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**WE-KO-PA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER RECEIVES AAA FOUR DIAMOND AWARD FOR  
14<sup>th</sup> YEAR IN A ROW**

*The preeminent Arizona meeting and vacation destination's luster continues to sparkle, having been honored with this highly coveted distinction ever since its first fiscal year of operation*

**FORT McDOWELL, Ariz. – April 12, 2019** – For the fourteenth consecutive year since it opened its doors in November 2005, the [We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center](http://www.wekoparesort.com) has received AAA's prestigious Four Diamond Award.

One of the few hotel appraisal systems that depends on physical evaluations, AAA's Diamond Rating is determined by a team of inspectors that review more than 27,000 eligible properties based on comfort, cleanliness, security, and available services and amenities.

Only 1,722 – or 6.3 percent – of the more than 27,000 AAA-inspected and -approved hotels earned Four Diamond distinction this year. To receive such designation, an establishment must be "refined, stylish with upscale physical attributes, extensive amenities and a high degree of hospitality, service and attention to detail." Only 14 other properties in Scottsdale received this illustrious distinction.

"Being honored with such consistent industry recognition since our first year of operation speaks to the dedication, passion and guest-centric focus of our highly talented resort team," said Craig Benell, director of hotel operations of the We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center, an enterprise of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. "We're unveiling a new, state-of-the-art casino next year, which will allow even *more* guests to experience our award-winning luxury desert oasis."

**About the We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center**

Conveniently located 30 minutes from the airport, the We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center ([www.wekoparesort.com](http://www.wekoparesort.com)) features 246 contemporary guestrooms and suites designed with Native American traditions, bold Southwestern cuisine at the Ahnala Mesquite Room, luxurious spa treatments and salon services at the Amethyst Spa & Boutique, and a spacious heated outdoor pool with two whirlpools. The AAA Four Diamond independent golf resort's proximity to the award-winning courses at We-Ko-Pa Golf Club, gaming and entertainment at Fort McDowell Casino, and the numerous outdoor activities at Fort McDowell Adventures make it the ideal destination for a vacation, business function or special event.

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