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Volunteers needed for national softball tournament

NJCAA tournament comes to Yuma on May 19-24

Yuma, Ariz. (May 7, 2025) – For the third time, Yuma will be home to the NJCAA Division I Softball World Series. Arizona Western College, the City of Yuma, Caballeros de Yuma, and Visit Yuma are seeking volunteers to assist with the event, which will run from **May 19 to May 24** at the Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex.

"Supporting student-athletes from around the country is a huge honor," said Assistant Director of Athletics and Head Volleyball Coach **Lorayne Chandler**. "These players are getting their two-year degrees while playing national-level softball. The competition will be fierce, and we'd love to see lots of the community come out and help."

To put on the large event, volunteers are being sought for the following roles:

- **Team Hosts** *(20 needed)*

Welcome team to town, act as a local expert and point of contact, and/or cheer for the team at games. Team Hosts will be connected with a team contact prior to the tournament.

- **Gate Volunteers** *(many needed)*

Take tickets and check credentials at the venue entrances.

- **Game Stats volunteers & Live Stats volunteers**

Record game statistics live online. *Should have some working knowledge of softball or baseball stats.* Refresher training can be provided, if needed. One will enter the stats in the computer and the other will track with paper and pencil. Materials & Laptop provided.

- **Recorded Music host**

Plays mood music between games & innings to create a lively, fun atmosphere. Equipment provided.

Interested parties are encouraged to share their availability and a contact will be in touch. Games may start as early as 9 a.m. or run as last as 11 p.m. Even a single volunteer shift would make a world of difference.

"Volunteering for the softball tournament gives our community a part in welcoming these 250+ players and coaches to our special spot here in Arizona," shared Vice President for Advancement **Lori Stofft**. "Yumans really take pride in their city and in our amazing way of life, from the river to our agriculture fields, to our restaurants and downtown area. You can really make a difference for these players by taking on one or two shifts at the event."

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity for the NJCAA National Softball Championship, please complete [this quick form](#).

For anyone interested in attending games, tournament passes are available [here](#); individual day passes are listed under “Upcoming Events.” Children 12 and under attend for free. [Click here](#) to learn more about the event.

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About the NJCAA:

Since 1938, the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) has served as the nation’s premier governing body for two-year collegiate athletics, providing student-athletes opportunities to prepare, compete, succeed, and achieve in their academic and athletic disciplines. The NJCAA is the second-largest national intercollegiate athletic organization in the United States with over 500 member schools in 44 states.