



Sports Stories

Dear Student:

The Southwestern Institute for the Education of Native Americans (SIENA) is pleased to announce its first annual *Sports Stories* essay writing contest open to American Indian students in grades 5 through 12. From October 20 through November 10, 2008, SIENA is asking students to submit an original essay that expresses your thoughts on ***how sports can have a positive impact on education.***

How to submit: Beginning October 20, entries of 50-250 words can be submitted via e-mail or by regular mail. To submit via e-mail, send your essay and the official entry form as attachments to Nadine@SIENA-AZ.org. Enter "Essay Contest" in the subject line. To submit via regular mail, an official entry form must accompany each essay. Entry forms may be downloaded from <http://www.siena-az.org/Events.html>. Scroll down to Arizona Tribal Communities Day.

Entry forms must be filled out completely and include the writer's name, complete address, phone number with area code, grade, date of birth, including year, tribal affiliation(s), and a statement that the work is his or her own. **Entries that do not include this information will be disqualified.** Entries submitted by mail must be postmarked by November 10, 2008 and sent to **SIENA; P.O. Box 33156; Phoenix, AZ 85067-3156.**

Grand Prize

Throw out the first pitch!



Peoria Saguaros vs. Scottsdale Scorpions

November 15, 2008 - 12:30 p.m.

16101 N. 83rd Avenue (just south of Bell Road)

Peoria, Arizona

Grade level winners will win a SIENA t-shirt and backpack. Winners will be notified by November 13, 2008. Tickets to the game are free to all Native Americans. Call 623-670-3561 to order.

Judging: Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of educators, health professionals, and fitness experts. Essays will be judged on creativity, adherence to theme, organization, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

Good luck to you all. We look forward to receiving your entries.

Sincerely,

Nadine Groenig
Executive Director