perpetuate, share and promote the culture and traditions of singing.

We're honored to be Host Drum this year's Celebration, Ah ho Gah Say Lah for the honor and privilege.

HOST SOUTHERN DANCE DRUM *Bad Company*



courtesy The Cozad Singers

Bad Company formed in March 2009, under the direction of the late Mark Quintana.

Our singers come from the Southern Cheyenne & Arapaho, Kiowa, Pawnee, Crow, Navajo and other various tribes. Before the group formed, we all already had been singing and traveled with other drum groups.

Over the years, we've traveled across the U.S., competing and hosting at various powwows, and even expanded into Canada in 2021.

Between 2018 and 2022, we faced the profound loss of several main singers who were truly our role models. Today, we proudly continue to sing in their honor and memory, keeping their spirit alive. We're especially proud of our young, upcoming singers, who represent the second generation and are helping us keep our loved one's memories present through song. We extend a huge thank you to the Southern Ute Fair Powwow Committee for inviting Bad Company to serve as Host Southern for this year's powwow!

Haho!



courtesy The Cozad Singers

Powwow Dance Contest Rules

The Powwow Committee has designed these rules in order to maintain a fair contest

1. **Registration, Opens Friday, Sept. 11, at 4 p.m. Closes at 7 p.m., Opens Saturday, Sept. 12, at 10 a.m., Closes at 1 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
2. Each contestant **must** wear the number issued by the Committee. Display your contest number on your **left side** for the duration of the Powwow.
3. **LOST/OR DISPLACED NUMBERS WILL NOT BE REPLACED.**
4. Each contestant must register in only (1) one dance category and be responsible for participating in all grand entries, exhibitions and dance contest. Once registered, **you cannot switch to another category.**
5. Dancers are expected to dress in **FULL** regalia for grand entry.
6. At any given time, the Powwow Committee may request a participation dance for any category.
7. When a particular dance category is divided into groups, the dancer/contestant is required to compete in their group placement. **Dancing in the wrong group will result in no points received for that session.**
8. Banners, crowns and other signs of royalty are not to be worn during the contest, ensuring that all dancers are judged by ability rather than popularity.
9. **The following individuals will not be allowed to compete in any of the contest; The Powwow Head Staff, all Powwow Committee Members and Southern Ute Royalties.**
10. The rules for judges require that no family member through marriage, blood or adoption shall judge a particular contest, which has a relative competing. IF this happens and is discovered by the Arena Director, Tabulators or Powwow Committee, the dancer will be disqualified for the day. **We advise all dancers to assist in making sure this does not happen to them.**
11. Whistle blowing will be allowed upon request to the powwow committee.
12. If any major part of the contestant's regalia falls or is dropped during the contest song, they must be disqualified voluntarily. **(Dyed hackles are not considered a major part).**
13. No usage of **ALCOHOL OR DRUGS** during the powwow. Results of usage, you will be disqualified from all competition.
14. The prize money will be released to the announced contestant winner only. The winner will be required to sign for their prize money. **Must show valid ID, Photo ID and or passport for Prize Payout.** If the winner is not present, you will forfeit your money!
15. **Valid current address, phone and Social Security numbers are required for all prize payout \$2,000.00 or more, requires reporting on an IRS form or W-9 Form if they live in the U.S. or W8BEN if they live in Canada ID/Passport.**
16. Contest ties will be properly handled. (run-off)
17. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE POWWOW COMMITTEE ARE FINAL!!!**



Zuriah Baker/Southern Ute Drum

2025 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow:
Fancy feather dancer catches some air.



Divine Windy Boy/Southern Ute Drum

2025 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow:
Johnson Taylor gets down.



Divine Windy Boy/Southern Ute Drum

2025 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow:
Marie Joy in the "Old Ute Style" dance contest.

