



SANTA ANA PUEBLO
APRIL NEWSLETTER



Governor



Lieutenant Governor

2026



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Dear Santa Ana Pueblo Community Members,

The brighter sun and longer days signal that the cold, dreary days of winter have passed. Governor Myron Armijo and Lt. Governor Kevin Montoya would like to extend warm greetings and wish you a
Happy Spring!

We hope your Easter break was relaxing and enjoyable. Let's move forward into spring with wonderful times with family and friends, and make each day count.

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PUEBLO OF SANTA ANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APRIL NEWSLETTER MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, EDDIE GURROLA

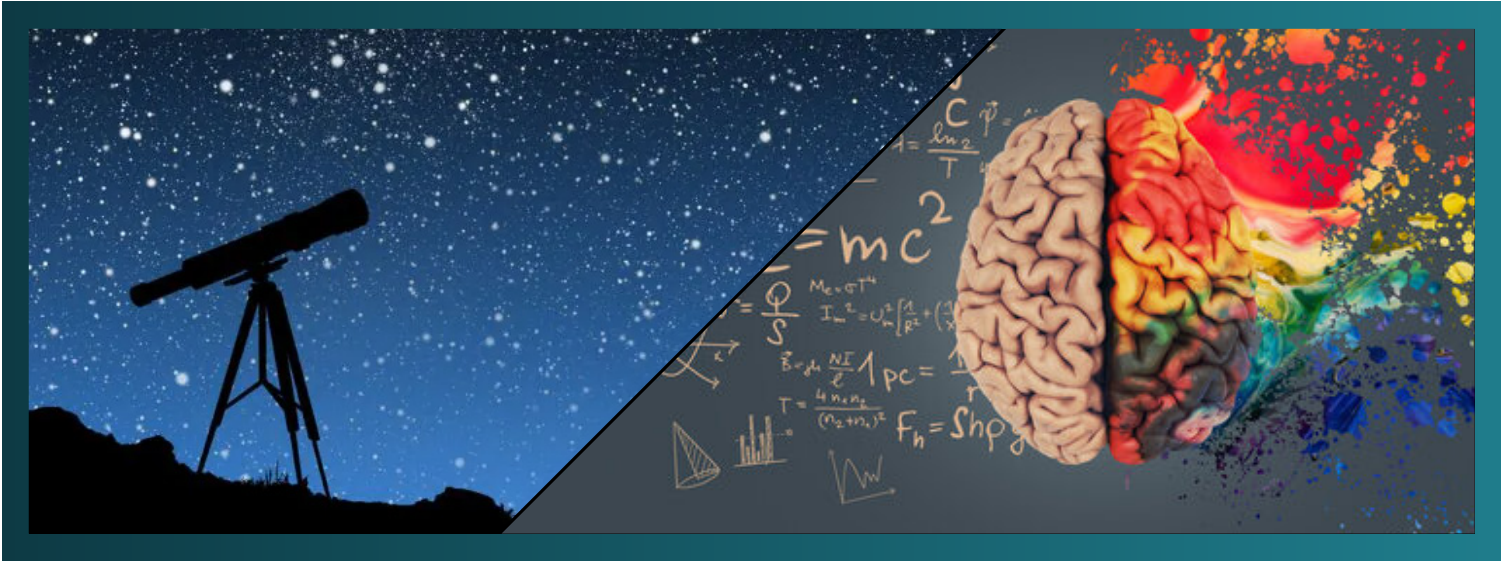
Dear Santa Ana Pueblo Community Members,

As we welcome the month of April, I would like to extend warm greetings to all of our families, students, educators, and community members. This is a season of renewal, growth, and connection, and we are excited for all that lies ahead.

With the upcoming Easter holiday, we are especially happy to share that our Pueblo students and teachers will soon enjoy a well-earned spring break. This time provides an important opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend meaningful moments with family and loved ones. We wish everyone a joyful and safe holiday.

Looking ahead, the department of Education is proud to continue expanding opportunities for our youth. One of our major initiatives this year is the **Santa Ana Summer Enrichment Internship Program (SEIP)** for Summer 2026.





April is also filled with exciting community events:

April 17th - SADE Presents: An Evening of Food, Fun, Stories, and Stargazing.

