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NEW FACE OF NABI

NABI MORE THAN BASKETBALL!!!

The NABI Foundation has received its 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status and the Foundation has officially been launched!

What does this all mean? The NABI Foundation, funded through a generous donation from Ak-Chin Indian Community, will now organize the events that were once under Pod Productions, creators of the NABI tournaments, along with creating and implementing new ones!

The NABI Foundation, governed by President Tex G. Hall, Vice-President Ernie Stevens Jr. and a dedicated Board of Directors, including NABI Co-founder Mark West, is committed to bringing quality programs to our Native American youth.

The Foundations new website www.nabifoundation.org has been launched and we are hitting the ground running!!!

Be sure to log on and see all the exciting programs and events the Foundation has planned, to include:

• February 2011 NABI "Goes Primal" Youth Physical Education Program

This exciting program, in partnership with AMENZONE, brings a basic exercise program that utilizes outdoor and natural surroundings to encourage our youth to adopt the importance of constant movement to stay active and healthy, with the hopes of combating childhood obesity and diabetes. This program will be part of the NABI Foundations mission to bring "free" programs to Native lands for youth ages 8-14. <u>Presented by Ak-Chin Indian Community</u>

March 2011 <u>NABI Night with the Phoenix Coyotes</u>

This award program is designed for the youth who participate in the "Youth Physical Education Program". The NABI Foundation will host the youth to a Phoenix Coyotes game, which includes an opportunity for all the kids to go on the ice and shoot a puck into the net! Presented by Ak-Chin Indian Community

• July 5-9, 2011 NABI Basketball

The 9th Annual Native American Basketball Invitational, in partnership with the Phoenix Suns & Phoenix Mercury and presented by Nike, N7, Ak-Chin Indian Community & Grand Canyon University, will once again take place in Phoenix; attracting teams from reservations all over the US and Canada, for ages 13-19.

This year, to serve more youth, NABI will *not* be seeking NCAA certification and will be adding "Gold & Silver" divisions. This new format will allow more teams to compete, as well as add more games. Both the "Gold & Silver" division championship games will be played at the US Airways Center, home of the Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury. Team fees have also been reduced to only \$500 per team! Team fees include entry fee and team uniforms. For ages 13-19, register early-we are expecting our biggest turn out yet!

July 2011 NABI Baseball

The 4th Annual Native American Baseball & Softball Invitational, *in partnership with the Arizona Diamondbacks*, is coming back in July! This exciting event takes place during the Arizona Diamondbacks Native American Recognition Game week, with all teams getting an opportunity to participate in the "parade of teams" as part of the opening ceremonies before the Diamondbacks game and receive a free ticket to the game too!

• Nov 2011 NABI "Chasing the Sun" 10k & Health Fair

The 3rd Annual Chasing the Sun 10K & Health Fair, <u>presented by Nike, N7, Ak-Chin Indian</u> <u>Community, Grand Canyon University and MERCK</u> will once again attract runners from all over. This Native themed community event is created to inspire a healthy lifestyle to all that attend. Proceeds from the 10K benefit the NABI Foundation Scholarship Fund. Event opened to the general public.

Nov 2011 NABI "Chasing the Sun" Pow Wow & Indian Market

The 3rd Annual Chasing the Pow Wow & Indian Market, <u>in partnership with Ak-Chin Indian</u> <u>Community & Arizona Native Scene, presented by Grand Canyon University</u> will take place in conjunction with the "Chasing the Sun" 10K and Health Fair. It will consist of a Pow Wow that celebrates Native American music, dance and culture. The Indian Market will host Native American arts & crafts, music and food vendors. This is a free event opened to the general public.

• **2012 Future programs-** Adult Basketball Tournament (18 & over), Native American Baseball Training Camp (ages 14-19) & Summer Overnight Youth Camp (ages 10-14)

These are just a few of the many exciting programs and events the NABI Foundation will be hosting in 2011 and plan for 2012. Be sure to log on to the NABI Foundations official website for information. www.nabifoundation.org

All information about how to make a donation, Foundation programs & events, Board of Directors and staff are posted on the NABI Foundation's official website.

All proceeds benefit the NABI Foundation.

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