Powwow Drum & Singing Rules

The Powwow Committee has designed these rules in order to maintain a fair contest

1. **Registration, Opens Friday, Sept. 11, at 4 p.m., Closes at 7 p.m. Opens Saturday, Sept. 12, at 10 a.m., Closes at 1 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
2. All lead singers **MUST** register their drum group, provide all singers names to be eligible for contest monies and for the behavior of the drum group.
3. There must be one singer who is at least 18yrs of age to register for the contest, this includes registration for any Youth drum groups. **(Back-up Singers are NOT included).**
4. Lead singers **MUST** provide the Drum Rules to each drummer.
5. **Must show valid ID, Photo ID and or Passport for Prize Payout.**
6. **Valid current address, phone and Social Security numbers are required for all prize payout \$2,000.00 or more, singers 18 and older MUST fill out an IRS form W-9 if they live in the U.S. or IRS form W8BEN if they live in Canada ID/Passport.**
7. Drum groups must set up at the same location each session.
8. All singers must be present for drum roll call. There will be a roll call 15 minutes before every grand entry. Be ready to sing when called upon.
9. Registered Drum Groups must have a minimum of (10) singers.
10. Drum hopping will not be allowed or substituting singers for drum roll calls, intertribal, or contest. Violation will result in deduction of points for that session.
11. Drum groups will be judged each day for originality leads, seconds, drumming, harmony, cleanliness and appropriate song.
12. Song lengths will be limited as follows. **Drum Judge has discretion to modify.** *Intertribal – 6 push-ups; *Contest – 4 push-ups; *Grand Entry – 4 push-ups.
13. Drum rotation will be clockwise for intertribal and counterclockwise for contest songs. **EXCEPTION:** Host Drums will sing final contest songs.
14. **RESPECT** other drums – no drum practice while other drums are performing.
15. Any singers suspected of alcohol or drug use, exhibiting inappropriate behavior will cause the drum group to be disqualified for that day. **All points will be taken away.**
16. The rules for judges require that no family member through marriage, blood or adoption shall judge the drum contest which has a relative competing. If this happens and is discovered by the Drum Judge, Arena Director, Tabulators or Powwow Committee, the Drum Group will be disqualified for that session. We advise all drum groups to assist in making sure this does not happen. **All points will be taken away.**
17. Any dispute regarding the Drum Contest must be brought to the attention of the Head Drum Judge prior to the conclusion of the drumming round.
18. Any dispute that cannot be handled by the Head Drum Judge will be directed to the Powwow Committee. Decisions of the Powwow Committee are **FINAL!**
19. All singers are expected to display good sportsmanship, and to be respectful to one another, Arena Staff, and Powwow Committee. Conduct deemed inappropriate will result in a disqualification.
20. Host Drum Groups will not be eligible to compete in the Drum Contest.
21. Drum groups are allowed to sell their CD's, DVD's, tee-shirts, or any other merchandise with a paid walk-around permit. *Check with Powwow Committee at Registration table.
22. P.A. System will be provided. **(Please do not bang or shake the microphone, which has been provided, or you will be held responsible for damages, per contractor).**
23. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE POWWOW COMMITTEE ARE FINAL!!!**



Divine Windy Boy/Southern Ute Drum

2025 Host Southern Drum group, Yung Bux.



Krista Richards/Southern Ute Drum

2025 Host Gourd Drum group, Yellow Jacket.

Vendor Guidelines

Outside Vendor Booth: 10'x10' – \$325; 10'x20' – \$500 Fee includes Fri., Sat. and Sun. (3-days).

Inside Vendor Space: 10'x10' – \$200/1-day; \$400/2-day; \$600/3-days for Fri., Sat. and Sun.

Indoor Walk Around/Non-Profit Groups: \$75/1-day; \$175/2-day; \$250/3-days for Fri., Sat. and Sun.

1. Full payment is required to reserve a vendor space. All payments are non-refundable.
2. Vendors must provide their own 10x10 table, chairs, and canopy.
3. Vendors are responsible for keeping their area clean and must provide their own trash bins and trash bags.
4. Friday, Sept. 11, 12 p.m. (noon) vendor will be set up. Tear down will be (1) one hour following the conclusion of the Powwow.
5. Vendors must unload merchandise and equipment in designated areas and must immediately move vehicles to another location.
6. Security will enforce parking; if your vehicle is towed, you will be responsible for paying the towing fees.
7. Vendors must be courteous and respectful of other vendors.
8. Vendors will be provided with a wristband that must be worn at all times while vending.
9. Smoking and pets are not permitted inside the building.

Inside Vendors (Arts & Crafts), contact the Southern Ute Powwow Committee, (970) 759-1722.

