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2010 Wings of America Running and Fitness Camps have begun!!

After an intense week of leadership training, presentations, and paperwork, the 2010 Wings of America running and fitness camp facilitators have begun the summer. During the last day of training, the facilitators were put to the ultimate challenge. The facilitators conducted a one hour fitness session with 300+ campers at the “Change Your Reality” summer camp held in Santa Fe!!! Head Facilitator Chantel “Tails” Hunt said “THAT WAS CRAZY! Now I know we can teach to any group of campers this summer”. Victor Zazueta said “we can run any camp now, we are ready”. Wings of America and Nike sent them off in style with Nike running gear and shoes to prepare them for a summer of traveling, reservation roads, and lots of running.



Front row (left to right): Felicia James, Rolonda Jumbo **Middle row (left to right):** Victor Zazueta, Myka Benally, Charnelle Curley
Last row (left to right): Vernard Martinez, Chantel Hunt, Thomas Martinez, Patrick Lueras, and Shaun Martin, Interim Program Director with wife Melissa & son Maverick **Not pictured:** Julia Foster, Tamara Lementino and Justin Lueras

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.

After the leadership training, the facilitators took part in the Coaches Clinic, which took place on June 9-11, 2010.

This year the Coaches Clinic had a diversity of participants in attendance and coming as far as Montana state. Wings asked Abraham Kosgie, who works with Pojoaque Pueblo and from Kenya, to close the Coaches Clinic with a prayer in his Swahili language. The participants and facilitators learned from presenters including Amy Manson, Bo Reed, Scott Simmons, Alvina Begay and Greg McMillan. (pictured below, left to right)



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.