

2025 WECIJ U'UWI HEMAPAI

Young Women's Gathering

Funded by the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation

Sunday, May 25—Wednesday, May 28, 2025

San Xavier District Hikdan Park

*Empowering young O'odham women
by reconnecting to their O'odham
identity, with vision and guidance to
stand strong in their strength, self
love, and self respect.*



Young O'odham Women ages 10-17 years (age limit enforced) are invited to participate in an outdoor event of spiritual, physical, social, and educational activities presented by local O'odham women leaders and elders. Participants will camp throughout the event. Meals will be provided and may be prepared by participants.

What to look forward to:

Daily Sunrise Runs ~ Doll Making ~ Pottery ~ Traditional Songs ~ Traditional Women Games ~ Wellness Workshops ~ Teachings on Womanhood ~ Hands-on Workshops ~ Sea Shell Etching ~ Cooking & MORE!

Registration

- Free gathering for O'odham Young Women.
- Limited to the first 100 applicants.
- Pre-Registration deadline—Wednesday, May 14, 2025.
- Registration forms are available at the SXD Office & SXD Education Center.

Submit paper applications to:
ywg@waknet.org.

For more information call:
Danielle Stephens at 520.573-4000



Wecij U'uwii Hemapai 6th Annual
Young Women's Gathering



All participants are expected to behave in a respectful and responsible manner.

Prohibited: Absolutely NO Drugs, Alcohol, Gang Attire & Weapons allowed!

Electronic FREE (Please Leave Your Devices @ Home):

Cell Phones, Ipods, I pads, laptops, tablet, MP3, any type of stereo systems, and more! An emergency phone will be provided as needed.

-All chaperones/parents/volunteers participating in the event, MUST attend a MANDATORY meeting/training on **Wednesday, May 14th @ 6pm** at the San Xavier District Education Center. A hybrid meeting will be offered for those who cannot attend the mandatory meeting in-person.

WOMEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT!

Donations accepted and appreciated!

~Contact SXD 520-573-4000~

San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation

Wecij U'uwi Hemapai
6th Annual Young Women's Gathering
A Gathering of Young O'odham Women
Sunday, May 25 – Wednesday, May 28, 2025
Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Participant Registration Form

Ages 10 to 17 Years old
(Age limits will be enforced)

Participant's Name _____ Age _____ DOB _____ Village/Community District _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone & Work #: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Participant's Shirt Size (Please circle your size):

- Adult S
- Adult M
- Adult L
- Adult XL
- Adult XXL
- Other _____

Emergency Contact #1 (if parent cannot be reached):

Name: _____ Relationship to individual: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency Contact #2 (if parent cannot be reached):

Name: _____ Relationship to individual: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Notification: A lice screening will be conducted for ALL participants at the time of registration/check-in. To be considerate of all participants and prevent an outbreak, participants must be clear of head lice.

IMPORTANT: Participants requiring daily medication must check in the medication with the Young Women's Gathering staff for safekeeping. The medication will be administered only according to prescription. The medication must have the participant's name and prescribed dosage on the label; otherwise, the parent will have to come administer the dosage.

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Medical History:

Known allergies (please specify): _____

Does the participant require an EpiPen? ___ Yes ___ No

List chronic diseases and illnesses (asthma, diabetes, etc.): _____

Please tell us about your child (describe any physical needs, special needs, emotional or behavioral concerns):

Should your child be excluded or restricted from physical or competitive activities? If so, please explain restrictive physical or competitive activities:

Indicate medications taken daily. Will the participant have medication(s) with her? ___ Yes (list below) ___ No

Please indicate if medication is prescription (Rx) or Over the Counter (OTC)

Name of Medication: _____	Rx: <input type="checkbox"/>	OTC: <input type="checkbox"/>	Time(s): _____
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Health Insurance Information:

Health Care Insurance Provider: _____ Group #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone #: _____

Emergency Care Facility: (other than IHS after 5 p.m.): _____

Medical Authorization:

I grant permission for my child _____, to receive any medical attention deemed necessary by qualified medical personnel during her participation in the 2025 Young Women's Gathering. I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to provide for the safety and care of my daughter and every effort will be made to notify me in the event of an accident or injury requiring medical care. If I cannot be contacted, medical treatment may be given as deemed necessary for the best interest of my daughter. I hereby assume financial responsibility for the hospitalization and medical treatment provided.

Waiver and Release:

I _____, parent or legal guardian of _____ hereby agree to waive, release, and forever hold harmless the San Xavier District employees or 2025 Young Women's Gathering volunteers against any and all claims of liabilities or demands whatsoever arising from the participation of this event. In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize the employees or volunteers of the San Xavier District to summon professional assistance for treatment or transportation.

Photographic Release:

I _____, parent or legal guardian of _____ hereby grant and convey unto the San Xavier District all rights, titles, and interest in and to all photographic images and videos or audio recording made by or for the San Xavier District or made with its consent, during my participation with the San Xavier District and otherwise affiliated or associated with the San Xavier District including, but not limited to any royalties, proceed, or other benefits derived from such photographs or video or audio recordings.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Printed Name

Phone Number

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
PARENTAL/GUARDIAN APPROVAL REQUESTED

(Please circle one)

Puberty and Physical Change: Will be discussing/displaying information regarding the physical changes that occur for females, including reproduction. Participants will be separated by age groups.