Outside Vendors (Food Vendors), contact Sky Ute Fairgrounds Manager, (970) 563-5540.

THE SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE AND/OR THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, OR THEFT.

104th Southern Ute Fair

THE VIGIL FAMILY AND SUNUTE PRESENTS:

Honoring Veterans & Fallen Heroes

Memorial Run/Walk

Saturday, 9/12/26

Registration: 6:30am
Run/Walk: 7am

Location: SunUte Park
Free Event

Logos include: Seal of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Coast Guard, and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ABEL VELASQUEZ-FITNESS DIRECTOR @ (970)563-2651

Agriculture Exhibits

AGRICULTURE

Location: Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Large Classroom

Superintendent: Southern Ute Agriculture Extension Office, (970) 563-0150

Exhibit Entry: Wednesday, Sept. 9, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Judging: Wednesday, Sept. 9. Judges decisions are final!

Exhibits Displayed:

- Thursday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.,
- Friday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 12, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Exhibits/Payout Pick-up: Sunday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Payouts: Overall Grand Champion \$75; 1st \$50; 2nd \$30

Agriculture Division Classes:

- Class I – Elders (55 years and older)
- Class II – Adults (18 years and older)
- Class III – Juniors (13 years – 17 years)
- Open Class (All ages)

Limit only (2) entries per lot.

FIELD CROPS

LOTS (FIELD CROPS)

1. Hay, Oat
2. Hay, Grass
3. Hay, Alfalfa
4. Hay, Mixed
5. Sheaf of Grass (any species)

FOOD PRESERVATION

LOTS (FOOD PREPARATION)

1. Canned Fruit
2. Canned Vegetables
3. Canned Meat
4. Dried Fruit
5. Dried Vegetables
6. Dried Meat
7. Pickles
8. Jellies/Jams
9. Miscellaneous

FLOWERS

Exhibitor must provide vases to keep flower entries watered and attractive. Single samples must be typical of the variety represented as to size, shape, color and texture. Arrangements must be able to stand upright.

LOTS (FLOWERS)

1. Annuals, Single blossom
2. Annuals, Arrangement
3. Perennials, Single blossom
4. Perennials, Arrangement

GARDEN & ORCHARD

Produce sample must be market size, clean and uniform as to shape, color and maturity. Sample should be trimmed, as it would be for market sale. Remove tops from root vegetables except for radishes and green onions. Do not husk sweet corn.

SPECIAL CATEGORIES – OPEN CLASS

- Largest Zucchini (1 ea.)
- Largest Pumpkin (1 ea.)
- Largest Sunflower Head (1 ea.)

LOTS (GARDEN & ORCHARD)

1. Beans, Green Snap (1 qt.)
2. Indian Corn (6 ears)
3. Sweet Corn (6 ears)
4. Beets (6/plate)
5. Tomato, Green, any variety (6/plate)
6. Tomato, Ripe, any variety (6/plate)
7. Cherry Tomato (12/plate)
8. Peppers, Bell, any color (6/plate)
9. Peppers, Cherry (12/plate)
10. Peppers, Chile (6/plate)
11. Peppers, Jalapeño (6/plate)
12. Peppers, Miscellaneous (6/plate)
13. Cucumbers (6/plate)
14. Squash, Acorn (2 ea.)
15. Squash, Summer (2 ea.)
16. Squash, Zucchini (2 ea.)
17. Squash, Winter (1 ea.)
18. Potato, White (6 ea.)
19. Potato, Red (6 ea.)
20. Radishes (12 in a bunch)
21. Carrots (6/plate)
22. Turnips (6/plate)
23. Peas, Unshelled (12/plate)
24. Peas, Edible Pod (12/plate)
25. Cabbage, any variety (1 head)
26. Onions, any color (6/plate)
27. Onions, Green (6/plate)
28. Pumpkin, carving (1 ea.)
29. Pears, any variety (6/plate)
30. Apples, any variety (6/plate)
31. Sunflower (2 ea.)
32. Miscellaneous Herbs
33. Melons, any variety
34. Miscellaneous, veggies
35. Miscellaneous, fruit
36. Miscellaneous, gourds

POULTRY EGGS

Eggs must be uniform in size, shape and color

LOTS (POULTRY EGGS)

1. White eggs (half-dozen)
2. Brown eggs (half-dozen)
3. Miscellaneous

Arts & Crafts, Photography Exhibits

ARTS & CRAFTS/PHOTOGRAPHY

Location: So. Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Large Classroom

Superintendent: Cultural Preservation Dept., (970) 563-2983

Exhibit Entry: Wednesday, Sept. 9, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Judging: Wednesday, Sept. 9. Judges' decisions are final!

