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Wild West Days Returns to Old Tucson March 21 thru March 23, 2014

(TUCSON, AZ) Join the Arizona Sonora Western Heritage Foundation at Old Tucson for Wild West Days, an Old Tucson Signature Event, on Friday, March 21 thru Sunday, March 23! See special guests demonstrating the skills early residents needed to survive and the contributions made by the cultures that left their marks on the Arizona Sonora region.

This three-day festival complements Old Tucson's focus on showcasing the History, Culture and Heritage of the Arizona Sonora Region. Throughout each of the three days of the festival, scheduled performances (appearance and performance schedules subject to change without notice) will include:

- **Loop Rawlins** will amaze visitors with his incredible trick roping, bull whip artistry and stunts, and fancy gun spinning that have thrilled thousands of audiences. This young man is the consummate showman dedicated to keeping these traditions alive. From performing with Cirque Du Soleil to high-end events to rodeos, Loop Rawlins does it all.
- **Gary Harper**, noted weapons expert, will demonstrate large and small arms and the Gatling gun, one of the best known early rapid-fire weapons and a forerunner of the modern machine gun. Gary has consulted with and provided historical military weapons for a number of film and television productions including *The Last Samurai*, *3:10 to Yuma*, *Deadliest Warrior*, *Sons of Guns*, and *True Caribbean Pirates*.
- Noted Native American Hoop Dancer **Cecil Manuel** will perform this intricate and unique Native American dance form.
- Listen and tap your toe to traditional Bluegrass music and song with high energy performances by **Cadillac Mountain** band featuring Joel Leland, Rudy Cortese and Alvin Blaine on guitar, banjo, dobro, and mandolin.
- Tucson's all-girl **Mariachi Viva La Mujer** will entertain guests with heartfelt daily performances celebrating Mexican culture.
- Vintage wagon displays with the **Tucson Rodeo Parade Committee** providing information and photo opportunities with wagons that were staples during the region's territorial days.

Additional scheduled special appearances (subject to change) over the weekend by local historical groups include:

- The **Buffalo Soldiers** and the **Mormon Battalion** will present informative displays about their respective histories.



- **Students from the Ha:San Preparatory & Leadership School** presenting the culture of the Tohono O'odham via displays and traditional song and dance.
- **Flowing Wells Future Farmers of America** students educating guests about the region's agricultural and ranching history.

An added feature on Saturday morning, March 22 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, ***The High Chaparral Reunion*** returns to the original ranch set used in the TV series. Old Tucson guests are invited to join fans, cast and crew to celebrate the ground-breaking, highly acclaimed NBC Western *The High Chaparral*, now being re-broadcast on the INSP network. Series alumni scheduled to appear include Henry Darrow (Manolito), Don Collier (ranch foreman Sam Butler), Rudy Ramos (Wind), Kent McCray (Producer), Susan McCray (Casting), and Neil Summers (stuntman) along with some special guests.

Wild West Days also showcases Old Tucson's full range of western entertainment including Living History presentations. Hear the stories of everyday life of Southern Arizona pioneers presented by vintage characters covering topics including *The American Cowboy*, *Sheriffs of the Old West*, *The Mercantile* and more. These entertaining yet educational experiences allow guests a glimpse into what daily life was like on the western frontier.

Wild West Days is included in the regular Old Tucson Studios Admission price of \$16.95 for adults and \$10.95 for children (ages 4-11). Admission to this event is included with your Old Tucson Wagon Wheel Season Pass! Discounts are available – details on the www.OldTucson.com Visit Us page.

*******SPECIAL INVITATION - FOR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ONLY*******

Contact Old Tucson by Thursday, **March 20th** to arrange an appointment to:

- Interview Loop Rawlins, or Gary Harper.
- Try your hand at roping, gun spinning, and bull whip handling.
- Take a seat at the Gatling gun.
- Or to discuss other ideas that fit your goals.

Old Tucson is Southern Arizona's premier location and Hollywood's most famous western movie location and has been immortalized in over 300 feature films and TV Westerns since 1939. For more information about Old Tucson, Where the Spirit of the Old West Comes Alive, please visit our website at www.OldTucson.com or call us at 520-883-0100. Old Tucson is located at 201 S. Kinney Road, Tucson, Arizona 85735

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