

# Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation



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This year Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation celebrates their 27<sup>th</sup> annual Orme Dam Victory Days. The celebration will be held on November 13 thru 16, 2008. It's our pleasure to invite your company to be apart of this historical and cultural celebration.

Orme Dam Victory Days is a celebration of the Great Spirit and strength of Yavapai Culture that allows for their existence and perseverance as Native American Indians in the Phoenix Metropolitan area. The construction of Orme Dam in the early 1970's would have forced the Yavapai People to relocate after years of living on their ancestral land base. This forced relocation would have divided the Yavapai People from their culture and Indian Reservation. The federal government's proposal would have built a dam where the Salt and Verde rivers meet a few miles northeast of Mesa. This would help ensure a steady water supply to the rapidly growing Phoenix metropolitan area. It also would flood the Fort McDowell Yavapai Indian Reservation. Therefore, because of the defeat of the proposed Orme Dam, we celebrate the rich culture, history and economic enterprises.

There are over 14 different event venues the Yavapai Nation will showcase for the visitors to experience. The All-Indian Rodeo and Pow Wow attract the best performers in Indian Country for the visitors to witness as they display their skills. The celebration is open to the general public. The general public will have free access to these performances with the financial support of your business. Because we offer to the open public this free celebration, we are asking you as our business partner to financially assist us by purchasing a sponsorship level to help off set the cost for Orme Dam Victory Days Celebration. Your sponsorship investment will also allow your company to promote and advertise during the celebration thru our official program.

You may send your sponsorship or donation funds to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, P.O. Box 17779, Fountain Hills, Arizona 85269-7779 at your earliest convenience. We ask you as our friend and business partner to celebrate with us in this annual celebration. For more information call our events manager Rory Majenty at 480-789-7162. I look forward to seeing our business partners at this great celebration.

Sincerely,

President Dr. Clinton Pattea  
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