Exhibits Displayed:

- Thursday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.,
- Friday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 12, 1 – 3 p.m.

Exhibits/Payout Pick-up: Sunday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Payouts: Overall Grand Champion: \$75; 1st: \$50; 2nd: \$30

Arts & Craft Division Classes:

- Class I – Elders (55 years and older)
- Class II – Adults (18 years and older)
- Class III – Juniors (13 – 17 years)
- Class IV – Youth (5 – 12 years)
- Class V – Group Classroom Competition (K-6 grades)*

***Class V – Overall Class Arts & Crafts Group Classroom**

Competition: Open to Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and Ignacio Elementary School. **Class V Premium Payouts:** (TBD)

Photography Classes:

- Class I – Elders (55 years and older)
- Class II – Adults (18 years and older)
- Class III – Juniors (13-17 years)
- Class IV – Youth (5 – 12 years)

ARTS

Exhibits must be complete, on backing material. If not framed or matted, exhibits will be tacked/taped to display wall. Written entries must be typed, double-spaced, on 8.5"x11" paper. Judges will look for pleasing conformation, use of colors, skill in presentation of theme, innovation in design, overall appearance. Arts & Crafts exhibits must have been completed since the last Fair. Arts & Crafts exhibits must not have been entered in previous year's Fair. Limit only (2) entries per lot.

LOTS (ART)

1. Traditional Indian Drawing
2. Contemporary Drawing
3. Traditional Indian Painting
4. Contemporary Painting
5. Composition – Story (letter/original)
6. Miscellaneous

CRAFTS

Exhibits must be clean and free of visible glue, running paint, and other signs of construction. Judging on neatness, appropriate use of color and material. Arts and Crafts exhibits must have been completed since last Fair. Arts & Crafts exhibits must not have been entered in previous year's Fair. Limit only (2) entries per lot.

LOTS (CRAFTS)

1. Wood Articles (including carvings)
2. Plastic Articles
3. Leather Articles
4. Lego Sets
5. Models (hand-painted/decal, including cars)

6. Ceramics (pots, vases, etc.)
7. Soft Sculpture
8. Flower Decor (dried, silk, plastic)
9. Miscellaneous

INDIAN CRAFTS

Exhibits must be clean and free of visible glue, running paint, and other signs of construction. Judging on neatness, appropriate use of color and material. Arts & crafts exhibits must have been completed since last Fair. Arts & Crafts exhibits must not have been entered in previous year's Fair. Limit only (2) entries per lot.

LOTS (INDIAN CRAFTS)

1. Cradle Boards
2. Rawhide Shield
3. Rawhide Drawing
4. Indian Dolls
5. War Bonnet
6. Beaded Moccasin (full/partial)
7. Beaded Neckties, Bolo Ties or Necklace/Chokers
8. Beaded Purse or Coin Purse
9. Beaded Belt and Belt Buckle
10. Beaded Leggings
11. Beaded Earrings
12. Beaded Hair Ties/Barrettes
13. Beaded Pins
14. Beaded Key Chain
15. Beaded Caps/Hats/Sun Visors
16. Beaded Gloves
17. Beaded Hat band
18. Bone Breast Plate
19. Miscellaneous

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos must be mounted and framed in 8"x10" frame. Photo does not have to be 8"x10" but frame must be. Photography exhibits must have been taken prior to this Fair. Photos cannot be re-entered from previous Fairs. Limit only (2) entries per lot.

LOTS (BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY)

1. Portraits (Single/Indian Group)
2. Still life (Inanimate)
3. Nature (Wildlife)
4. Scenery (Scene)
5. Sports (Action)
6. Pet

LOTS (COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY)

1. Portraits (Single/Indian Group)
2. Still life (Inanimate)
3. Nature (Wildlife)
4. Scenery (Scene)
5. Sports (Action)
6. Pet

ANTIQUÉ/RARE ARTS

Awards will be given to those items that qualify as Genuine Indian made articles or photographs that are 25 years of age or older. Limit only (2) entries. Open class.

