



Talking Stick: A Cultural And Entertainment Destination
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TALKING STICK VISITOR CENTER TO DEBUT NATIVE AMERICAN CHALK WALK AND ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY, Ariz. (May 22, 2014) - The Talking Stick Visitor Center will host and debut a Native American chalk walk with artist demonstrations from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2014. The visitor center is located next to YC's Mongolian Grill in the Pavilions at Talking Stick Shopping Center, 9175 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale AZ 85250.

This event grew out of the desire to create, embrace and celebrate cultural emergence through the displays and demonstrations of local and regional Native American artists. Visitors will be able to stroll along the sidewalks to watch the artists as they create their Native American inspired images.

Artists featuring their art work and demonstrations at the event will include Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community artists 2013 Spirit of the Heard Award recipient Royce Manuel, shell etcher Jacob Butler, an up-and-coming chalk artist Treston Easchief and many more regional artists.

There will also be a specially designated children's area for children to participate and create their own concrete masterpieces.

"We are excited to be hosting such a unique event at the visitor center and highlighting the talents of such a wide variety of artists," said Blessing McAnlis, marketing manager for the Talking Stick Destination. "Our Destination area is emerging as a leader in cultural tourism and we celebrate that effort with our theme of "cultural emergence". We invite everyone to come out and be a part of this beautiful celebration of both art and culture."

The Talking Stick Visitor Center will open May 29, 2014 thru Spring 2015 and operate under the following business hours: Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 6

p.m. and on Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with monthly demonstrations by Community artists.

For a complete schedule of the planned cultural events and more information about the Talking Stick Visitor Center or the Talking Stick Cultural and Entertainment Destination, please contact Blessing McAnlis-Vasquez at 480-362-2700 or visit the website at www.TalkingStickArizona.com.

About Talking Stick:

Talking Stick: An Emerging Cultural and Entertainment Destination is an initiative of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and is conveniently located at Indian Bend and the 101 Freeway, just 15 minutes from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport and 10 minutes from Scottsdale Airpark.

About the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community:

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is a sovereign tribe located in the metropolitan Phoenix area. Established by Executive Order on June 14, 1879, the Community operates as a full-service government and oversees departments, programs, projects and facilities. With two distinct backgrounds and cultures, 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 tribal members.

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