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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK CELEBRATES AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH WITH 10TH ANNUAL CULTURAL FAIR

Tucson, AZ – Native American craft demonstrators, dancers, musicians, and speakers will gather again at Saguaro National Park for the Tenth Annual American Indian Heritage Cultural Fair. The Fair will take place on **Saturday November 6th** at the park's Red Hills Visitor Center in Saguaro West, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The visitor center is located at 2700 North Kinney Road, about 2 miles northwest of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Artisans from several Arizona native Nations will display their craftworks, share American Indian dances, and give insights into Southwestern native cultures.

November is recognized as National American Indian Heritage Month, by virtue of a Presidential Proclamation. American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians are a special part of the tapestry of our Nation's history. As keepers of a rich and ancient cultural heritage, American Indians share with all of us the beauty of their art, power of song and grace of their people.

Activities planned for this year's fair include:

- *The park visitor center area will be filled with craft displays and demonstrations throughout the fair day. Some artisans will have crafts of their own making available for sale.*
- *Speakers and dancers from Arizona tribes will perform traditional dances and discuss various aspects of their culture.*
- *A guided tour will be lead by a Tohono O'odham Tribal member to one of the park's petroglyph sites.*
- *A special children's activities area will feature craft activities and demonstrations.*
- *Traditional food will be available for purchase.*

Park entrance fees will be waived for this special event.

Saguaro's annual American Indian Cultural Fair is sponsored by the National Park Service, with financial support provided by the Friends of Saguaro National Park and the Western National Parks Association. For additional information contact the Red Hills Visitor Center at 733-5158.

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