LOTS (ANTIQUES/RARE ARTS)

1. Open Class

Baking Exhibits

BAKING

Location: So. Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Large Classroom

Superintendent: Cultural Preservation Dept., (970) 563-2983

Exhibit Entry: Thursday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Judging: Thursday, Sept. 10. Judges decisions are final!

Exhibits Displayed:

- Friday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 12, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Exhibits/Payout Pick-up: Sunday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Payouts: Overall Grand Champion: \$75; 1st: \$50; 2nd \$30

Baking Division Classes:

- Class I – Elders (55 years and older)
- Class II – Adults (18 years and older)
- Class III – Juniors (11 – 17 years)
- Class IV – Youth Baking (5 – 10 years)*
- Class V – Group Classroom Competition (K-6 Grades)

BAKING

Exhibits Must Have: Required number of products, be attractively presented, be evenly browned/raised (baked/fried), a pleasant taste, characteristic and consistency of crumb, and a very smooth texture (candy).

Exhibits Should Not Be: Doughy or undercooked, too sticky or too hard (candy), or be extremely oily (fried foods).

SPECIAL CATEGORY

- Decorated Cakes

LOTS (BAKING)

- Yeast Bread (1 loaf or 6 rolls)
- Quick Breads – Cornbread (6/plate)
- Quick Breads – Muffins (6/plate)
- Quick Breads – Biscuits (6/plate)
- Indian Bread – Fry bread (2/plate)
- Indian Bread – Tortillas (2/plate)
- Miscellaneous Breads – Zucchini
- Miscellaneous Breads – Banana
- Miscellaneous Breads – Pumpkin
- Miscellaneous Breads - Other
- Cake (all varieties)
- Pies (open-faced or covered)
- Cup Cakes (6/plate)
- Cookies – Chocolate Chip (6/plate)
- Cookies – Peanut Butter (6/plate)
- Cookies – Oatmeal (6/plate)
- Cookies – Sugar (6/plate)
- Cookies – Other (6/plate)
- Brownies
- Biscochitos
- Miscellaneous

YOUTH BAKING

Youth Baking Division Classes:

- *Class IV - Youth (5 – 10 years)

LOTS (BAKING – YOUTH)

1. Yeast Bread (1 loaf or 6 rolls)
2. Quick Breads – Cornbread (6/plate)
3. Quick Breads – Muffins (6/plate)
4. Quick Breads – Biscuits (6/plate)
5. Indian Bread – Fry bread (2/plate)
6. Indian Bread – Tortillas (2/plate)
7. Miscellaneous Breads – Zucchini
8. Miscellaneous Breads – Banana
9. Miscellaneous Breads – Pumpkin
10. Miscellaneous Breads - Other
11. Cake (all varieties)
12. Pies (open-faced or covered)
13. Cup Cakes (6/plate)
14. Cookies – Chocolate Chip (6/plate)
15. Cookies – Peanut Butter (6/plate)
16. Cookies – Oatmeal (6/plate)
17. Cookies – Sugar (6/plate)
18. Cookies – Other (6/plate)
19. Brownies
20. Biscochitos
21. Miscellaneous

SPECIAL CATEGORY

- Decorated Cakes



Jeremy Wade Shockley/Southern Ute Drum

2025 Baking Exhibits: Cupcakes seem to sample the entry form.

Homemaking Exhibits

HOMEMAKING

Location: So. Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Large Classroom

Superintendent: Cultural Preservation Dept., (970) 563-2983

Exhibit Entry: Wednesday, Sept. 9, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Judging: Wednesday, Sept. 9. Judges decisions are final!

Exhibits Displayed:

- Thursday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.,
- Friday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 12, 1 – 3 p.m.

Exhibits/Payout Pick-up: Sunday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Payouts: Overall Grand Champion: \$75; 1st: \$50; 2nd: \$30

Homemaking Division Classes:

- Class I – Elders (55 years and older)
- Class II – Adults (18 years and older)
- Class III – Juniors (17 years and younger)

CLOTHING

Exhibits must be clean and pressed. Judges will look for smooth seams, hems, and finished, well-turned cuffs and collars, even hand and machine stitching, appropriateness of fabric to pattern and use of trim. Limit only (2) entries per lot.

