



PARKS & REC

JANUARY 2024 EVENTS

Training, Training, Training



Pictured: Mike Sestiaga (Far Left), Parks & Rec Maintenance, Grounds crew

It's our motto at Quechan Parks & Rec to keep sharpening our skills and honing our craft, and In an effort to do so our maintenance department, along with the Quechan Grounds department, have taken on groundskeeping and facility training by U of A's own Landscape Project Manager Mike Sestiaga and Athletic Fields Superintendent Darren Criswell.

The goal for the training was to improve upon the already vast knowledge of the Parks & Rec and Grounds department staff and to give them the ability to approach all problems from new angles. With the training our staff has received from Mr. Sestiaga and his team, they're sure to make a lasting, positive impression in the community.



Motherhood/Fatherhood Is Sacred Training



Albert Tittman, Mike Jack, California State Assemblyman James Ramos, Ana Hartt, Commissioner for NAHC Wayne Nelson

Our maintenance staff isn't the only part of Parks & Recreation that is striving to do their best. Director Mike Jack and Rec Aid Ana Hartt recently underwent a training titled

"Motherhood/Fatherhood is Sacred", headed by Mike Duncan from Native American Fatherhood & Families Association. The training is centered around the certification of parenting classes for the unique challenges of being Native American mothers and fathers. Our department will be hosting a few support groups to include the fatherhood/motherhood group, as well as AA Support, Healthy Living and a Walking/Stretching Group.



*Deputy Director of Native Dads Network, Albert Tittman
Director of Native Dads Network, Mike Duncan*

Kwanamii Spirt Run and Gathering



In the early morning of January 27th, 2024, Mr. Faron Owl met up with his runners at the Community Center, along with runners from other tribes, for his event, the Kwanamii Spirit Run. This gathering is meant to protest the proposed Gold Mining set to be happening on lands considered sacred to the Quechan Tribe.

After the run, all the runners, tribal members and royalty from all tribes involved got together at the Community Center for an evening of sharing cultures, food and connecting on deeper level of community. This was a private event facilitated by Faron Owl.

