

2009 ORME DAM CELEBRATION PARADE

“Our Land is Forever”

Ft. McDowell, Arizona

Saturday, November 21st, 2009
9:00 AM, Line up @ 8:00

PARADE ENTRY FORM

ENTRY TITLE: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ **Phone:** (____) _____

Certificates will be awarded for all participants. Please print clearly all names and titles to be included:

Highlighted parade rule(s) are follows: 1) All late entry application submittals or late entry arrivals to the parade will result in the placement or positioning of that entry at the rear of the parade procession; 2) An entry, utilizing animals MUST provide their own animal waste removal (pooper scooper).

Entry Script for the Announcer (please type 50 words or less) or [script can be emailed to dpilcher@ftmcdowell.org](mailto:dpilcher@ftmcdowell.org)

Signature

Date

NO FEE: Mail or FAX entries to: **ORME DAM CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**
P.O. Box 17779 Fountain Hills, AZ 85269
Attn: Parade Committee
Phone: Debbie (480)789-7227
FAX (480)789-7289
Or email dpilcher@ftmcdowell.org

WHY WE CELEBRATE

Victory for the Nation! The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation marks this part of year as a time for everyone to come together in commemoration through celebration of the November 12, 1981 announcement that Orme Dam WILL NOT be a part of the Central Arizona Project. Victory for the Nation!

In September 1968, Congress passed the law authorizing the construction of the Colorado River Basin project that included the Central Arizona Project (CAP) and its main feature, the Orme Dam. In those days and in the years following, it was taken for granted that the Orme Dam was going to be built. Nobody questioned it. It was going to be built.

Orme Dam was to be built at the confluence of the Salt and Verde Rivers on the Salt River Reservation. But its big impact would be on the Yavapai tribe living on the Fort McDowell Reservation. Water would back up behind the proposed Orme Dam flooding two-thirds of Fort McDowell and the community would have to be relocated.

Arizona's business and political leaders wanted Orme Dam for many reasons. Orme Dam would hold the Colorado River water brought in by the Central Arizona Project for more economic development and it would be a flood control for Phoenix.

The Indians living at Fort McDowell did not want to move for the Orme Dam. Some said the tribe would cease to exist. Others pointed out that Phoenix already had several dams sitting on land taken in the past from the same tribe.

In December 1972, the first public protest was held at Fort McDowell so the people could be heard. Many who are gone today were heard that day. Robert Doka, the tribal council chairman, announced that a telegram had been sent to the U.S. Interior Secretary that the Indians of Fort McDowell were not willing to give up their land.

The CAP was first introduced to Congress in 1947 and passed in 1968 but in all the years of hearings, Congress never heard an Indian from Fort McDowell. It was not until February 1973, four years after the CAP law was passed, that the U.S. Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation met with the whole tribe at Fort McDowell and told them of the plans to relocate them and flood their reservation.

The struggle to hold on to Fort McDowell was long and hard. In September 1976, the Indians voted against selling their land. Heavy rains in 1978, 1979 and 1980 brought intensified cries from Arizona's governor and other business and political leaders that Orme Dam was needed for flood control. An editor from the Arizona Republic waged a coupon campaign which he took to Washington.

Earlier, a newspaper article, "LAST STAND OF THE YAVAPAI", had said, "As has so often been the case in the west, when Indian traditions come into conflict with the white man's urge for progress, it looks as though the Yavapai may be about to lose their last battle".

Fort McDowell Indians didn't lose the battle. We won the battle.

After many years, and after many efforts, it was finally decided by the U.S. Interior Secretary on November 12, 1981: NO ORME DAM!

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Saturday, November 21st, 2009

DEAR PARADE PARTICIPANT:

Thank you for your interest in our "Orme Dam Celebration Parade". The parade will be held on Saturday, November 21st, 2009 beginning at 9:00 am. Below is this year's 2009 Orme Dam Celebration Parade Theme.

"Our Land is Forever"

Attached is a parade entry form and a short history on our celebration. Please FAX back your entry form no later than Tuesday, November 17th, 2009. This year our parade route will begin at Fort Loop and Ft. McDowell Road. The parade route will run south of Ft. McDowell Road for approximately ½ mile.

Line-up time is at 8:00 am. The registration table will be at the corner of Fort Loop and Ft. McDowell Road; you must get your number from the registration table no later than 8:30 AM. All Scripts for announcers must be included in the application by the Tuesday, November 17th. The announcer's stand will be on the right side of the parade procession.

Certificates will be awarded to all entries. Please print names on the Parade entry form for all participants that will be receiving certificates. Parade Coordinators will make all final decisions regarding matters related to the parade.

If you have any questions contact: Roddy Pilcher (480)789-7188, Debbie Pilcher (480) 789-7227 or Tina Stytz at (480) 789-7135

Sincerely,

C. Roddy Pilcher
Parade Committee

**2009 ORME DAM CELEBRATION PARADE
RELEASE, WAIVER & COVENANT**

Parade Participant: _____

By acceptance of an invitation to participate in the 2009 Orme Dam Celebration Parade, I accept and assume all risks and responsibilities for any and all claims for property damages and/or personal injury to ourselves, our participants, guests, invitees, and/or employees regardless of the nature or cause of the damage, personal injuries or other claims arising from participation in the 2009 Orme Dam Celebration Parade, including those that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen.

I agree to indemnify, defend and hold the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, its officers, agents, representatives, employees and/or parade committee volunteers harmless from any claim for property and damage or personal injury in connection with our activities in the 2009 Orme Dam Celebration Parade. I further consent not to commence or prosecute any action, suit or other proceeding against the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, its officers, agents, representatives, employees and/or parade committee volunteers as a result of any property damage or personal injury received by participating in the 2009 Orme Dam Celebration Parade.

This document shall be binding upon me, my legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.

The undersigned has read and voluntarily signed the Release, Waiver & Covenant and agrees to be bound by its terms.

BY: _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title: _____

Date: _____