



**24<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the Pai**  
Elder Pai ~ Pai Woman Naming Ceremony  
Elder Pai Ages 50- on up  
Pai Woman 30-49  
**APPLICATION**

**Circle one: ELDER PAI / PAI WOMAN**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the Following Questions:

Do you know your Tribal Seal & The History behind the seal? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you know of the History or Tribal Seal of the other Pai Tribes? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How did you hear about the Naming Ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What will be your traditional presentation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why are you participating in the Elder Pai ~ Pai woman Naming Ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MAIL THIS SHEET BACK WHEN COMPLETE.**

**Keep this sheet for your information for this will be the time you will need to be at certain areas**

Elder Pai ~ Pai Woman Naming Ceremony

Gumyu!



***Thank you for your interest in participating for the prestigious title of Elder Pai Woman / Pai Woman. We have come a long way from a simple idea to 24-year event. What a blessed time in history. It will be up to you to bring to the Ceremonial Circle your wisdom and leave behind a lasting impression of who you are and who you represent.***

This year you as a participant will be judged on the following:

- ❖ Tardiness and Promptness
- ❖ Participation
- ❖ Question: Answering and information provided.
- ❖ Presentation

**Thursday June 13** - Participants are suggested to arrive in Prescott, and arrive at the **Pai Gathering** site at **4 pm** to meet with **Maria Rocha/Ernestine Larson-Smith** (928-769-6278)

**Friday June 14** – At **4 am**, **Traditional Sweat** for PAI Elder/Woman who are participating in Naming Ceremony.

**Friday June 14** – At **6:00 pm**, **Pai Elder/Woman naming Ceremony**, each participant to be there promptly at **5:45 pm** to enter into the Circle.

- ***You will introduce yourself***
- ***Explain your chair***
- ***Answer the question: Why are you interested in becoming either Elder Pai Woman or Pai Woman?***
- ***This night you will do your traditional talent***

**Saturday June 15** – At **12:30 pm**, **New Elder Pai/Pai Woman to be announced**. Participants are asked to check in at the Ceremonial Grounds at the PAI Gathering site by **12:15 pm**. Come in full traditional regalia and ready for the entrance and ceremony.



***Thru out the years each person that has been named Elder Pai Woman or Pai Woman have joined a circle of sisters that has committed herself and family to help her respected community to restore harmony. Those that are named are representatives of all the Pai Tribes, Havasupai, Hualapai, Yavapai-Apache, Yavapai Fort Mc Dowell and Yavapai Prescott. This is a life time commitment for each named Elder Pai and Pai Woman.***

I wish all of you good luck. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at any time.

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Thank you for your interest again in participating. Also enclosed is a brief history of Elder Pai ~ Pai Woman and a list of the names of each selected Woman. Please leave a note at the end on your experience and how we can improve.

\*all times are approximate we are given until 8 pm to finish the ceremony; some may speak longer than others, this is important in Ceremony to allow those to express themselves.

The Elder Pai ~ Pai Woman Naming Ceremony was first introduced at the second Gathering of the Pai Tribes hosted by the Yavapai-Apache Nation in 2000. Uqualla, Havasupai Spiritual Emissary / Cultural Guardian of Grand Canyon first brought to life the Ceremony, at the gathering, he rounded up the women in attendance who were dressed in their respective Pai ceremonial dresses and had them answer a question, do bundling of the willows, by a round of applause from the crowd they selected Elder Pai Woman and Pai Woman Medicine Women of the Pai Nations. Uqualla continued with the ceremony with each tribe that hosted the gathering.

From 2005 to 2012, the ceremony was conducted by the late Susan Whatoname-Rocha (her untimely passing in July of 2012) and her Daughter Maria Rocha and Susan's sister Brenda Matuck, all members of the Hualapai Tribe. Maria Rocha continues to do the Naming Ceremony.

Participants are asked to fill out a basic application and attend the required functions during the gathering. Participants are judged based on interaction of the participant with others, punctuality, regalia, speech and over all knowledge of ones respected tribe.



