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## Utah Athletics is Ute Proud!



### Who are the Utes?

The Utes are a Great Basin Indian tribe with more than 3,000 tribal members. More than half of the Utes live on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Northeastern Utah. They speak their own language, which is derived from the Uto-Aztecan language family. The Utes were one of the first tribes to acquire the horse from the Spanish and it transformed their culture and enabled them to become resourceful and valiant. The Utes are important contributors to Utah's economy through distribution of their energy resources and raising stock.

For thousands of years, the Utes have been industrious stewards of this land. Their people thrived on a healthy diet mainly consisting of Bonneville Cutthroat Trout from Utah Lake, domesticated corn, wild vegetables and a variety of hunted game in the Salt Lake area region. They were strong horsemen who grew hemp used for rope. With the early acquisition of the horse, they were able to travel longer distances to hunt for large game. They learned and adopted plains practices from other tribes, skills such as tanning of hides and beadwork are regarded as some of the best in the nation as it showcases their love of color and beauty.

The following sports will be hosting Ute Proud games during the 2015-2016 Athletic Season. To honor the relationship with the Ute Tribe, teams and coaches will be wearing the Ute Indian Tribe seal and giving away Ute Proud educational cards, posters and flags.

### Ute Proud Events

**Soccer:** Friday, September 25th vs. Stanford at 4:00 PM

**Football:** Saturday, October 17th vs. Arizona State

**Volleyball** Friday, October 16th vs. Stanford at 8:00 PM

*Check back for future dates involving other Utah Athletics sports*



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