

## How can I help?

Donate: TOTOL Summer Day Camp is sponsored by 501 (c) 3 organizations (Truck of Love and Truck of Love South) and relies on donations in order to rent vans, buy gas, and provide hot meals and supplies for the camp itself. As we face difficult economic times, and foundations' giving has become more restricted, the agencies that support camp activities are facing tighter budgets. Cash donations are tax deductible and will go directly to supporting camp activities because TOTOL is run by volunteers and has low administrative expenses.

Lead Special Activities: If you have a skill or talent that you would like to share and live on or near the Tohono O'odham Reservation, you might be the perfect new addition to TOTOL Summer Camp! We are particularly interested in individuals who teach O'odham language, traditional arts and crafts, storytelling, singing, and traditional games.

Volunteer: We welcome all parents and community members to visit camp. Stop in for a visit, volunteer with a small group of youth, or help in the kitchen.

Non-O'odham Volunteers: Interested volunteers aged 18 and over are invited to submit a volunteer application to participate in TOTOL Summer Camp. Please see the section on 'out-of-state volunteers' in this brochure. Contact Cathy Baker to request an application.



## TOTOL SUMMER CAMP 2005

### Leadership Training

Tuesday June 23- Sunday June 26  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Pisin mo'o Village & Topowa Retreat Center

Transportation provided to Gu Vo, Pisin mo'o, and Hickiwan Districts. Contact Joker to request pick-up.

### Leadership Retreat

Thursday noon to Sunday Late Afternoon  
Topowa Retreat Center

### TOTOL Summer Day Camp

Monday June 27-Friday July 1, 2005  
9:00 - 3:15  
Pisin mo'o Village Feast House

Transportation provided to Gu Vo, Hickiwan, Pisin mo'o districts. Please call to confirm pick-up times for your village.

### Out-of-State Volunteers

Sunday June 19- Saturday July 2  
Transportation provided to Phoenix Airport and requires prior arrangement.  
Fee: \$350 (includes food and lodging)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### DONATIONS

Checks can be made payable to  
"Truck of Love, South"

## TOTOL SUMMER CAMP



## TOTOL

### 'Tohono O'odham Truck of Love'

An anonymous O'odham counselor gave TOTOL Summer Camp its name the year after Pete and Sue Fullerton (our camp's beloved founders) retired from leading the summer camp.

The name reflects the shared contributions of O'odham and non-O'odham volunteers. It also pays tribute to the camp's philosophy founded in Pete and Sue's non-profit, Truck of Love.

## History

TOTOL Summer Camp is a collaborative effort with a long history. A small group of 9 volunteers first arrived in the village of Pisin mo'o on the Tohono O'odham Reservation in 1987. Pete and Sue Fullerton brought volunteers to help run a summer camp because they had been told that these youth had few summer opportunities. Expecting only 20 youth, the group was surprised by the over 70 children and teenagers who came to play and learn that first day of summer camp. The kids keep coming!

## Philosophy

TOTOL Summer Camp is guided by clear values. We believe in the beauty of each individual. We welcome all youth to participate in camp, regardless of challenges they might experience in other aspects of their life.



All youth deserve an opportunity to become positive role models and to experience the joy that comes from playing in a safe environment. We believe that all our actions must stem from caring and love, and that this is the key to the success of TOTOL Camp. Essential to this philosophy is the respect with which we treat youth. We strive to share opportunities to take on leadership roles, contribute ideas, and provide insight with all youth participating in TOTOL Camp.

## TOTOL Summer Camp Today

Today, TOTOL Summer Camp draws over 100 participants every day. We welcome youth from across the Tohono O'odham Reservation, and provide free transportation to youth in the Hickiwan, Go Vo, and Pisin mo'o Districts. There is no fee for TOTOL Summer Day Camp.

### A Typical Camp Day

Camp includes hot breakfast and lunch, sports & games, arts & crafts, cultural leadership activities, and special activities like experiential science, music, nature, and o'odham language.

### Leadership

Today, out-of-state counselors continue to provide essential support, but they are far outnumbered by over 30 O'odham volunteer counselors. Counselors attend a 5-day leadership training that includes self-esteem and group-building activities, training in leading groups and facilitating activities, conflict resolution, and an emphasis on O'odham himdag (culture).

### Collaborators

TOTOL Camp has grown to be a true collaboration between local leaders, tribal agencies, and non-profits and individuals from the O'odham reservation and throughout the United States. The Pisin mo'o District hosts both the out-of-state volunteers and the summer camp itself. Tohono O'odham Youth Services contributes transportation, staffing, and equipment. Pima Youth Partnership and Save the Children provide staffing and financial support. Local adults provide the most important support by serving as role models for youth and facilitating special activities. For example, in 2004, a local artist guided youth aged 10-18 in painting the mural on the Pisin mo'o Recreation Center featured on the front of this brochure.

## Out-of-State Volunteers

### The Challenge

Volunteering with TOTOL Summer Camp has been described by counselors as the most exhausting thing they have ever done. Camp takes place at the peak of summer in the Sonoran Desert; temperatures are often over 110 degrees. Due to lack of facilities, many camp activities take place outside. Counselors are charged with creating and facilitating activities with few resources, and it can be a challenge to encourage shy children to feel safe enough to participate in games and make new friends.

Accommodations for the group are basic. Counselors sleep outside or on the floor of a communal sleeping area. We share a single bathroom and eat simple meals together. Our days are very long, and include camp set-up, clean up, group chores, and playing with children from Pisin mo'o after camp is over. This lack of privacy and personal time can be the biggest challenge of volunteering with TOTOL Summer Camp.

### The TOTOL Experience

During our time in the desert, we create a community founded on love, spirituality, respect, and self-reflection. Each day begins with shared prayer and ends with a processing session that allows volunteers to reflect on their experiences. Processing, or group sharing, is an essential element of our community and allows for individuals to express themselves and to find support from the group. In addition, the Pisin mo'o community invites their visitors to participate in community events, providing opportunity for cultural exchange. Quite often the camp experience allows volunteers new insight into their lives, and provides an opportunity for profound personal and spiritual growth.