

PowWow

WILDHORSE 29TH ANNUAL

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NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE

JULY 4-6

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



WELCOME

Welcome to the 29th Annual Wildhorse Pow Wow!

On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) and Wildhorse Resort & Casino, we're honored to welcome you to our homelands.



The CTUIR is made up of the Cayuse, Walla Walla, and Umatilla peoples, whose ancestors have lived, traded, and gathered here for thousands of years. Today, the CTUIR continues to preserve their culture, protect their lands, and serve as the largest employer in Umatilla County.

We're proud to share our traditions with you. Take time to absorb the beauty of Native American life — the songs, dances, regalia, and community.

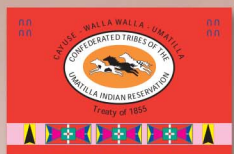
While you're here, enjoy all Wildhorse has to offer — the casino, restaurants, golf course, bowling alley, shopping, and the Tamástslikt Cultural Institute, where you can explore the living history of our people.

Have fun, be safe, drink water, and take care of yourself. Thank you for joining us — we hope this weekend leaves you with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation for who we are as the Weyíiletpuu (Cayuse people), Walúulapam (Walla Walla people) and Imatalamtáma (Umatilla people).

Thank you for joining us.

Sincerely,

Gary I. Burke, Chairman
CTUIR Board of Trustees



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 4

- Registration for Dancers and Drum groups opens at 4pm
- Grand Entry 7pm (*Grand Entry points awarded*)
- All dance and drum categories contest
- Honoring Our Veterans Special

SATURDAY, JULY 5

- Registration for Dancers and Drum groups open at 11am
- Hand Drum Contest 11am
- Grand Entry 1pm (*Grand Entry points awarded*)
- All dance and drum categories contest
- Afternoon Fancy Dance Special (*Men vs Women Winner Takes All!*)
- Dinner break at approximately 5pm
- Semi-Finals of Hand Drum contest at start of dinner break
- Pow Wow resumes at 7pm, no grand entry, inter-tribal
- Evening War Bonnet Special
- All dance and drum categories contest

SUNDAY, JULY 6

- Grand Entry 1pm
- Final contest for all Teen/Adult and drum categories
- Hand Drum Finals
- Presentation of Prizes, winners receive cash and a custom prize

CONTEST ORDER

TINY TOTS (6 years and under)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Sponsored by the family of Myrna W. Tovey

GOLDEN AGE (60 +)

1. Womens Golden Age
2. Mens Golden Age

JUNIOR CATEGORIES (7-12 years)

Friday & Saturday only

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| 3. Junior Girls Jingle | 6. Junior Boys Fancy |
| 4. Junior Boys Grass | 7. Junior Girls Traditional |
| 5. Junior Girls Fancy | 8. Junior Boys Traditional |

TEEN CATEGORIES (13-17 years)

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| 9. Teen Girls Jingle | 12. Teen Boys Fancy |
| 10. Teen Boys Grass | 13. Teen Girls Traditional |
| 11. Teen Girls Fancy | 14. Teen Boys Traditional |

JUNIOR ADULT CATEGORIES (18-39 years)

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| 15. Junior Womens Jingle | 18. Junior Mens Fancy |
| 16. Junior Mens Grass | 19. Junior Womens Traditional |
| 17. Junior Womens Fancy | 20. Junior Mens Traditional |

SENIOR ADULT CATEGORIES (40-59 years)

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| 21. Senior Womens Jingle | 24. Senior Mens Fancy |
| 22. Senior Mens Grass | 25. Senior Womens Traditional |
| 23. Senior Womens Fancy | 26. Senior Mens Traditional |

2024 POW WOW CONTEST WINNERS

JUNIOR BOYS FANCY (7-12)

4th	Johnson Meninick Jr	Lenore, ID
3rd	Jeremiah Wahchumwah	Tacoma, WA
2nd	Moses Walsey	Toppenish, WA
1st	Hoody Walsey	Toppenish, WA

JUNIOR BOYS GRASS (7-12)