Join us for a special evening that brings together science, culture, and community. The Albuquerque Astronomical Society will provide telescopes for celestial viewing, while Explora Educators will offer hands-on activities for families. We are honoured to welcome Emmett "Shkeme" Garcia, who will share traditional stories, music, and cultural knowledge, creating a truly meaningful and memorable experience for all ages.

April 29th - Breaking the Stigma: Parent Information Presentation

This important session is designed to support families navigating a new diagnosis for their child. The presentation will provide guidance, understanding, and practical tools, while emphasizing the importance of community, resilience, and support. Families are not alone in this journey, and we are here to walk alongside you.





Our SADE Library has also been hard at work this season. Cassandra recently completed her annual book weeding efforts and was able to donate books to Native Youth and families participating in NB3 Basketball. Thank you to all the families who gave these books a new home and continue to encourage a love of reading.

The library is also excited to announce the return of our Outdoors Programs:

April 11th: Community Hike in Placitas.

April 18th: First Bike Ride of the season. And there's even more to come—be on the lookout for additional engaging library programs throughout the spring!

As always, thank you for your continued support of our students and programs. Together, we are building a strong, vibrant future for the Pueblo of Santa Ana.



With appreciation,

Eddie Gurrola Director of Education Santa Ana Department of Education





SANTA ANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PRESENTS

HIGH SCHOOL AND HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATION BANQUET 2026

***WE ENCOURAGE HIGH SCHOOL AND HIGHER EDUCATION
GRADUATES TO APPLY FOR OUR 2026 GRADUATION BANQUET***

***THE SANTA ANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EAGERLY
ANTICIPATES CELEBRATING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS
OF OUR TRIBAL MEMBERS.***

***GRADUATION CEREMONY - JUNE 12TH
5:30PM - 8:30PM AT THE SANTA ANA STAR CASINO***

***Higher Education
Graduation Application***



***High School
Graduation Application***





COME FIND YOUR FAVORITE STAR

April 17th, 2026
4:00pm - 9:00pm

At the Baseball Fields
for all PSA Students & Families

Guest Visitors & Itinerary

- ✦ 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Explora Space-Themed Activities
Hands-on tabletop activities led by Explora educators. Families and students can explore, create, and learn together.
- ✦ 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Traditional Storytelling by author: Emmett “Shkeme” Garcia
Presented by PSA SADE Department
Enjoy stories about the universe shared by traditional storytellers.
- ✦ 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Stargazing Experience
Hosted by the Albuquerque Astronomical Society
Join Stephen Snider and team for an unforgettable night under the stars featuring telescopes, a portable planetarium, and interactive science activities.





BEAM

Bridging Education in Optics and Applied STEM



m.lanl.gov/beam

Dates: June 29, 2026 – July 24, 2026

Location: McCurdy Charter School, Española, NM

BEAM is a hands-on summer program for high school and college students in Northern New Mexico who are curious about science, technology, engineering, and math.

During BEAM, you will:

- **Run real experiments in optics & quantum science** in small teams
- **Discover how light-based technologies work**—from lasers to fiber optics
- **Explore how light can measure, move, and encode information**
- **Build practical lab skills** that set you apart
- **Make connections** that can help you land future internships
- **Explore career paths** in cutting-edge science and technology fields

This will be a 4-week, in-person summer school.

Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Participants will receive a \$2,000 stipend at the end of the summer school.

Application deadline: April 13, 2026

Eligibility:

- US Citizen
- Attend NM High School or College
- Academic "good standing"
- Completed Algebra 1 and Geometry
- 16 years of age



Student Programs Office

sponsoredprograms@lanl.gov



Los Alamos
NATIONAL LABORATORY





SUMMER ENRICHMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**DEPARTMENT JOB
& INTERVIEW FAIR**

KICKSTART YOUR SUMMER CAREER!

