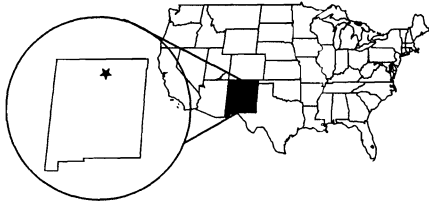


NAMBE PUEBLO



The 19,000-acre Nambe Pueblo (NAA, 281) is home to about 400 members (REAL, 30) of the Tiwa nation, one of four tribes of Pueblo Indians along the Rio Grande (ENAT, 206-209). The others are the Keres, Tewa, and Towa.

The Nambe Pueblo flag is the tribal seal on a white background. In the center of the seal is a light brown outline drawing of a kiva, the ceremonial center of pueblo life. Two uprights of a ladder extend from the entrance hole in the roof. The kiva is an image of the actual kiva found on the Pueblo of Nambe. It is surrounded by an ornamental ring representing the “circle of life” and composed of light brown triangles on the exterior and dark brown triangles on the interior, separated by a narrow white border.

To either side of the seal appear stylized corn plants, a major source of sustenance for the pueblo and whose pollen is frequently used in religious rites. The plants are

green, their pollen-bearing tips are yellow. Beneath these two corn stalks are three triangles of earth pointing apex-downward. They are light brown and edged in white and dark brown.

“NAMBÉ O-WEEN-GÉ”, meaning “village of Nambe” arches in black over the entire design. The design was proposed by a member of the tribe. ☛

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