4th	Senata Meninick	Toppenish, WA
3rd	Cameron Onepeneee	White Swan, WA
2nd	Kenston Chief	Island Lake, Sask.
1st	Jayden Walsey	Toppenish, WA

JUNIOR BOYS TRADITIONAL (7-12)

4th	Amaideo Tewee	Pendleton, OR
3rd	John Adams	Toppenish, WA
2nd	Jayden Walsey	Toppenish, WA
1st	Blake Lloyd	Toppenish, WA

JUNIOR GIRLS FANCY (7-12)

4th	Emma Eagle Speaker	Yelm, WA
3rd	Abi Ford Kordatsky	Pendleton, OR
2nd	Dazha Joseph	Pendleton, OR
1st	Jocelynn Phoenix	Rosemead, CA

JUNIOR GIRLS JINGLE (7-12)

4th	Madison Olney	White Swan, WA
3rd	Jocelynn Phoenix	Rosemead, CA
2nd	Alimae Jackson	White Swan, WA
1st	Lilyana Johnson	Salem, OR

JUNIOR GIRLS TRADITIONAL (7-12)

4th	Abi Ford-Kordatzky	Pendleton, OR
3rd	Elizabeth Bevis	Pendleton, OR
2nd	Gabriella Calvillo	Adams, OR
1st	Katerra Jackson	White Swan, WA

TEEN BOYS FANCY (13-17)

4th	Kaizer Selam	Wapato, WA
3rd	Garian McDonald	Pendleton, OR
2nd	Julius Phoenix	Rosemead, CA
1st	Sonny Walsey	Toppenish, WA

TEEN BOYS GRASS (13-17)

4th	Cashis Alferez-Bevis	Pendleton, OR
3rd	Michael Bahe	Pocatello, ID
2nd	Sunhawk Barney	Portland, OR
1st	Ian Mitchell	Toppenish, WA

TEEN BOYS TRADITIONAL (13-17)

4th	Nakoa Kakakaway	McDermitt, NV
3rd	Lewis Allen	Culdesac, ID
2nd	Jaden Esquiro	Warm Springs, OR
1st	Hiyuum Nowland	Pendleton, OR

TEEN GIRLS FANCY (13-17)

4th	Charlotte Brown	Portland, OR
3rd	Vera Johnson	Salem, OR
2nd	Cari-Gene Smith	Toppenish, WA
1st	Jareen Hines	Culdesac, ID

TEEN GIRLS JINGLE (13-17)

4th	Cinncee Washakie	Pocatello, ID
3rd	Jareen Hines	Culdesac, ID
2nd	Leona Slimjohn-Smith	Lapwai, ID
1st	Junee Picard	Lapwai, ID

TEEN GIRLS TRADITIONAL (13-17)

4th	Athena Reed	Zillah, WA
3rd	Vivian Winter	Toppenish, WA
2nd	Annie Payer	Goldendale, WA
1st	Olivia Allen	Culdesac, ID

JUNIOR MENS FANCY (18-39)

4th	Manny Totus	Tacoma, WA
3rd	Gary Olney	White Swan, WA
2nd	Redhorse Walsey	Toppenish, WA
1st	Johnson Meninick	Lenore, ID

JUNIOR MENS GRASS (18-39)

4th	Trenton Calica	Warm Springs, OR
3rd	Tokala American Bear	San Francisco, CA
2nd	Manny Hawley	Fife, WA
1st	Xavior Bottom	Tseuntina, AB

JUNIOR MENS TRADITIONAL (18-39)

4th	Anthony Heemsah	Kamiah, ID
3rd	Justus Eaglesmith	Salem, OR
2nd	Rusty McCloud	Harrah, WA
1st	Bryon Adams	Toppenish, WA

JUNIOR WOMENS FANCY (18-39)

4th	Katelyn Tanewasha	Warm Springs, OR
3rd	Miriam Walsey	Yakima, WA
2nd	Teata Ellenwood	Pendleton, OR
1st	Tennille Wahtomy	Wapato, WA

JUNIOR WOMENS JINGLE (18-39)

4th	Tommie Auck	Fort Hall, ID
3rd	Elise Parrott	Richland, WA
2nd	Alayna Bevis	Pendleton, OR
1st	Analynn Olney	White Swan, WA

