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**Job training program aims to get Navajo workers jobs**

**WHAT:** Ironworkers Navajo Gladiator training

**WHEN:** 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through May 28.

**PLEASE CALL TO ARRANGE TIME**

**WHERE:** Field Ironworkers Apprenticeship & Training Center, 330 E. Maricopa Freeway, Phoenix

**WHY:** The District Council of Iron Workers of the State of California and Vicinity continue their partnership with the Navajo Department of Workforce Development to assist students to gain new skills / job opportunities in the ironworking industry.



View a photo gallery of the training in Phoenix here: <http://bit.ly/li7C2s5>

This second class of fifteen men and women from the Navajo Nation will be installing steel beams and columns, manning equipment to unload steel, installing metal windows, setting steel rebar and welding over the next few weeks as they learn about the ironworking industry.

Ironworkers build bridges, stadiums, commercial buildings and power-generating structures. These jobs are projected to grow 22 percent by 2022, which is faster than the average for all occupations, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Nationally, wages for ironworkers are about 32 percent higher than the median for all jobs.

After graduating from this program on May 29, students will be placed in an apprenticeship program and assigned to work with contractors in Arizona and elsewhere.

The District Council of Iron Workers of the State of California and Vicinity operates training centers in California, Nevada and Arizona.

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