

ISLETA RECREATION CENTER SEPTEMBERS NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

Isleta Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Isleta Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (IBJJ) Classes are still taken place at the New Recreation Center. Instructor Matt Zuni and his assistant Johnathan Anzara have been teaching various Jiu Jitsu techniques to their students. Class consists of students warming up, the day's lesson and techniques, and then live rolls meaning mini competitions to practice all their combined Jiu Jitsu techniques.

From time to time, IBJJ will have guest instructors come in from the Gracie Barra New Mexico Brazilian Jiu Jitsu located in Albuquerque or the Gracie Barra Los Lunas Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academies. Pictured to the right of Coach Matt Zuni is Professor Tammy Griego and Coach Ran Weathers of the Gracie Barra Los Lunas Brazilian Jir Jitsu Academy after they guest coached a class with the Isleta Brazilian Jiu Jitsu students.



All Isleta community members are welcome to try a class anytime. Classes are on Tuesdays & Thursday, with the youth being from 5pm to 7 pm and the teen / adults being from 6 pm to 7 pm. The IBJJ is always seeking and accepting new members.



Kenny Thomas Basketball Camp News:

The New Recreation Center hosted a basketball camp with Kenny Thomas, a former UNM Lobo and NBA basketball player and with the extra help from Coach John Matt Jojola. It was a 2 day basketball camp that involved over 100 Isleta community children. Everyone learned basketball drills and played scrimmage games against one another. The children received t-shirts and autographs from Kenny Thomas. A Special thank you to our Parks and Recreation staff who also helped out with coaching the 2 day event.



National Night Out:

National Night Out with our Isleta Police Department was a huge success. It was hosted at the New Recreation Center. Thank you to “Da Shop “for coming out to give out free haircuts to our children. Thank you to the Governor’s Office and other tribal programs for supporting this event.





Pool News:

Greetings People of Isleta,

My name is Ryan Sindon, and I'm the Aquatics Coordinator at the New Recreation Center. A little bit about myself, I was born and raised in Venice, CA where I grew up surfing and swimming. I was trained how to surf by some amazing people which propelled my love for aquatics. My drive to swim allowed me to be a part of a collegiate team and swim with successful Olympic and Olympic caliber swimmers. I have since developed a passion for coaching and learn to swim programs. I have more than eight years of career experience and a lifetime of learning behind me. I also have experience coaching Special Olympics, as well as working with PT's to provide therapeutic lessons.



It is my hope to share my knowledge and experience with the People of Isleta to create a successful and independent aquatics program. I would love to plan and provide the community a learn to swim program, a swim team, a water polo team, a masters team, aqua Zumba/ aquasize, and adaptive swimming lessons.

Sincerely,

Ryan Sindon

Pool Constructions News:



To give everyone an update on the pool constructions, a contractor had noticed some water seeping up through the ground when doing renovations. Recreation and Utilities Departments have been working to locate the leak and replace the broken pipe. Unfortunately, the pool is still under construction with no planned completion date. However, we hope to be up and running just as soon as possible to provide the Pueblo the best possible aquatics experience.

After School Program at the New Recreation Center:

Welcome back to our Isleta After School Program. We currently have 40 students enrolled in the program. We offer Homework/Reading time, an activity, gym play and a monthly fieldtrip. We will start introducing to the children Tiwa Time with basic words, greetings and some everyday phrases. The children have designed a wall with Minions for their 1st welcome day back. Other activities they have done are painting, making smores, slime making, weaving with nature, and a walking rainbow science project. The After School Program will be attending their first group fieldtrip to see Angry Birds 2 and dinner at 66 Diner. At this time, we have reached our max capacity for our program and there is a waiting list for the program.