JUNIOR WOMENS TRADITIONAL (18-39)

4th	Ida Adams	Toppenish, WA
3rd	Justine Slimjohn	Wapato, WA
2nd	Sonnie Altaha	Tacoma, WA
1st	Teata Ellenwood	Pendleton, OR

SENIOR MENS FANCY (40-59)

4th	Tony Smith	Lapwai, ID
3rd	Jon David	Toppenish, WA
2nd	William Wesley	Toppenish, WA
1st	Gary Smith	Granger, WA

SENIOR MENS GRASS (40-59)

4th	Jimmy Olney	White Swan, WA
3rd	William Wesley	Toppenish, WA
2nd	Francis Dion	Boise, ID
1st	John David	Toppenish, WA

SENIOR MENS TRADITIONAL (40-59)

4th	Russell McCloud	Harrah, WA
3rd	George Meninick Jr.	Toppenish, WA
2nd	Nakia Williamson	Lapwai, ID
1st	Andrew Tewawina	Pendleton, OR

SENIOR WOMENS FANCY (40-59)

4th	Fern Slim John Smith	Lapwai, ID
3rd	Zelma Walsey	Toppenish, WA
2nd	Tilda Walsey	Toppenish, WA
1st	Carol Melting Tallow	Riv Rancho, NM

SENIOR WOMENS JINGLE (40-59)

4th	Betty Stephens	Portland, OR
3rd	Violet Olney	White Swan, WA
2nd	Sheryl Steinhauer	Lapwai, ID
1st	Bridget EagleSpeaker	Yelm, WA

SENIOR WOMENS TRADITIONAL (40-59)

4th	Annie Smith	Pendleton, OR
3rd	Katrina Miller	Pendleton, OR
2nd	Violet Olney	White Swan, WA
1st	Tilda Walsey	Toppenish, WA

MENS GOLDEN AGE (60+)

4th	Lloyd Barkley	Pendleton, OR
3rd	Reggie Walsey	Toppenish, WA
2nd	Peter Jo Olney	White Swan, WA
1st	Leslie Wahsise	Toppenish, WA

WOMENS GOLDEN AGE (60+)

4th	Ramona Eaglesmith	Taylorville, CA
3rd	Edith Walsey	Toppenish, WA
2nd	Wilma Wahsise	Toppenish, WA
1st	Pat Heemsah	Toppenish, WA

MENS PRAIRIE CHICKEN DANCE SPECIAL

4th	Anthony Heemsah	Kamiah, ID
3rd	Eric Broncheau	Pendleton, OR
2nd	Jeremy Barney	Portland, OR
1st	Jordan Yazzie	Tacoma, WA

WOMENS BASKET HAT

4th	Tyera Hendrickson	Pendleton, OR
3rd	Pat Heemsah	Toppenish, WA
2nd	Katrina Miller	Pendleton, OR
1st	Sonnie Altaha	Tacoma, WA

SOUTHERN STYLE (MEN/WOMEN)

3rd	Ramona Eaglesmith	Taylorville, CA
2nd	George Meninick Jr	Toppenish, WA
1st	Justus Eaglesmith	Salem, OR

WAR BONNET SPECIAL

3rd	Nakia Williamson	Lapwai, ID
2nd	Allen Paul Slickpoo III	Kamiah, ID
1st	George Meninick Sr	Toppenish, WA

HONORING OUR VETERANS SPECIAL

3rd	Reggie Walsey	Taylorville, CA
2nd	Mary Diavolikis	Wapato, WA
1st	Elvis Sampson	Wapato, WA

TRADITIONAL YOUTH SPECIAL

3rd	Blake Lloyd	Toppenish, WA
2nd	Setoh Powaukee	Lapwai, ID
1st	Phillip Lloyd	Toppenish, WA

HAND DRUM

3rd	Sharpshooter	Sacramento, CA
2nd	Amakay	White Swan, WA
1st	Charles Woods III	Pendleton, OR

DRUMMING CONTEST

6th	Rocky Ridge	Pendleton, OR
5th	Diné Charging Horse	Pendleton, OR
4th	Eagle Spirit	Toppenish, WA
3rd	Indian Nation	Pendleton, OR
2nd	Up Stream Singers	Omaha, NE
1st	Tha Cree	Warm Springs, OR

Many Thanks to our Wildhorse Pow Wow Committee!