**TAMAYA YOUTH (AGES 15-25) ARE INVITED TO THE SUMMER
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM JOB FAIR.**

**MEET WITH MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS, EXPLORE INTERNSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES, AND APPLY ON-SITE!**



THURSDAY APRIL 30TH, 2026



4:00PM - 6:00PM



SATURDAY MAY 2ND, 2026



10:00AM - 2:00PM

FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION, REACH OUT TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

505-771-6727





SANTA ANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL EDUCATION

MONTHLY PRESENTATION

NAVIGATING NEW TERRITORY: YOUR CHILD'S DIAGNOSIS

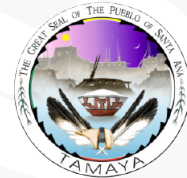
WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

LEARN WHAT THE DIAGNOSIS MEANS,
HOW IT IMPACTS YOUR CHILD, AND WHAT
SUPPORT & RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE

APRIL 29th, 2026
6:00PM - 8:00PM

LOCATED IN THE CAREER AND PATHWAYS ROOM
SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

**JOIN THE
MEETING HERE:**





CENTRAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

INDIGENOUS TEACHER PREPARATION

Train to Become a Teacher for
Native Communities



OBJECTIVES

CNM’s Indigenous Teacher Preparation Project is a paid, year-long program for individuals who want to teach in and for Native communities.

SOLUTION

Residents work alongside a mentor teacher while taking CNM coursework. They receive a \$44,000 stipend over 10 months and become eligible for a New Mexico teaching license. The program starts in summer and is open to individuals with a bachelor's degree who commit to teaching in Native-serving schools for three years.

ELIGIBILITY

- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- No current teaching license
- Commitment to teaching in a school serving Indigenous students and communities in New Mexico for 3 years
- Availability to begin the program in summer 2026

TO BEGIN THE PROCESS

Complete the interest survey using the QR code below. You will be contacted with next steps Complete formal application process.



MONIKA WHITMORE

Director | Residency Initiatives

Please contact us if you have further questions!
mwhitmore6@cnm.edu





Let's see who
earns the Trivia
Champion title

Santa Ana Library presents

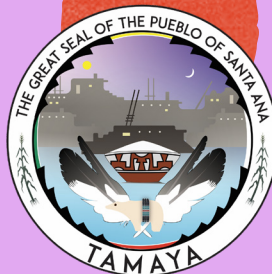
TRIVIA NIGHT

APRIL 29, 2026

TWC MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

TRIVIA STARTS AT 6 PM



Ages 12+
Teams of up to 6
Dinner provided





Celebrate Poetry: Share Your Voice!



April is National Poetry Month, and the library is celebrating by showcasing the creativity of our community!

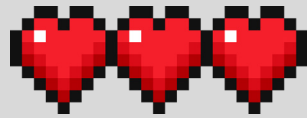
We are seeking submissions from poets of all ages. You may choose to include your name or submit anonymously.

All work will be published as part of our Poetry Month celebration.

Deadline to submit: April 24th, 2026

For more information or to submit your work, please contact Cassandra at the library.





GAME ON! GAMING FRIDAYS



SANTA ANA LIBRARY
3 - 5 PM

EVERY FRIDAY BEGINNING APRIL 10,
ENJOY VIDEO GAME FAVORITES ON THE
NINTENDO SWITCH AND PS4!

GAMES ARE AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT





LEGO DAY!

Santa Ana Library

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
April 9, 2026



*Let's Build!
Join us for some
Lego fun.*

Refreshments Provided



Let's Create!

at the Santa Ana Library

*April 20, 2026
6-7:30 PM*

Marble Dipped Vase

Come and paint a vase
with nail polish!

This is an adult program 18+.

Refreshments will be provided!





SANTA ANA PUEBLO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

— JOIN THE LIBRARY BOARD

Library Board Information Session:

April 21st at 6:00pm

Learn about the Library Board, it's roles and responsibilities, and how you can become a library advocate!

