



# MESCALERO Apache TRIBE

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## Memorandum

**To: Mescalero Apache Tribal Members**

**Fr: Cultural Committee, Council as a Whole**

*J.D. - Chair*

**Sbj: July Fourth Ceremonial**

**Date: June 29, 2024**

First and Foremost, We would like to express that our thoughts and prayers are with those suffering the loss of a loved one.

This memorandum is to notify you the Cultural Committee has decided, at the request of all feast givers, to allow tribal member vendors to sell at the Coming of Age Ceremony July 4-7, 2024. There will be no fees associated with vendor spaces. The spaces are on a first come first served basis. We do ask that the spaces designated for food be utilized by food vendors and the spaces designated for crafts be used by crafts. Non-tribal members are allowed to sell in the Plaza area and will need to obtain a vendors permit from the Tribe. Please reach out to Tribal Council Treasurer Euphrasia Platta at 575-937-3457 for inquiries and vendor space assignment. It was also decided to allow and encourage tribal members to set up your family arbors and camp at the ceremonial grounds.

After careful consideration of recent events, we are recommending that you pick up a "Feast Permit" from DRMP. This permit will allow you access through the gate guards via all off-road access points. This permit will allow you to collect brush, arbor poles, teepee poles, etc. At this time there will be no access to the recently burned areas as they are still active fires at this point. You must have a permit on hand to access areas to gather brush and poles for your camps. We ask for full cooperation with the gate guards.

As always, we would like to remind everyone to pray for one another, check on each other, respect one another, love one another, and simply be there for one another.

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