LOTS (CLOTHING)

1. Dress
2. Pant/Top Set (Girls and Ladies)
3. Children's Clothing
4. Blouse/Shirts (Western, Sport)
5. Miscellaneous

INDIAN CLOTHING

LOTS (INDIAN CLOTHING)

1. Ribbon Cloth Dress
2. Shell Dress
3. Buckskin Dress
4. Ribbon Shirt
5. Ribbon Skirt
6. Vest (Beaded/Cloth)
7. Shawl (Ribbon/Appiqué/Painted)
8. Miscellaneous

NEEDLEWORK

Needlework exhibits must be clean and blocked. Judges will look for stitches and rows, visible knots or yarn ends, stability of the article and innovative use of design and trim. Limit only (2) entries per lot.

LOTS (NEEDLEWORK)

1. Embroidered Article
2. Painted Article
3. Crocheted Article
4. Plastic Canvas
5. Quilts
6. Pillow Tops (Crocheted, Quilted, etc.)
7. Cross Stitch
8. Weaving
9. Miscellaneous



Jeremy Wade Shockley/Southern Ute Drum

2025 Homemaking Exhibits: Handmade and beautifully sewn, ribbon shirts on display in the Cultural Center's large classroom.

Livestock Exhibits

LIVESTOCK

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds

Superintendent: Agriculture Extension Office, (970) 563-0150

Livestock Entry: Thursday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Judging: Thursday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m. Judge's decisions are final!

Livestock Displayed:

- Friday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Livestock Pick-Up: Sunday, Sept. 13. Mandatory before 10 a.m.

Payouts: Sunday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Large Classroom.

Payouts: Grand Champion: \$300; 1st \$200; 2nd \$100

Livestock Division Classes:

- Class I – Elders (55 years and older)
- Class II – Adults (18 years and older)
- Class III – Juniors (17 years and younger)
- Open Class (All ages)

CATTLE

LOTS (CATTLE)

1. Mature Cow
2. Mature Bull
3. Heifer
4. Steer
5. Cow-Calf Pair

HORSE

LOTS (HORSE)

1. Mares
2. Geldings
3. Yearling, Colts, & Fillies (Under 1 Year)

GOATS (Open Class)

LOTS (GOATS)

1. Nanny
2. Wether
3. Bully

RABBITS (Open Class)

LOTS (RABBITS)

1. Buck
2. Doe

SHEEP

LOTS (SHEEP)

1. Mature Ewe
2. Mature Ram
3. Lamb
4. Ewe – Lamb Pair (or twins)

SWINE

LOTS (SWINE)

1. Sow
2. Boar
3. Barrow or Gilt (altered sex)

POULTRY

LOTS (CHICKEN)

1. Rooster
2. Hen
3. Pullet
4. Miscellaneous Bird

LOTS (TURKEY)

1. Tom
2. Hen

LOTS (DUCK & GEESE)

1. Drake
2. Duck
3. Gander
4. Goose



Jeremy Wade Shockley/Southern Ute Drum

2025 Livestock: A goat is as interested in you, as you are of it.

Exhibits Rules, Regulations & Information

1. Exhibits are open to Southern Ute Tribal Members, Immediate Family members (mother, father, child, and spouse), and Southern Ute First Descendants.
2. All items must be handmade by the exhibitor. Entries that have been exhibited at previous Southern Ute Tribal Fairs are not eligible.
3. **AGRICULTURE, ARTS, CRAFTS, AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS**
 - **Registration will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Large Classroom.**
 - Judging will begin immediately after registration closes at 6 p.m.
 - Exhibits will be on display
 - Thursday, Sept. 10, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 - Friday, Sept. 11, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, Sept. 12, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
4. **BAKING EXHIBITS**
 - **Registration will be held on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, Large Classroom.**
 - Judging will begin immediately after registration closes at 6:00 p.m.
 - Exhibits will be on display:
 - Friday, Sept. 11, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, Sept. 12 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
5. **LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS**
 - **Registration will be held on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds (SUGF).**
 - Judging will begin on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
 - Livestock will be on display:
 - Friday, Sept. 11, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - **All livestock must be picked up before 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13.**

Animal Drop-Off Locations

 - Cattle must be dropped off at the south end of the indoor arena.
 - Poultry, Goats, Sheep, Horses, Rabbits & Swine must be dropped off at the south barn located at the south end of the fairgrounds.
 - Small animals must be housed in cages. Larger animals will be assigned stalls.
 - Superintendents will be available to assist during registration.

