

# Wings of America

American Indian Youth Development Programs

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### **2011 Wings of America Leadership Training a Success.**

After an intense weekend of training, the 2011 Wings of America running and fitness camp facilitators have begun the summer. This year Wings partnered with the National Indian Youth Leadership Project (NIYLP) organization to host the Leadership Training at the Project Venture Camp on Mt. Taylor. The weekend was full of leadership topics and activities, presentations, paperwork and trail running on the mountain. The most experienced facilitator, Chantel “Tails” Hunt, said “This was the best training yet. Being on this sacred mountain for all of it was very special”. The newest facilitator, Johnny “Flash” Yazzie, said “Now I know what I have to do and how I can inspire the youth, I’m ready for a good summer”.



**Front row (left to right):** Janet Hayes (JMI) Charnelle Curley, Chantel Hunt, Felicia James, Rolonda Jumbo, Dillon Shije. **Back row (left to right):** Justin Lueras, Vernard Martinez, Thomas Martinez, Patrick Lueras and Shaun Martin.

Leadership/Facilitator Training is one of the four programs Wings of America currently provides. Wings brings high school and college-aged student athletes together for a training which develops leadership and life management skills, prepares participants to serve as facilitators, peer leaders, and positive role models at Wings Running and Fitness Camps. The curriculum includes instruction in running and fitness activities and technique, traditional Indian games, proper nutrition, and effective techniques for working with American Indian youth, groups, and communities.

Anthony and Shannon Fleg, of Native Health Initiative (NHI) also joined the group on the mountain to address important health and wellness concepts.

**THANK YOU TO NIYLP AND NHI FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!!!**

Wings is a national grassroots American Indian youth program which holds health, fitness and mentorship camps for American Indian youth ages 6 to 19. For further information, please contact the Wings office at 505.982.6761 or visit our website at: [www.wingsofamerica.org](http://www.wingsofamerica.org) or our Facebook page.