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13th Annual All-Native Basketball Tournament Coming to U.S. Airways Center

152 teams and more than 1,600 athletes compete across 11 gyms

Phoenix, Ariz. (June 24, 2015) – Once again Phoenix will see hundreds of Native high school-age youth representing teams from all across the United States, Canada and New Zealand wearing the NABI uniform. In total, 152 teams will arrive for the **13th Annual Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI)** on June 30 and the tournament will unfold throughout the weekend with the Championship game held at U.S. Airways Center. The tournament is presented by Nike N7, Seminole Tribe of Florida and Ak-Chin Indian Community.

NABI, founded by Mark West, assistant coach of the Phoenix Suns and GinaMarie Scarpa, former executive director of the AC Green Youth Foundation, founded by the NBA Iron Man AC Green, has become the largest basketball tournament in the world featuring Native and Indigenous high school youth.

This summer's tournament will feature over 350 games played in three-days of pool play and bracket games, with the Silver Division Championship games played at Phoenix College on Friday, July 3 and the Gold Division Championship games played at U.S. Airways Center, home of the Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury, on Saturday, July 4. This exciting event will also feature a college and career fair, "Team Meet & Greet" pool party and educational seminars.

The NABI Invitational games kick off on Wednesday, July 1 at 11 area gyms.

Entry into the pool play and bracket games is \$20 for a three-day wristband. The U.S. Airways Center Championship is \$10. All proceeds benefit the NABI Foundation, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.

"This tournament is an Arizona summer sporting event tradition and it brings great basketball talent to Phoenix every year," said GinaMarie Scarpa, NABI Foundation co-founder and CEO.

For more information about the NABI Invitational, game schedules and gym locations, log on to the NABI official website www.nabifoundation.org or contact info@nabifoundation.org.

Other supporting sponsors include: U.S. Airways Center, Phoenix Suns, Phoenix Mercury, JP Business Solutions and Native Logistics.

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