

# Celebrating with our Ute Sister Tribes

## The Southern Ute

# BEAR DANCE POWWOW

## May 23 & 24, 2025

**DRUM CONTEST**  
**TOTAL PAYOUT**  
**\$30,000**  
*1st - 5th Place*

**GRAND ENTRY**  
 Friday, May 23: 7 pm  
 Saturday, May 24: 1 pm & 7 pm

**DANCE CONTEST**  
**TOTAL PAYOUT**  
**\$25,000**

**GOURD DANCE**  
 Friday, May 23: 4:45 –6:30 pm  
 Saturday, May 24: 10 am – 12:30 pm &  
 5 – 6:30 pm

**Sky Ute Casino Resort**  
**Events Center**  
 14324 Hwy 172  
 Ignacio, Colorado

**REGISTRATION**  
 Friday, May 23: 5 – 7 pm  
 Sat., May 24: 12 – 1 pm

**HEAD STAFF**  
 MC – Afrem Wall  
 Arena Director – Dorsey Dick  
 Head Judge: Hyrum Kanip  
 Drum Judge – Thomas Ridley  
 Head Gourd Dancer: Selwyn Whiteskunk

Gourd Drum Group: Southern Mountain Inter-Tribal – Alfred Wall, Jr.  
 Host Southern Drum: Yellow Jacket – Johnson Taylor  
 Host Northern Drum: Catching Eagle – Reggie Lopez

### DANCE CATEGORIES

- Golden Age (55+): Men & Women
- Men (18-54 yrs.): Fancy, Grass, Northern & Southern Traditional
- Women (18-54 yrs.): Fancy, Jingle, Northern & Southern Traditional
- Teen Boys (13-17 yrs.): Fancy, Grass, Combine Southern & Northern Traditional
- Teen Girls (13-17 yrs.): Fancy, Jingle, Combine Southern & Northern Traditional
- Jr. Boys (6-12 yrs.): Fancy, Grass, Combine Southern & Northern Traditional
- Jr. Girls (6-12 yrs.): Fancy, Jingle, Combine Southern & Northern Traditional
- Tiny Tots (5yrs. & Under)

### POWWOW COMMITTEE SPECIALS

- Old Ute Style – Traditional Women: \$1,000
  - Old Ute Style – Traditional Men: \$1,000
- Tribal Members Only & 1st Descendents*

### SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE

- Rochelle Aguilar – Chairman: 970-759-1722
  - Karen Washington – Vice-Chairman: 970-759-5880
  - Carolyne Grey Eagle – Treasurer: 970-799-6268
  - Kirsten Langmade – Recording Secretary: kirsten.autra@outlook.com
  - Lisa Jacket – Committee Member: 970-560-1157
  - Sherisa Valdez – Committee Member: 720-621-4117
  - Marty Pinnecoose: S.U. Councilman – Tribal Council Ex-Officio
- For information contact Powwow Committee members.*



**SOUTHERN UTE  
 POW WOV  
 COMMITTEE**



**DANCE AND DRUM CONTEST REQUIREMENTS**  
 18 and up, with photo I.D. at time of registration. For payout purposes ONLY, MUST show your Social Security Card AND current valid State/and or Tribal I.D. with your address. You must also provide a current phone number.

**ARTS & CRAFTS / FOOD VENDOR INFO**  
 Registration & Fees: Sky Ute Casino Resort, Sales Dept.  
 970-563-3000 ext. 1753.

**FREE CAMPING & SHOWERS**  
 Sky Ute Fairgrounds 200 E. Hwy 151, Ignacio, CO 81137.  
 Contact: JayDee Brunson 970-563-5540.

**OVERFLOW HOTEL**  
 Sleep Inn Durango  
 Contact: Matt Charlie, 1260 Escalante Dr. Building A,  
 Durango, CO 81303, 970-844-1357  
**Check In: May 23, 2025 – Check Out: May 25, 2025**  
 \$454.60. Double Queen Beds. Breakfast 6 a.m. – 10 a.m.,  
 Pool & Hot Tub, Fitness, Laundry Area, Walmart within  
 walking distance.

*The Southern Ute Powwow Committee, Sky Ute Casino Resort, and Southern Ute Indian Tribe,  
 will not be responsible for accidents, theft, injuries, food borne illnesses or death.*