

# 2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY 14-18, 2026 | PHOENIX, AZ

"Dedicated in the memory of Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr."

**TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL**



NATIVE AMERICAN BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

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**WED-FRI**  
JULY 15-17

## NABI POOL & BRACKET PLAY GAMES

All pool and bracket play games will be played at NABI host gyms. Game schedules, locations, and times available on [NABINation.com](http://NABINation.com)

**WEDNESDAY 11 AM - 1 PM / 5 PM - 7 PM AND THURSDAY 10 AM - 12 PM**

**T-Shirt Signing with NABI Ambassador, Sydney Benally** (BYU Women's Basketball, 2x NABI MVP). Limited Edition Sydney Benally T-shirts available for sale at NABI Nation merch booth.

**ADMISSION**

ALL-GAME ACCESS WRISTBAND **\$30**  
(includes NABI Championship games)  
1-DAY WRISTBAND **\$15**  
CHILDREN 5 & UNDER **FREE**  
ADULTS 65+ **FREE** (with valid ID)  
*Applicable credit card fees. Host gyms to determine type of payment processing. Be prepared to pay cash or credit card.*

**SATURDAY**  
JULY 18

## NABI CHAMPIONSHIPS DOORS OPEN AT 12:00 P.M.

PHOENIX COLLEGE NORTH GYM | 1202 W THOMAS RD, PHOENIX, AZ 85013 | PARKING LOT OFF W. FLOWER ST & 11<sup>TH</sup> AVE

**ADMISSION**

ALL-GAME ACCESS WRISTBAND **FREE ENTRY**  
GENERAL ADMISSION **\$15**  
CHILDREN 5 & UNDER **FREE**  
ADULTS 65+ **FREE** (with valid ID)  
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**NO RE-ENTRY**  
*Championship game seating is limited. Entry is on a first-come, first-serve basis.*

### OPENING CEREMONIES | 12:30 PM

**Welcome:** NABI President, GinaMarie Scarpa, and Phoenix City Councilman, Kevin Robinson

**Special Welcome:** IGA Chairman, David Bean (Puyallup Tribe of Indians)

**Color Guard:** Phoenix Indian Medical Center Honor Guard

**Opening Prayer:** Robert Stone (Gila River Indian Community)

**National Anthem:** Jacob Tobey (Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe)

### LIVE Broadcast Commentators:

Tyler Jones (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma)  
Jacob Tobey (Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe)

**Master of Ceremonies:**  
Chance Rush (MHA Nation)

### Official NABI Dance Teams:

Native All-Stars (Tohono O'odham Nation)  
Ak-Chin Cheer Team (Ak-Chin Indian Community)

### GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP | 1:00 PM

#### Halftime:

Phil Homeratha Leadership Award  

- Awardee: IGA Chairman, David Bean

 Ernie Stevens Jr. Leadership Award  

- Awardee: Mrs. Cher Stevens

#### Trophy Presentation:

Runner-Up and Championship trophies awarded by Resolution Copper

#### Special Appearance + Awarding of the Sydney Benally MVP Award by NABI Ambassador:

**SYDNEY BENALLY** NAWAJO NATION  
BYU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL & 2X NABI MVP



### INTERMISSION

#### Presenting & Premier Sponsor Acknowledgments

### BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP | 2:30 PM

#### Halftime:

NABI College Scholarship Award  

- Presented by Resolution Copper
- Awardees: To be announced

 Ernie Stevens Jr. Legacy Scholarship Award  

- Presented by Mrs. Cheryl Stevens and Family
- Awardees: To be announced

 Meadowlark Lemon Legacy Foundation Scholarship Award  

- Presented by Cynthia Lemon and Family
- Awardee: To be announced

#### Trophy Presentation:

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#### Special Appearance + Awarding of the MarJon Beauchamp MVP Award by NABI Ambassador:

**MARJON BEAUCHAMP**  
DESCENDANT OF MISSION INDIANS & LA JOLLA BAND OF LUISEÑO INDIANS  
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS



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\*NABI credentials must be worn at all times. Credentials allow FREE access to all the above. Times, speakers, entertainment and venues may change without notice. NABI Nation official product merchandise will be sold at selected NABI partnering gyms and NABI Championship Games at Phoenix College. No vendors or unauthorized sales at any NABI facility and/or location. Forms of payment for entry fees may vary by location. Visit [NABINation.com](http://NABINation.com) for updates, game dates, locations and times.