

Construction progress update at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort

The Confederated Tribes have dedicated \$4.5 million to renovating the Kah-Nee-Ta village area to reopen as the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort & Spa. The construction is progressing steadily through the work of the development partners, the Confederated Tribes, Warm Springs Economic Development, and SkiBowl.

There was an unfortunate setback to the work this past spring, due to a May weather event. The project again, though, is making great progress, said Jim Souers, Warm Springs Economic Development chief executive officer.

Weather event

The Warm Springs community and the resort construction site experienced a severe wind and rain storm in mid May, resulting in significant damage to resort facilities and infrastructure. To recover from the storm's impact and complete the remaining work, the anticipated 2023 reopening had to be delayed.

"We're grateful for the expertise of our partners and the support of our local community given the setbacks we faced from the extreme weather event," Mr. Souers said. "Bringing a beautiful property like Kah-Nee-Ta up to its full capacity comes with challenges given the historic nature of its origin.

"And despite those challenges," he said, "We're excited and encouraged to see the immense amount of progress we're making toward opening and bringing Kah-Nee-Ta back into the community."

The improvements

Current facility improvements underway include the following, as described by the resort developers:

- The seven new pools. These are more than 75 percent complete; and the 15 VIP poolside cabanas will be included.
- The resort will feature the children's spray pool, and a sports pool with volleyball court and basketball area. Other features:

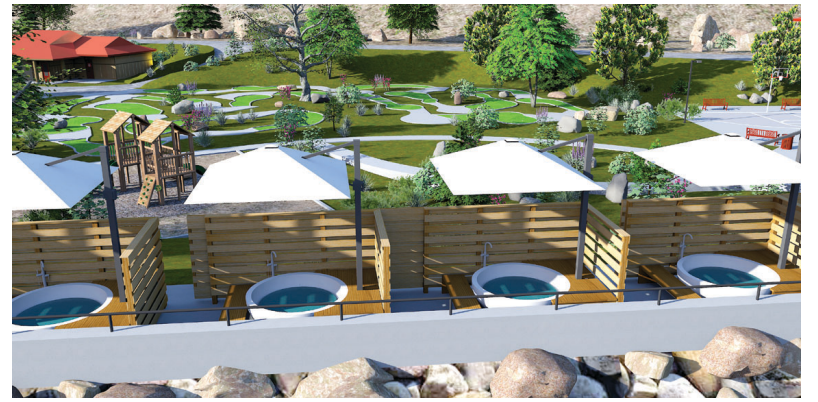


East view of the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort pool area.

- The children's hot springs soaking pool.
- The Lazy River pool.
- There will be three large leisure wellness hot springs soaking pools ranging from 92 to 103 degrees.
- The new sports bar and restaurant are currently under construction.
- The 30-room motel has been remodeled.
- The new RV Park Clubhouse with restrooms, shower and laundry facility; and the all-age Arcade Game Room located at the RV Recreational Center are 90 percent complete.
- The Teepee Clubhouse with restroom and showers fixtures have been updated.
- The 20 Teepee area is prepped, landscaped and ready for new teepees.
- The outside food court with food trailers, children's pizza snack bar and pool bar are at final design phase
- The pool clubhouse with bathroom, showers, lockers with concierge service remodeled is 80 percent complete.
- The new Kah-Nee-Ta pool entrance courtyard area is redesigned with tribal salmon bake fire pit and tribal celebration area.
- There is the upgrade to the original underground sewer and stormwater systems from the 1960s to bring it to full capacity.
- There is the addition of an updated heating and air conditioning system in all buildings and in

every motel room.

- The underground irrigation systems are being rebuilt.
- The new commercial laundry facility is finished and awaiting arrival and installation of new laundry equipment.
- The administration building is being remodeled, with the newly-furnished operation and account-



Kah-Nee-Ta private riverfront soaking tubs.

ing offices, first aid center and employee area.

The resort features

Topping the long list of new and updated amenities planned for Kah-Nee-Ta is a seven-pool complex that includes three pools fed solely by the mineral-rich waters of the area's hot springs.

Guests can enjoy in one of the three natural mineral-enriched wellness hot springs soaking pools at various temperature ranges—one large leisure pool at 90-95 degrees, and two others ranging between 95 to 103 degrees; or relax poolside at one of the 15 luxurious fully-equipped cabanas, naming just some of the new features.

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Community notes...

The Museum at Warm Springs is hosting a **Patlapa (basket hat) advanced weaving class** instructed by Eileen Spino.

The class will be held Monday through Friday, July 17-21 and the 24-28 from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m.

It's open to tribally affiliated advanced weavers age 18 and older. tools and supplies will be provided, but please bring some cornhusk ready for weaving.

The registration deadline is this Thursday, July 13, at 5 p.m. Please contact Elizabeth Woody by phone 541-553-3331, extension 401.

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