Yes No

Healthy Relationships: Will be discussing/displaying information on relationships, reproduction, sexual harassment, domestic violence, motherhood & healthy families.

Yes No

***PLEASE READ:** Wednesday, May 28, 2025, is the Closing Ceremony between the hours of 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Families are asked to be present to witness and hear the participants express themselves regarding their experience. **It is important that at least one family member attends the Closing Ceremony.** A meal will be provided. We would like all participants, their parents/guardians, and families to please work this into your time schedule. The timeframe is estimated, if you cannot be there for the closing, please, allow time for the young women to participate, stay and eat. For food planning purposes, please indicate how many family members will be attending the closing ceremony ____.

We are in need of positive role models who can volunteer for the duration of the camp. If you are interested in volunteering, please attend the mandatory Parent Orientation on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the San Xavier District Education Center 1960 W. Wa:k Lane, Tucson, AZ 85746. **A hybrid meeting will be held for those who cannot attend the mandatory meeting in person. Volunteer applications will be available at the meeting for you to fill out.**

Return the completed registration form by mailing to:

San Xavier District Office
2018 W. San Xavier Road
Tucson, AZ 85746

Contact: Danielle Stephens @ 520-573-4000
Fax: 520-573-4089
Email: dstephens@waknet.org

Or by email at ywg@waknet.org

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YWG General Rules and Safety

1. Participants will be exposed to the natural elements (insects, cactus, rough terrain, etc.), heights, sharp objects, animals, physical activities, and extreme temperatures. Everyone needs to practice safety and come prepared for the outdoors. For example, please have your child start hydrating at least 1 week before the event.
2. Participants who require medication daily will identify it on their registration form and check it in with the Young Women’s Gathering staff. It will be the primary responsibility of the participant to adhere to their medication routine.
3. All participants who need medical attention for accidents or injuries will be tended to immediately and the Young Women’s Gathering staff will be notified. Extreme medical emergencies will be handled by trained EMT’s.
4. All participants will have emergency contact information including names and numbers, medical conditions, insurance information, treatment release and waiver on file with their registration form signed by the parent or guardian.
5. The following is a list of acceptable and expected behaviors of youth participating in the program:
 - Language: Participants will use appropriate and respectful language in communicating with each other, staff and volunteers.
 - Property: Participants will handle property with care and return all items borrowed to their proper owner.
 - Disagreements: Any issue will be discussed and settled in a respectful manner using restorative practice.
 - Disorderly Conduct: Fighting, wrestling, horse play, rough house or any other disorderly conduct will not be tolerated on District property.
 - Participants will not engage in, threaten, or harm others in any way. Physical abuse, bullying, name calling, taunting or intimidation will not be allowed.
 - Clothing: Participants will wear proper and appropriate clothing attire.
 - Drugs, alcohol, vapes or possession of a weapon are not permitted.
6. Every effort will be made to encourage participants to stay for the duration of the event. Individuals who pose a threat may be asked to leave. Parent/Guardians will be contacted; or if the need arises, Tohono O’odham Police will be contacted.
7. Parents, please provide notification to the Young Women’s Gathering staff if you plan on picking up your child for any reason. Participants are highly encouraged to stay during the entire event. Call 520-573-4000 if needed.
8. Belongings will be searched upon arrival.
9. Please call the group leaders if you would like to check in or visit with your child.
10. No outside food or snacks.

I _____, understand and agree to the rules and guidelines of the Wecij U’uwi Hemapai 6th Annual Young Women’s Gathering event. I understand that if I fail to follow these guidelines, I may jeopardize the opportunity to participate in the full duration of the event. Parents/Guardians will be contacted or if the need arises, Tohono O’odham Police will be contacted.

Participant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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CHECK LIST OF ITEMS TO BRING FOR YOUNG WOMEN'S GATHERING

In an effort to take care of our environment and cut down on waste we are asking each participant to bring their own eating utensils and cups for use throughout the gathering.

Please keep in mind that the young women will be camping outdoors and will need all the appropriate camping equipment and casual clothing for outdoor activities, running and hiking. PLEASE LABEL / WRITE YOUR NAME ON ALL PERSONAL ITEMS.

Please be advised that the participants will be camping in an assigned area with their age group and leaders. Siblings and relatives may be asked to camp in other areas near their group leader.

1. ___ Water Bottle or Cup with lid (20 oz. or less)
2. ___ Spoon & Fork
3. ___ Bowl for stew, soup or cereal
4. ___ Plate for meals
5. ___ Soap (body wash)
6. ___ Wipes
7. ___ Hand Sanitizer
8. ___ Shampoo
9. ___ Deodorant
10. ___ Toothbrush
11. ___ Toothpaste
12. ___ Comb/Brush
13. ___ Bath Towel
14. ___ 3-4 Changes of comfortable casual clothes
15. ___ Sweater
16. ___ Pair of pants/sweats
17. ___ Running Shorts
18. ___ Running shoes/Hiking Shoes
19. ___ Flashlight/Batteries (please bring)
20. ___ Sleeping Bag & Blankets for warmth.
21. ___ Tarp (lay sleeping bag on top of tarp so sleeping bag won't get wet)
22. ___ Medications (if needed). Make sure you check this in at Registration.
23. ___ Sunscreen
24. ___ Mosquito Repellent
25. ___ Camping Tent
26. ___ Camping Chair
27. ___ Umbrella (Optional)
28. ___ Feminine Hygiene Products (will be available)
29. ___ Gift for O'odham Bingo