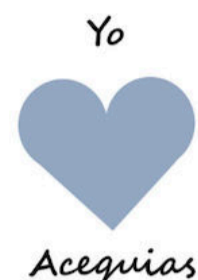


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Noticias de las Acequias

CON FUERZA Y QUERENCIA 2023 Acequia Culture Youth Leadership Institute



Dear Community,

We are excited to announce our **2023 "Con Fuerza y Querencia" Acequia Culture Youth Leadership Institute!** Please learn more below, and share this opportunity with your family, neighbors, and the young people in your life.

What? 15-20 Acequia Youth Leaders (age 14-19) from across NM will be chosen to participate in a PAID learning and leadership program. We will have guest presenters; field trips and skill building workshops; and youth discussions and projects on topics including:

- The history, importance and uses of NM Acequias
- Our connection to the land – acequia farming, ranching and seeds
- The politics of land and water
- Social movements to protect our acequias
- Acequias in the times of climate change
- Language, oral history and community storytelling
- Expressing our querencia with art, poetry and music
- Acequia career and life paths
- Youth solutions for the future of acequias
- Community health and healing
- Land based skills – adobe and wood work, herbal medicine and more!

Why? New Mexico's acequias are a unique and important part of our culture and history – and our survival and future. It is essential that the young people of NM acequia communities (you!) learn more about our acequias – and feel empowered to stand up as the next generation of land and water caretakers. This Leadership Institute will provide a space to learn ancestral knowledge, gain new skills, and work with other youth from acequia communities across the state. It will help you build your resume for college or future careers – and will help you find new passions and life-paths!

When? The 2023 program runs from May-November 2023, and includes 8 ONLINE learning sessions (1-2 per month) and 2-4 IN-PERSON field trips/workshops and community engagement opportunities.

[Click here to LEARN MORE & APPLY for the 2023 Program!](#)
Applications are DUE March 24th, 2023!

Click here to [download a program flyer](#) to share with your community!

Con respeto,
The New Mexico Acequia Association Team