Juliana Luke, Ernestine Morning Owl,
Arlyn Garcia, Dusty Minthorn,
Jacob Quaempts, Brendan Crosby,
Mike Fitzgerald, Thad Jackson,
Jacob Cree, Jessica Ellis, Kathy Barkley,
Josh Brown, Jordan Dove,
Brooke Steidl, Chris Weissenfluh,
Junior Van Pelt, and Dawn Aby

WELCOME

On behalf of Wildhorse Resort & Casino and our staff, I would like to welcome you back to the 29th Annual Wildhorse Pow Wow!

This Pow Wow provides spectators with an opportunity to witness some of Indian Country's finest dancers and drummers.

This amazing event surely presents a challenge to the top dancers and drummers who travel from the western United States and Canada. They compete to become this year's champion.

The success of hosting the Annual Wildhorse Pow Wow rests on the committee, volunteers, the employees of Wildhorse, as well as members of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) and their employees. Without these individuals and their support, this Pow Wow would not be possible. We offer them our special thanks!

We encourage our guests to relax and enjoy the Pow Wow and all that the resort has to offer. I would like to thank everyone for attending this event. Without the support of the competitors and spectators, the 29th annual celebration would not be possible.

Sincerely,



Gary E. George
Chief Executive Officer



ARENA STAFF



Master of Ceremonies
Jerry Meninick



Master of Ceremonies
Fred Hill
Tautaliiks



Master of Ceremonies
Thomas Morning Owl
Kakinash



Drum Group Coordinator
Ernestine Morning Owl



Whipman
Alan Crawford



Whipwoman
Judy Farrow



Arena Director
Jesse "Red Sky" Bevis, Sr.



Arena Director
Kellen Joseph



Judge Coordinator
Kathy Barkley



CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. Registration for Dancers and Drummers opens at 4pm on Friday, July 4 and closes at 11pm. Registration opens again at 11am on Saturday and closes at 5pm on Saturday, except for non-contest drummers who register with Drum Coordinator daily.
2. Contestants must have full regalia during Grand Entry. They must wear suitable and appropriate attire for the contest which they are competing.
3. **Contestants are eligible to register in up to two (2) categories and any Dance Special for which they qualify.**
4. If the contestant has any major component of their regalia fall/drop off or falls/drops off during a contest, they are disqualified for that session voluntarily or by Judge/Arena Director. Items not considered major are one bell or one hackle feather. Sportsmanlike conduct is appreciated.
5. Contestants must wear the number issued by the registrar during his/her category. The number(s) must be visible during Grand Entries and to the judges during the contest. Please display number(s) on right side if possible.
6. Contestants observed holding up the Grand Entry procession or leaving the dance arena before flags are posted will not be granted Grand Entry points. Contestants must comply with the directions from the Arena Director and/or Whipman/Whipwoman at all times or may be subject to disqualification from event and/or competition.
7. Points awarded as follows:
 - Grand Entry = 50 points
 - Participation = 20 Points (any dance requested by Arena Director such as Owl Dance)
 - First Place Judged Points = 30 points
 - Second Place Judged Points = 25 points
 - Third Place Judged Points = 20 points
 - Fourth Place Judged Points = 15 points
 - Contest Drums = rated on a scale of 1-10 for Response, Rhythm, Pick-Up, Beat, Singing and Timing
8. The Pow Wow Committee, contest judges or the Arena Director may disqualify contestants suspected of consuming or being under the influence of alcohol/drugs at any time for remainder of that day.
9. The Pow Wow Committee asks that no whistles are blown until after the announcer has stated the contest is over. If blown prior to, contestant is subject to a ten (10) point deduction from point total for each offense.
10. The Pow Wow Committee reserves all rights to alter, suspend, withdraw offer/promotion at any time.

