

“ VATTO WUIHIM HEG VIOHOG—’IIYAA CHUUMALY ’AYAAO ”

THE HUHUGAM KI: MUSEUM NEEDS MESQUITE PODS.

Collecting July 7th- August 8th, 2025

We will pay 8 dollars to Salt River Community Members for each packed 5-gallon bucket of mesquite pods, if they meet these requirements:

- Must be free of dirt, rocks, twigs and bird/animal droppings.
- Must be from a native Velvet or Honey Mesquite tree, **not Chilean Mesquite. Chilean is thick like fingers and flatter than the native trees.**
- Must pick them up by hand. Do not rake them into a big pile and scoop them up. This will gather more than just pods and may include things not fit for consumption.
- You can get them off the ground but make sure they are clean and plump with no mud clots, and they are not blackened, rotted or wet. If they have beetle holes, that's okay as long as they're not rotted through.
- Do not gather near asphalt, road intersections, telephone poles or places where contaminants are on the ground or tree.
- **Do not store them in plastic or trash bags.** They can ferment and spoil.
- Pods can be collected in a box, laundry basket or paper bag.
- **Appointments must be made to drop off pods beginning July 15th.** Collection will **on be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am - 12pm and 3pm - 430pm.** **Entrance to the back of the Museum is through the gate, on the east side.**
- We will inspect and measure the pods for you. We reserve the right to not accept pods that are dirty, rotted or smell.
- All activity is on your own and not sanctioned or to be held liable by the Huhugam Ki: Museum, Cultural Resources Dept. or the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

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