Exhibitor Responsibilities

 - Feeding, care, and the safety of animals are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.
 - The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is not responsible for the care of animals or any injury sustained while tending to livestock.

Elder Transportation Assistance

 - The Southern Ute Agriculture Division will provide transportation assistance for Southern Ute Tribal Elders who do not have access to trailers.
 - Advance notice is required. For assistance, please contact **Linda Odell at 970-563-2903.**
6. **PREMIUM PAYOUTS AND EXHIBIT PICK-UP**
 - **Premium payouts will take place on Sunday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, Large Classroom.**
 - All exhibits must be picked up by 1 p.m.
 - Claim-check entry tags are required to claim exhibits and premium payouts.
 - Premium payouts not picked up by 1 p.m. on Sunday will be available on Monday, Sept. 14 from the Finance Department at the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building.
 - **The Cultural Preservation Department is not responsible for exhibit entries that are lost, damaged, destroyed, or abandoned after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14, 2026.**

LIABILITY AND CONDUCT

Every reasonable precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of all exhibits. However, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe nor any Tribal entity shall be responsible for loss of, or damage, to any entry.

The Sky Ute Fair Grounds and Fairgrounds Management assumes no responsibility for death, injury, fire, theft, loss, or damage to any livestock entry.

All participants of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair are expected to treat staff, judges, volunteers, and fellow exhibitors with courtesy and respect. Rude, threatening, disruptive, or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification and/or suspension from participation in future Southern Ute Tribal Fairs.

Questions, please contact the Cultural Preservation Department at (970) 563-2983.

Participant Information

Welcome to the Southern Ute Tribal Fair!

We encourage all participants and spectators to help make this year's fair a safe, enjoyable, and memorable experience for everyone.

REGISTRATION & WAIVERS

- All participants must sign a liability waiver prior to participating in any event.
- Participants under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign the liability waiver before participating.
- Participants must register for events as required by each event organizer.
- Event organizers reserve the right to deny participation to individuals who do not meet event requirements or fail to comply with event rules.
- Recipients of prize winnings totaling more than \$600 during the calendar year will be required to complete a Form W-9 and may receive a tax reporting form in accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirements

CONDUCT & SPORTSMANSHIP

- Participants are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, respect, and courtesy toward fellow participants, volunteers, judges, and staff.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, disorderly behavior, harassment, or actions that create safety concerns may result in disqualification or removal from an event.
- Judges' decisions are final in all contests and competitions.

SAFETY

- Participants are responsible for ensuring they are physically able to participate in their chosen events.
- Event organizers reserve the right to modify, postpone, or cancel events due to weather, safety concerns, or unforeseen circumstances.
- Participants must follow all instructions provided by event staff, volunteers, and officials.
- Appropriate clothing, footwear, and safety equipment should be worn when participating in athletic or recreational activities.
- Helmets and other protective gear are strongly encouraged and may be required for specific events.

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

- Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children.
- Youth participants must compete only in age divisions for which they are eligible.
- Proof of age may be requested for age-specific competitions.

PHOTOGRAPHY & MEDIA

- Participation in Tribal Fair events constitutes permission for photographs, video recordings, and other media to be used for promotional, educational, and archival purposes by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe unless otherwise prohibited by Tribal policy.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Event times, locations, rules, and prize information are subject to change.
- Participants are encouraged to arrive early for registration, check-in, and event instructions.
- Additional rules may apply to individual events and will be provided by event organizers.
- Have fun, be safe, and enjoy the Southern Ute Tribal Fair!



