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THE HOPI INDIANS, who live in the arid highlands of northern Arizona, have inhabited the same place for a millennium, far longer than any other people in North America. They are not only the oldest dwellers in this land but are considered by most other Indians to have a wisdom, a knowledge of things, beyond average comprehension. Peace-loving and knit tightly together by clan relationships, they are intensely spiritual and fiercely independent. Their religion, deep and all-pervading, is a many stranded cord that unites them to their stark, and beautiful environment.

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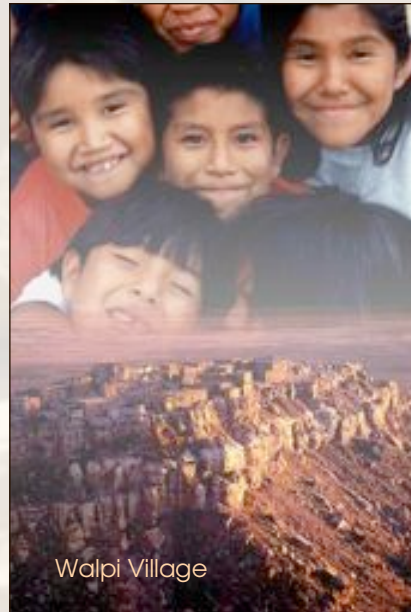
Hopi culture

The Hopi live on top of and around three high mesas in the arid highlands of northern Arizona. The traditional villages are:

- 1st Mesa: Walpi, Sichomovi and Hano
- 2nd Mesa: Sipaulovi, Mishongnovi, and Shungopavi
- 3rd Mesa: Old Oraibi (The oldest continuously inhabited village in the United States established approximately in 1050 A.D.), Hotevilla and Bacavi. Kykotsmovi, with the Tribal offices, lies below the Mesa. Moencopi is located 45 miles to the west near Tuba City on the Navajo Reservation.

The Hopi are considered to be one of the most traditional tribes in the United States and have an extremely complex series of annual

ceremonies. The kiva is the social and ceremonial chamber and the center of their religious life involving hundreds of Kachina, the invisible spirits of the life forces of the Hopi. Impersonated by elaborately costumed masked male members of the tribe, the Kachina visit the villages the first half of the year. They are greatly revered, and one of their main purposes is to bring rain for the spring crops.



Walpi Village

Restoration's projects have included:

- Reconstruction of a portion of the Bear Clan house in Sipaulovi; new roofs on the Shungopavi Community building and various other clan buildings; basketball court for two villages; the porch for Ponse Hall, the visitor center on First Mesa and many other smaller building projects for the elderly and widows.
- Christmas and summer events for children in traditional villages, including the large Family Fun Night at the Veteran's Memorial Center.

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- RESTORATION is involved in projects that benefit the Hopi people and the villages. We take a participative role by coming alongside the traditional Hopi villages and its leaders, helping them to accomplish their goals and objectives.



- RESTORATION sponsors special summer and winter activities for the young, youth and the elderly. Family Fun Night is designed to bring families from villages on all three mesas together in fellowship.

- RESTORATION honors the Hopi people as the indigenous and one of the oldest dwellers in the land.