## **The Elder Pai ~ Pai Women follow** **a Code of Ethics:**

**I have participated in the Elder Pai ~ Pai Woman Naming Ceremony, during the Gathering of the Pai's. I was chosen by my peers to up hold the title of either Elder Pai or Pai Woman. I not only represent myself but my family and all the women of the Hualapai, Havasupai, Yavapai-Prescott, Yavapai-Apache, Yavapai Fort McDowell and the Pai Pai Tribes.**

**Being chosen by my peers thru this traditional ceremony, my public display of understanding and knowledge of my traditions are known to the communities what it is I can teach them.**

**When I am in public, I represent maturity, responsibility and respect.**

**I hold my head up high in honor of my Elders, myself and my people**

**I will not disgrace myself, my elders, family and my people**

**I will not take any sacred item that does not belong to me**

**I will not speak falsely of another person.**

**I will not commit any crimes under th lase of the Pai tribes, and that of the United States of American or the state in which I reside or visit.**

**I will show respect to everything and everyone.**

**I am proud to represent myself, family and my people.**

**Even after my year of reign, I still hold true to the title bestowed upon me.**

**I will continue to respect who I represent, The People of the Tall Pines, the People of the Sun the People of the blue green waters, THE PEOPLE!**

When Elder Pai and Pai woman are chosen they will sign this in proclamation of this code of ethics.



## **Past ElderPai/Woman Pai**

### **Hosting Tribe Yavapai-Apache Nation**

Laurabelle Imus, Hualapai – 200-2001 Elder Pai Woman (in Loving Memory )

Diana Sue Uqualla – Havasupai – 2000-2001 Pai Woman

### **Hosting Tribe Havasupai Tribe**

Willetta Wilder – Hualapai 2001-2002 Elder Pai Woman

Gloria Susanyatame – Havasupai 2001-2002 Pai Woman (In Loving Memory)

### **Hosting Tribe Hualapai Nation**

Marlene Havatone – Hualapai 2002-2003 Elder Pai Woman (In Loving Memory)

Susan Whatoname-Rocha – Hualapai 2002-2003 Pai Woman (In Loving Memory)

### **Hosting Tribe Yavapai Fort Mc Dowell Nation**

Betty Montoya – Havasupai 2003-2004 Elder Pai Woman

Jorgine Paya – Hualapai 2003-2004 Pai Woman

### **Hosting Tribe Yavapai Prescott Tribe**

Brenda Matuck – Hualapai 2004-2005 Pai Woman

### **Hosting Tribe Yavapai-Apache Nation**

Alberta Manakaja – Havasupai 2005-2006 Elder Pai Woman (In Loving Memory)

Cora-Lei Marquez – Yavapai-Apache 2005-2006 Pai Woman

### **Hosting Tribe Havasupai Nation**

Jorgine Paya – Hualapai 2006-2007 Elder Pai Woman

Rosemarie Wilder-Powell – Hualapai 2006-2007 Pai Woman

### **Hosting Tribe Hualapai Nation**

Rose Marie Manakaja – Havasupai 2007-2008 Elder Pai Woman (In Loving Memory)



Lavida Havatone – Havasupai 2007-2008 Pai Woman

**Hosting Tribe Fort Mc Dowell Nation**

Caroline Putesoy – Havasupai 2008-2009 Elder Pai Woman (In Loving Memory)

Bertina Honwyteawa – Yavapai-Apache 2008-2009 Pai Woman

**Hosting Tribe Yavapai Prescott Tribe**

Cheryle Beecher – Hualapai 2009-2010 Elder Pai Woman

Ernestine Smith – Yavapai-Apache 2009-2010 Pai Woman

**Hosting Tribe Yavapai-Apache Nation**

Susan Whatoname-Rocha - Hualapai 2010-2011 Elder Pai Woman (In Loving Memory)

Beverly Crawford Yavapai-Apache 2010-2011 Pai Woman

**Hosting Tribe Havasupa Nation**

Diana Sue Uqualla – Havasupai 2011-2012 Elder Pai Woman

Sara H Kisson – Havasupai 2011-2012 Pai Woman

**Hosting Tribe Hualapai Nation**

Eathel Lewis – Yavapai-Apache 2012-2013 Elder Pai Woman

Marian Marshal – Havasupai 2012-2013 Pai Woman

**Hosting Tribe: Yavapai Fort Mc Dowell**

Brenda Matuck – Hualapai 2013-2014

**Hosting Tribe: Prescott Tribe**

Katherine Marquez – Yavapai-Apache 2014-2015

Roselyn Wescogame – Hualapai Nation 2014-2015

**Hosting Tribe: Yavapai-Apache**

Katherin Marquez – Yavapai-Apache 2015-2016

Roselyn Wecogame – Hualapai Nation 2015-2016

As you can see there are duplicates in the name, those that have been named Pai Woman are eligible to run for Elder Pai woman. Please leave a comment on how your experience was and how we can improve. Thank you Maria Rocha