CASSANDRA.ZAMORA@PSAEDU.ORG

505-771-6736

WWW.PSAEDU.ORG





SANTA ANA PUEBLO LIBRARY



STEM NIGHT

SCIENCE. TECHNOLOGY. ENGINEERING. MATHEMATICS

COME JOIN US TO MAKE HOMEMADE ICE CREAM AND EXPLORE OOBLECK

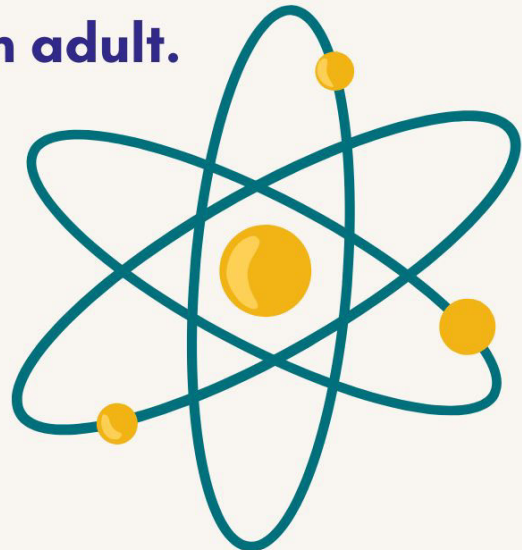
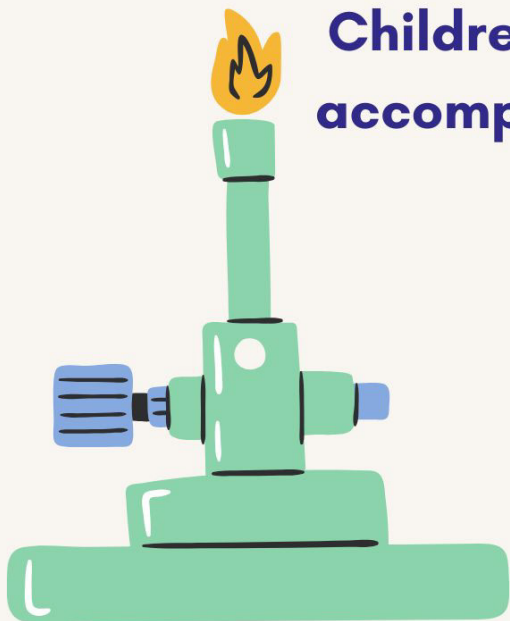


April 22
6 - 8 pm



All ages welcome.

Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult.





Santa Ana Pueblo Community Library Program Calendar

April 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	Library Closed 2	Library Closed 3	4	5
6	7	8	Lego Day! 6-8pm 	Game On! Teen Video Gaming 3-5 pm 	Group Hike: Depart TWC, 8 am 	12
13	14	15	16	Game On! Teen Video Gaming 3-5 pm 	Group Bike Ride: Depart TWC, 8 am 	19
Let's Create! Nail Polish Marble Vase, 6pm-7:30pm 20	Library Board information Session, for those interested in serving on the board - 6pm 21	STEM Night 6-7:30 pm  22	23	Game On! Teen Video Gaming 3-5 pm 	Group Hike: Depart TWC, 8 am 	26
27	28	Trivia Night! 12+ event 6-8pm at TWC 	30			

Program Description:

Lego Day: Let's Build! Join us for some Lego fun, including a little surprise

Game On!: Teen Gaming at the library every Friday afternoon. Snacks or food will be available! (Ages 12+)

Outdoor Programs, Hiking & Biking (in collaboration with TWC): Adult Program, registration is required for outings.

Let's Create!: Adult Craft Night - Marble Dipped Vase. Come and paint a vase with nail polish!

Library Board Info Session: Learn about the Library board, role and responsibilities, and be a library advocate!

STEM Night: Come join us to make homemade ice cream and explore oobleck. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Trivia Night: Put your brain to the test at Trivia Night! Gather a team (or join one), answer fun questions across a mix of topics, and compete for bragging rights and prizes!



Program Age Group

- All Ages
- Youth
- Tween
- Teen
- Adult
- Community

Library Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00am - 5:30pm
Currently Saturday hours are specifically for outdoor programs held offsite.

