



Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

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Annual, week-long Balloon Fiesta celebrations at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

Albuquerque, NM – During our 50th anniversary year, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC) will celebrate Balloon Fiesta with a week full of cultural experiences and special dances from October 2 – October 11, 2026. This highly attended week of events has previously attracted nearly 1,000 visitors each day to IPCC. Visitors will receive a free exclusive IPCC hot air balloon pin with the price of admission while supplies lasts.

October 2, 2026

Ballon Fiesta Kick Off! Cultural dances at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

October 3 + October 4, 2026

American Indian Arts Festival with over 60 Native artists and vendors in our courtyard. Cultural Dances will also be taking place throughout the day.

October 5 – October 11, 2026

Cultural dances every day at 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. In addition to Cultural Dances there will be artist demonstrations and Q&A sessions with participating artists from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the courtyard.

October 6, 2026 - Student Discovery Day!

Students from grades 3-12 can experience and participate in cultural workshops such as pottery making, weaving, jewelry making, and embroidery. The program will feature six one-hour sessions designed to introduce students to traditional and contemporary Pueblo arts, Indigenous knowledge, and creative learning experiences through hands-on engagement. Sessions will be in IPCC's Chaco 1 & 2 rooms and will begin at 9 a.m.

with the final session is at 2 p.m. This special program is sponsored by Bank of America.

Space is limited and advance registration is required, please contact:

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October 9, 2026- Student Day!

IPCC honors every student's journey in education. On this day, we welcome all students at all levels to enjoy free admission. This day is open to students K-College. There will be two hands-on activity stations that will be available to visiting student groups and general museum visitors.

One activity area will be located in the museum courtyard and the other in the Family Activity Corner. Students will have the opportunity to create a cornhusk dragonfly while learning the Zuni Pueblo story of the Dragonfly Boy. Participants will also create a coral- and silver-inspired necklace using plastic beads that resemble traditional materials commonly used in Pueblo jewelry-making. These activities provide accessible entry points for students to explore Pueblo storytelling, artistic traditions, and cultural values through hands-on learning.

For more information on Student Discovery Day and Student Day, please contact:

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Additional Information

Lookout for IPCC's hot air balloon, *Eyahne On The Horizon* ("N19NM"), in the sky during the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta and enjoy photo opportunities with our mini versions at IPCC.

Our current exhibitions include:

- Grounded in Clay, a unique traveling exhibition featuring over 100 historic and contemporary works in clay, offers a visionary understanding of Pueblo pots as vessels that carry community-based knowledge and personal experience. This exhibit concludes February 21, 2026
- The Old Road mural celebrates the 100th anniversary of Route 66, that remembers the first major highway traversing the United States and gives emphasis to its impact on Pueblo communities and New Mexico.
- In honor of the 50th anniversary of IPCC, our 50 for 50 exhibition highlights our history through Pueblo imagery and perspectives of the past, present, and future with a combination of fifty objects from IPCC's Collections and Archives.

For this special event programming from October 2-October 11, 2026, admission to IPCC will be \$15.

For discount rates for groups of 10 or more, please contact:

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Founded in 1976 by the 19 Pueblo tribes of New Mexico, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is a world-class museum and cultural center located in the historic 19 Pueblos District. The mission of the IPCC Campus is to serve as a gathering place where Pueblo culture is celebrated through creative and cultural experiences while providing economic opportunities to Pueblo and local communities. Visitors can learn fascinating history, shop for Native jewelry and art, watch a cultural dance, hear Native languages and experience the flavors of traditional and contemporary Native cuisine. To learn more, please visit: www.indianpueblo.org.