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## **WE-KO-PA CASINO RESORT RECEIVES FOUNTAIN HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2022 TOURISM AWARD**

*State-of-the-art casino lauded for successfully opening in the middle of a global pandemic and for its ongoing contributions to the surrounding Fountain Hills community*

**FORT McDOWELL, Ariz. – May 5 , 2022** – In recognition of its exemplary guest service, support of the local community, and perseverance in unveiling a \$140-million casino in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the [We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort](https://www.wekopacasinoresort.com) recently received the **2022 Tourism Award** from the Town of Fountain Hills during the annual Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce Gala Awards Ceremony.

“On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, we’re thrilled that We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort has received this prestigious annual award,” said Betsy Lavoie, president/CEO of the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce. “They are a valuable and true partner to our business community.”

The We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort is no stranger to accolades. Most recently, Ember – the resort’s fine-dining steakhouse – received OpenTable’s coveted 2022 Diner’s Choice Award, an honor reserved for the top restaurants in Arizona. In 2021, Ember also received *Wine Spectator’s* illustrious “Best of Award of Excellence”, while the casino resort itself was voted “Best Casino” in *PHOENIX Magazine’s* popular “Best of the Valley” Reader’s Choice section.

The Fountain Hills Chamber Gala Awards Ceremony was attended by 250 people, including Mayor Ginny Dickey, who handed out the Mayor’s Award, and Town Council Members Gerry Freidel, Mike Scharnow and Sharron Grzybowski. In addition to the Tourism Award, the Fountain Hills community bestowed the Ambassador, Businessperson, Chamber Volunteer, Community Volunteer, Customer Service, Finance & Insurance, Health Services, New Entrepreneur, Nonprofit, Restaurant, Retailer, Teacher, and Young Professional of the Year Awards.

For more information on the We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort, visit [www.wekopacasinoresort.com](https://www.wekopacasinoresort.com).

### **About We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort**

Owned and operated by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, the spectacular 166,341-square-foot We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort boasts state-of-the-art gaming, a variety of specialty fine and casual dining restaurants, and live entertainment. The attached AAA Four Diamond hotel offers 246 luxurious guestrooms and suites; 25,000 square feet of meeting space; and two resort-style outdoor pools.

The casino resort’s proximity to the two highly acclaimed courses at We-Ko-Pa Golf Club and numerous outdoor activities at Fort McDowell Adventures make it the ideal destination for a vacation, business function or special event.

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