



Visually Impaired/Blind Athletes of Northern Arizona

2021 Year End Review

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Vicki Numkena

Shannon Gleckler and family

GEOST

Dorinda and Chris Rife

Susan Greer

Ralph Sovran

Bill Pincock/Janet Koller

FUND RAISING

VIBA-NAZ held the following fundraising events during 2021:

Fall 2021 Camp Abilities Four Corners T-shirt sale

August 8, 2021 Virtual Trivia Contest

June 5, 2021 1st Annual Camp Abilities Poker Run in SW Colorado

Through May 10, 2021 Pampered Chef Sale

May 2021 Tamale COVID Relief Dining Event

April 1-15 Virtual Race

GRANT WRITING

Grants were written to Gamma Delta and the Foreseeable Future Foundation. VIBA-NAZ has an account with Amazon Smiles. Many grants require data which we can not provide until we have had several camps. Going forward, we will be looking to Lion's Clubs, Optimist and Rotary clubs, Vocational Rehab offices and major league sports teams in the four corner states.

BUDGET

The budget has been revised several times this past year to reflect changes in costs. Presently we estimate that we need approximately \$25,000.00 to put on our first camp. Camp Abilities Four Corners now has a Venmo and Pay Pal account on the website, along with a "Square", to use at fundraisers.

PUBLICITY and INFORMATION SHARING

We now have a beautiful logo for VIBA-NAZ, designed by Erica Rife, the daughter of board member Dorinda Rife. Informational flyers about Camp Abilities Four Corners and Camp Abilities Tucson were shared at the Fall AER conference. We also sold camp t-shirts and Koozies there. A list of newspapers and radio stations is in development and will be used to send out press release information in the spring of 2022. Our website and Facebook pages are constantly updated. We also have a email list serve to share information with folks who want to keep informed about the camp.

BOARD CHANGES

The board of VIBA-NAZ voted to add new members Jenilee Charley (NM) and Teri Morrison (UT) this year. Currently, the board has 7 members and continues to search for at least one additional member. Our Advisory committee consists of 3 members. Together the Executive Board and Advisory board includes 4 members of the Navajo Nation and one member with a vision impairment. Members live in the four corners states of CO, UT, NM and AZ.

CAMP

VIBA-NAZ established camper fees and salaries for camp nurse (\$1200.00), Director (\$900) and instructors. We have secured a local nurse/EMT (Lita Manygoats) to spend the entire week at our camp. Student athletes must be 9-17 years old. Campers will pay a fee of \$200.00 and VIBA-NAZ would also provide scholarships but want to encourage campers to get funding from their school or local Lion's club. Nearly all facilities had been secured for **free**, except the pool at NAU and possibly the bowling alley in Flagstaff. VIBA-NAZ decided to accept local high school volunteers after being screened by the Camp Director. Grey Farrell, a Tuba City local, has offered to teach horse skills including providing a space and the horses for one half day of camp! Philton Ben lives near our camp location and is interested in DJing a camp dance. A few locations have not been secured, such as the church hall and basketball courts in Tuba City. Personnel changes and COVID continue to make commitments challenging.

