

ENCHANTMENT RESORT

SPECIAL EVENT

YAVAPAI - APACHE EXODUS CEREMONY

Saturday, February 27

6:00 - 8:00 am

Enchantment Circle

You are invited to join the local Yavapai - Apache tribe for a very special ceremony to commemorate and remember their past.

The 1875 Removal and 1900 Return Commemoration is a holiday of remembrance of the Yavapai-Apache's forced removal by the United States military from the Verde Valley in 1875. The Commemoration honors the tribes' subsequent return to their homeland around 1900.

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YAVAPAI-APACHE HISTORY

On February 25, 1875, the Yavapai and Apache people began a 180-mile winter march to the San Carlos reservation, where they were held in a concentration camp as political prisoners for 25 years.

Around 1900, the U. S. Army allowed the people to leave the reservation without the threat of death. The incarcerated people quickly began the return to their homelands only to find that they were now homeless.

Settlers had laid claim to the land and defended their new properties. Groups of Yavapai and Apache were chased off homesteads that their ancestors had lived on for centuries. Yavapai and Apache communities were prominent in Beaver Creek, Camp Verde, Clarkdale, Cottonwood and Jerome.

Today, members of the Yavapai-Apache Nation are descendants of the incarcerated Yavapai and Tonto Apache peoples. They have developed economic bases through Cliff Castle Casino, Yavapai-Apache Sand & Rock and other economic development. Income from Indian gaming has helped to improve the quality of care provided to their elders, improved education amongst their youth, nurtured traditional customs and cultures and increased the Nation's land base, fostering a healthy economic development for their People.

The Yavapai-Apache Nation is a self-governed sovereign American Indian nation that has called the Verde Valley home for more than 150 years, and whose ancestors in the area date back several centuries. The Nation opened Cliff Castle Casino in 1995, helping the local economy and creating more than 800 jobs for area residents.

Each year, the Yavapai-Apache Nation donates more than \$250,000 dollars to charities and educational initiatives in Northern Arizona, with the majority to the towns of Camp Verde and Clarkdale.