Connect with us

-  [santaana_pueblo](#)
-  Pueblo of Santa Ana Department of Education

Visit us at www.psaedu.org for more information and library resources





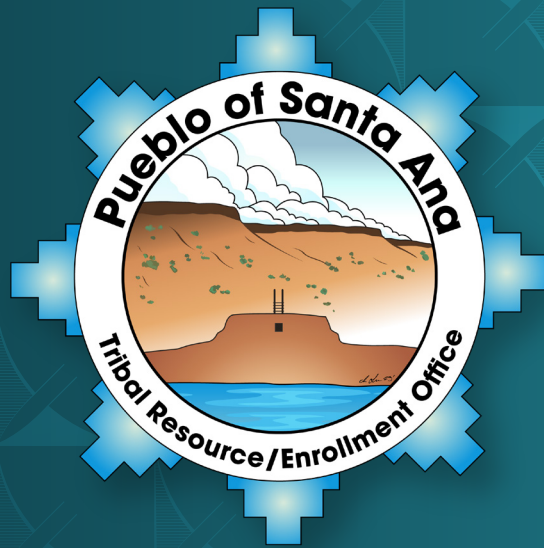
Thank You to all those that attended our first of many community meetings with the Bodwé-Seven Generations A+E team!

We appreciate all your exciting ideas & feedback as we've taken the first steps together towards our future proposed Tamaya Heritage/Cultural Center. We can't wait to share what has been learned thus far & the next steps in this long process.

Be on the lookout for our next community meeting!

As we strive to have continual involvement from the entire Tamaya community, please feel free to reach out to the THPO, if you have any ideas, thoughts, & questions!





NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED: UPDATE YOUR TRIBAL INFORMATION TODAY

- We encourage everyone to come in and update your information with Tribal Enrollment—especially those who have moved into the new housing area. Updating your information now also comes with an incentive!
- Seniors aged 50 and above are invited to stop by and complete a Senior Worksheet. Completed worksheets submitted to our office are entered for prizes—give it a try!
- Parents, please make every effort to ensure your children are enrolled. We currently have pending applications, so follow-up with the Enrollment process is important.
- Our office can also assist you with obtaining Birth Certificates, CIBs, Proof of Residency, BIA Form 4432, and Verification of Indian Blood.





SANTA ANA GRAIN MILL: LEADING THROUGH TRADITION, GROWTH, AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Santa Ana Grain Mill continues to establish itself as a leader in Native American agriculture, expanding its reach while strengthening cultural connections across Pueblo communities. Most recently, the enterprise fulfilled a significant request to supply blue corn meal to the Hopi Pueblo community in Second Mesa, Arizona—demonstrating both operational strength and cultural responsibility.

This was more than a delivery—it was a commitment to tradition. The blue corn meal was prepared in specific textures for the making of piki bread, a sacred and traditional Hopi food used in ceremonies, family gatherings, and everyday life. Just as Santa Ana Pueblo holds strong to its cultural roots, the Hopi people continue to live through their traditions—and through this partnership, those traditions are being supported and strengthened.





On February 25, Santa Ana Agricultural Enterprise team members Emery Garcia and Darius Pino traveled over five hours, delivering more than 600 pounds of high-quality blue corn meal. Upon arrival at the Hopi Cultural Center, they were met with overwhelming demand—over 60 people waiting in line before operations even began.



Within just two and a half hours, all product was sold out.

This level of response is not by chance—it is a direct reflection of the quality, consistency, and reputation that Santa Ana Grain Mill continues to build. Even as supply was exhausted, the demand remained, with additional orders placed and a clear message from the community: Santa Ana's product is needed, valued, and trusted.



The impact did not stop there. The team received numerous calls expressing appreciation and gratitude—not just for the product, but for the effort, the presence, and the respect shown to another Pueblo community.





Now, Santa Ana Grain Mill is responding with strength and purpose.

On March 25–26, the team will return to Hopi Pueblo with an expanded load of approximately 3,000 pounds of blue corn meal, offering a variety of textures and grinds to meet growing demand. This is not just growth—it is momentum. It is proof that Santa Ana Agricultural Enterprise is not only producing—it is leading.

Behind this success is a dedicated team. Grain Mill staff Ray Leon and Melvin Lopez continue to work relentlessly, day and night, ensuring that every pound of Tamaya Blue Corn Meal meets the highest standard of quality. Their commitment reflects the larger mission of the enterprise: excellence, reliability, and pride in every product delivered.

Santa Ana Grain Mill is not just operating—it is flourishing.

It is building economic strength, creating opportunity, and expanding its footprint across Native communities. More importantly, it is helping preserve and support traditional foods that are central to identity, culture, and way of life.

