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MONUMENT VALLEY'S NEXT BIG EVENT

Window Rock, AZ – Monument Valley has had a lot to offer this year. Just six weeks after the much publicized International Red Bull Air Race in May, Monument Valley will again be taking on another anticipated event. One upcoming event is the 7th Annual Community Independence Day Celebration and the Drums of Summer Pow-wow on June 29, 2007.

The first event after the dramatic Red Bull Air Race, The Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park (MVNTP) staff are in hopes that these community sponsored events will bring together members of the regional chapters and their residents, “it is a good opportunity to develop good rapport,” said Herb Yazhe, MVNTP Park Manager.

Both Monument Valley community members and MVNTP staff, have already been necessitated to undergo a high priority level of cooperation during the Red Bull Air Race back in May. For this 7th Annual Community Independence Day celebration, according to Yazhe, many of the volunteers on the planning committee are from the community itself, “it is important to get them involved in the planning process,” he notes, “and they [can] have a better understanding of [Navajo Parks and Recreation Department’s] responsibilities.”

Speculation on the cooperative outcome for this event looks positive to Yazhe, “I think we will have more community members attend the event this year [as opposed to last year’s]” says an optimistic Yazhe, “its their show.”

Based on last year's guest registration books during the 6th Annual Community Independence Day and Drums of Summer, visitors came from far away as Germany, France and Japan. The tribes that participated in the Drums of Summer Pow-wow include the Paiute, Ute, Hopi, Apache, Aztec, Taos and Navajo.

The celebration will be starting off with a fun-walk and bike-ride hosted by the Special Diabetes Project at 7am. The kid's activities will begin at 9am. Overall the event is free of admission charge and a fireworks display will close festivities at 10pm.

For more information contact Lula Burns-Begay, Fee Collections Supervisor or Stanley Crank, Fee Collection Supervisor, MVNTP (435) 727-5870. Also visit website www.navajonationparks.org to download the event flyer.