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**TALKING STICK: A CULTURAL & ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION ANNOUNCES  
THREE DAY FESTIVAL AHEAD OF THE BIG GAME**

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY, ARIZ. – The Talking Stick Cultural & Entertainment Destination and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community are proud to announce the Talking Stick Festival: A Destination Celebration, a three day festival that will run Jan. 22-24 of 2015. The Talking Stick Festival is designed to introduce visitors to the many attractions within the Destination and become a point of pride for the Community.

“The Talking Stick Cultural & Entertainment Destination wants to be known as a leading Native American cultural and entertainment destination for the valley, state and nation,” said Marketing Manager Blessing McAnlis-Vasquez. “This festival will help us introduce visitors and friends to all our exciting amenities while infusing the experience with cultural elements that will entertain and educate people who want to learn more about Native American communities in Arizona.”

Signature events will include traditional dance performances, art tours with Community artist and sculptor Jeff Fulwilder, Indigenous Film Screenings and a Native American Chalk Walk. Other events include artist demonstrations, storytelling and a Kids Craft Zone for hands-on activities. A concert will close out the Festival at the Talking Stick Resort.

The Talking Stick Destination offers free trolley service that will run from now until April 2015. The trolley route will pick up guests from popular spots in Scottsdale and bring them to destination amenities like Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, Talking Stick Resort, Talking Stick Golf Club, the Pavilions at Talking Stick shopping center, Octane Raceway, and Topgolf. To learn more about the Talking Stick Cultural and Entertainment Destination and the Talking Stick Festival visit our website at [www.TalkingStickArizona.com](http://www.TalkingStickArizona.com) and follow us on Facebook.

**About Talking Stick Cultural and Entertainment Destination**

Arizona's leading Native American Cultural and Entertainment Destination. Talking Stick is home to Talking Stick Golf Club, Talking Stick Resort, Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, The Pavilions at Talking Stick shopping center, Courtyard Marriott Scottsdale Salt River, Butterfly Wonderland, and the new Topgolf. The Talking Stick Destination is located on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, conveniently situated at the 101 Pima Freeway and Indian Bend, just 15 minutes from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and 10 minutes from Scottsdale Airpark. For more information on the Talking Stick Destination visit [TalkingStickArizona.com](http://TalkingStickArizona.com)

**About Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is a sovereign tribe located in the Phoenix Metropolitan area, east valley. Established by Executive Order on June 14, 1879, the Community operates as a full-service government and oversees departments and programs. With two distinct backgrounds and traditions, the Community is comprised of two Native American tribes: the Pima, "Akimel O'odham" (River People) and the Maricopa, "Xalychidom Piipaash" (People Who Live Toward the Water). Today, nearly 10,000 individuals are enrolled Community members.

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