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SEPTEMBER 12TH



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IGNACIO, CO 81137



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AT ALL TIMES



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BEGINS**
SEPTEMBER 7TH
AT 9:00 AM



**REGISTRATION
ENDS**
SEPTEMBER 12TH
AT 12:00 PM



**TOP 3 TEAMS
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QUESTIONS? CONTACT
MORGAN HUGUS
 (970) 563-2656



A 104TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR EVENT

NATIVE REZOLUTION YOUTH CONCERT XVI

SEPT. 12, 2026

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**104TH SOUTHERN UTE
TRIBAL FAIR & RODEO**

Registration Starts Immediately Following Parade

North Lawn Fairgrounds 🍀 Races Start at 4pm

Agatha Bison-Sponsor

970-317-3618 aggieb80@gmail.com

Race Logo Courtesy of Brooke McCoy-Davis @ Dapple Print Shop

TRIBAL FAIR RODEO

Friday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Sept. 19

Time: All-Day

Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds

- Painted Horse
- Chicken Pull
- Watermelon Race
- Rodeo Queen Coronation

TRIBAL FAIR GOLF EVENT

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026

Time: First Tee off 11 a.m. (Scramble Format)

Location: Dalton Ranch Golf Club, Durango, CO

Contact: Cultural Preservation Department, Eugene Bereza; ebereza@southernute-nsn.gov, (970) 563-2307 and Amy Barry (970) 553-0057

Fee: \$400/team of 4 (includes 18 holes, golf cart, swag items, and refreshments). Deadline to register and pay fee: Sept. 2, 2026, No refunds!

104th Annual Southern Ute Fair

Skate Competition

Liabilites must be signed and
helmets must be worn

Those under 18 must have a guardian signature

**PRIZES FOR TOP 3
AGE GROUP/EVENT**

**AGE GROUPS: 13 AND
UNDER, 14-29, 30+**



**EVENTS:
BIKES, SKATE, SCOOTERS**

Saturday Sept. 12, 2026 Start at 5:00 pm

LOCATION AT PIINU NUUCHI SKATEPARK

More Information: ☎ 970-563-0214

2026 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Duck Race

**The Duck Race will take place on
Sunday, September 13th at 12 p.m.**

**PRIZE: FIRST 3
DUCKS, 1ST, 2ND
AND 3RD, WILL
RECEIVE CASH
PAYOUTS.**

For more information Contact:
Dustin Weaver, Sunshine Cloud Smith
Youth Advisory
Council Coordinator, at (970) 563-2786
or dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov.





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2026 TRIBAL FAIR

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join the ultimate challenge on the greens and showcase your best swing this season.

Date : Sunday, September 27th, 2026

First Tee-Off : 11:00 AM

Place : Dalton Ranch Golf Club, 589 Co Rd 252, Durango, CO 81301



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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Limited to 18 teams

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place + M/F
Longest Putt and Drive

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: EUGENE BEREZA at (970) 563-2307

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**HWY 172
To Durango**

**CR 517
To Bayfield**

- **Sky Ute Casino Resort**
14324 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137
- Kick Off Meal

- **Scott's Pond**
• Fishing Derby

- **Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum**
503 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO 81137
- Exhibits Drop Off

**CR 521
To Bayfield**

- **Sun Ute Park**
591 Ute Road, Ignacio, CO 81137
- Skate Competition
- Softball Tourney
- Volleyball Tourney
- Honoring Veterans Run/Walk

Ute Road

- **Multi-Purpose Facility**
256 Ute Rd., Ignacio, CO 81137
- Archery 3D Shoot
- Corn-Hole Tourney
- Employee Softball Challenge
- Softball Tourney
- Youth Games

- **Ignacio High School**
315 Ignacio St., Ignacio, CO 81137
- Parade Line-Up/Start

**Parade
Route**

Ignacio

**CR 151
To Arboles**

**HWY 172
To New Mexico**

**Sky Ute
Fairgrounds**

Sky Ute Fairgrounds 200 CR 151, Ignacio, CO 81137

- Tipi Raising Contest
- Greased Pole Climb Contest
- Frybread Contest
- Parking
- Food Vendors
- Baby Contest
- Sam Burch Memorial Horsemanship
- **POWWOW**
- Dino Run
- Tug-O-War
- Pancake Breakfast
- Livestock Exhibits
- Jalapeno Eating Contest
- REZ-olution Youth Concert
- Fireworks Display



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