HOW ARE DANCERS JUDGED?

- Judges look for mastery of the particular style, keeping good time with the song and ending on the last beat of the drum.

ETIQUETTE

- Show honor and respect at all times but especially during grand entry, when flags are present, and during dance specials. Grand Entry is held at the beginning of the Pow Wow where everyone rises to their feet as flag bearers and arena staff lead a parade of dancers into the arena.
- Listen to the Master of Ceremonies, or emcees, for event information. They will inform you of what is happening and give necessary instructions.
- Do not touch regalia or refer to as "costumes" as often times regalia is considered sacred.
- Do not cross the arena to get to the other side.
- Sit in appropriate areas. Seating closest to arena is reserved for dancers/elders. Grand stands are open to all.
- Ask permission before taking individual dancer photos. Event photos are allowed unless otherwise specified by emcee.
- The Inter-Tribal dance is for all tribes of all nations and ages, this is often a good time for first-time dancers or non-tribal members to participate.
- No drugs, alcohol, firearms or pets.

Most importantly, have fun!

We hope you enjoy celebrating our culture by participating in and enjoying our Pow Wow.

INTERMISSION

Saturday • 5pm

During our two-hour break, we encourage you to visit all the vendors selling unique products and enjoy some authentic Native American frybread!

SAVE THE DATE

Pow Wow

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TRIBAL CHIEFS



CHIEF WILLIAM BURKE

Wet-Yat-Muss-Till-Lie-La-Kop-Pit
(Umatilla Chief William Burke)

In late May of this year, Chief William "Bill" Burke passed away at the age of 94. Atwai Chief Burke served as a CTUIR chief since the 1980s until he joined his father, Atwai Chief Clarence Burke, and the Creator. Atwai Chief Burke served on the Board of Trustees, and many important committees and positions for the CTUIR.

TUK LU KEY OF THE UMATILLA CHIEF GARY I. BURKE

Chief Gary I. Burke is enrolled Umatilla and resides on the Umatilla Indian Reservation at Springhollow with his wife Kathryn Quaempts Burke. They have six children and ten grandchildren. Gary is the son of the late Chief Wish-Lau-Tu-La-Tin, Raymond T. Burke and Velma Patrick Burke. He descends from grandparents, Isaac B. Patrick and Ada J. Patrick, Richard T. Burke, Sr. and Ester Pond Johnson.

He was a carpenter for 18 years and returned to college and graduated in 1995. Gary is a graduate of Pilot Rock High School where he played basketball and football. He also took part in boxing, traditional war dancing and horsemanship which he learned from his father. He is a strong leader who encourages younger generations to utilize their treaty and traditional rights in light of changing times that brings new responsibilities. He has great respect for the old ways that have been handed down and believes they need to be protected and preserved for the next generations. **"From the North, South, East and West I welcome you all to this year's Wildhorse Pow Wow."**



Tuk-Lu-Key
(Umatilla Chief Gary Burke)

PEO PEO MOX MOX OF THE WALLA WALLA CHIEF DONALD SAMPSON

Donald is the former Chairman and Executive Director of the CTUIR. Today the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, Walla Walla, and Cayuse carry on the traditional leadership of our people long before the United States and the constitutional government of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, Walla Walla, and Cayuse. Traditionally the Tribes had selected "headmen" or Meyocht, which were often hereditary descendants of former chiefs. Their responsibilities were to care for the wellbeing of the people, to protect and provide for them, to listen to their wishes and be a spokesman on their behalf. In November, 2018 Donald Sampson took the name of his late father Peo Peo Mox Mox (Yellow Bird) who passed away in 2017. He also became the headman of the Wallulapum (Walla Wallas) people. Donald's father, atway Walla Walla Chief Carl Sampson was given his Indian name Peo Peo Mox Mox when he was a young man and he was "stood up" by his elders of the Wallulapum people in 1990 as the Headman.



Peo-Peo-Mox-Mox
(Walla Walla Chief Donald Sampson)

HAND DRUM CONTEST

Hand Drum Contest begins at 11am on Saturday, July 5 and takes place in the dance arena. Teams of one to three (1-3) singers may compete. We allow one team per person (no drum hopping). Registered teams may participate on Saturday morning. The top four teams sing again at approximately 5pm that day and then in the finals on Sunday afternoon. Teams are open to all ages.