This is what leadership in Native agriculture looks like.
This is what it means to grow with purpose.
And this is only the beginning.

By: Ryan Garcia, Director





HELP CHILDREN THRIVE: FOSTER PARENT OPPORTUNITIES

Santa Ana Pueblo is in need of dedicated foster parents, and this is your opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of children. The Circle of Keepers program at Santa Clara Pueblo Social Services offers full training and certification to help you become a licensed foster parent.

Whether you are an individual or a family, we welcome your participation. Hotel accommodations are available for those who may need them. Training is set to begin on April 11th, giving you the chance to start your journey toward fostering a child in a supportive, guided environment.

For more details on the program and how to register, please see the attached flyer or contact Social Services directly. This is your chance to make a meaningful impact in your community—consider stepping forward and helping children thrive.



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A
FOSTER PARENT?**

**DO YOU NEED TO RENEW YOUR CERTIFICATION
OR LICENSURE?**

**THE SANTA CLARA PUEBLO SOCIAL SERVICES
PROGRAM WILL BE OFFERING A
FOSTER PARENT TRAINING.**

SESSION WILL BE HELD ON:

APRIL 11TH AND 12TH 2026

Santa Claran Hotel 7th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

(TO BECOME CERTIFIED/LICENSED YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS)

**(This session will be the full curriculum to become certified/licensed and will be
open to Tribes needing certification)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
PLEASE CONTACT
OUR SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE
AT (505) 753-0419**

NETWORKING LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR BOTH DAYS



WE ARE HIRING

OPEN POSITIONS

- Forestry Worker
- Cotroller (Finance)
- Recreation Intern
- Recreation Lead
- Public Works Director
- Guest Relation Associate
- Academic Tutor
- Language & Culture Teacher
- Lifeguard (x2)
- Lead Utility Operator
- Certified Police Officer
- Tribal Court Clerk
- Groundskeeper

APPLY NOW

- Online at:
 - Pueblo of Santa Ana
- Or at:
 - Indeed.com
- Or in person with the Human Resources Department at:
 - 02 Dove Rd,
Santa Ana Pueblo,
NM, 87004





AMNESTY MONTH FRESH START

Have an Outstanding Warrant,
Failure to Appear, or Unpaid
Traffic Citation?

Start the process with Tribal Court.

What to expect?

The Amnesty Program will allow Defendants to resolve their case without fear of arrest & reduction/waiver of failure to appear pr contempt fees in the Month of March 2026



Eligible Cases

- Misdemeanor Warrant
- Outstanding Traffic Ticket
- Old Bench Warrant
- Missed Court Date

If you are interested:

1. Call the Tribal Court Clerk to see if you're eligible.
2. If eligible, schedule to appear on any court date in March

You will have
an opportunity to
speak with the
Public Defender

Contact at
505-462-0344

Contact the Tribal Court Clerk:

Phone: 505-771-6772 Email: courts@santaana-nsn.gov





**TAMAYA
WELLNESS
CENTER**

**WE'RE
LOOKING FOR**

**4 Recreation Interns
Ages 15-25**

Join our Tamaya Summer Program team and make a positive impact on the lives of children by inspiring them to make new discoveries, and create lasting memories at Tamaya Wellness Center. The Recreation Department is looking for dependable, enthusiastic, self-starters who enjoy working with children and have a positive attitude.

**INTERNSHIP BEGINS JUNE 8TH - JULY 17TH
SCAN TO APPLY**

→ **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

→ **PROFESSIONAL SKILL-BUILDING**

→ **TEAM COLLABORATION SKILLS**

→ **MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY**



**FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT TANYA @
505-549-8101 OR KELLY @ 505-607-1178.**





**TAMAYA
WELLNESS
CENTER**



WANTED

Summer Program Cook

**Starting June 8th -
July 20th**

- Experienced cooking for 150+
- Must have a Valid Drivers License
- Must pass drug screening/
background testing

**SERIOUS
INQUIRIES ONLY!**

Contact : Tanya Chino
(505)-549-8701
tanya.chino@santaana-nsn.gov

Or Kelly Raton
(505)-607-1178
kelly.raton@santaana-nsn.gov