Prizes are

1st - \$750 2nd - \$500 3rd - \$350

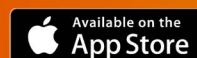
DRUMMER'S GUIDE

1. Lead singer must register their drum group daily.
2. Each group must have a minimum of five (5) singers.
3. Groups must be ready when called upon and will not be called upon more than twice before moving on to next group.
4. Four starts on a contest song and four starts on an inter-tribal song.
5. Any group suspected of consuming or being under the influence of alcohol/drugs during the Pow Wow will be disqualified for that day and will forfeit day pay.
6. Day pay available to the first ten (10) drum groups who register prior to each Grand Entry.
7. No drum hopping allowed.
8. Drum roll call is fifteen (15) minutes prior to each Grand Entry.
9. Drum groups must be set up in the location assigned and set up in the same location for each session.
10. Drum groups must follow the direction of Drum Group Coordinator or designee.
11. Please, only drummers allowed in drumming area/tent.

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DANCE SPECIALS

FRIDAY - Honoring Our Vets Special

Men/Women, regalia or uniform (*no street clothes, please*)

Evening session

Must pre-register • 1st - \$750 2nd - \$500 3rd - \$350

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION - Fancy Dance Special

Men vs Women Winner Takes All!

Must pre-register • 1st - \$1,600 People's Choice - \$200

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION - War Bonnet Special

Must pre-register • 1st - \$750 2nd - \$500 3rd - \$350

SHIRTS, STICKERS & MORE!

Get your limited edition Pow Wow merchandise inside the Wildhorse Gift Shop or at the Wildhorse Mobile Gift Shop.

- 2025 Commemorative Pow Wow T-shirts
- 2025 Pow Wow Cutout Sticker
- 2025 Pow Wow Circle Sticker
- Plus MORE

(at Wildhorse Gift Shop located inside the hotel lobby)

2025 T-Shirt



Circle Sticker

Cutout Sticker

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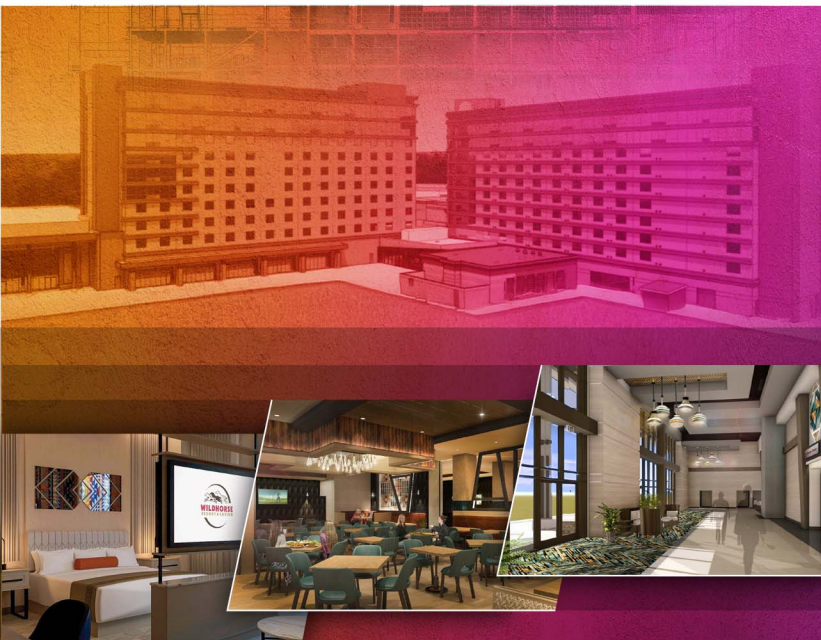


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29 YEARS OF TRADITION

The Wildhorse Pow Wow has remained a symbol of culture and is open to all in the spirit of gathering. We look forward to hosting dancers, vendors, spectators and honored guests every year.

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