



## Arizona Governor's Conference on Tourism 2019





## SPENDING



## JOBS



**EARNINGS** 



TAXES

## GENERATED IN 2018



# BILLION

## DOLLARS PER DAY



# S S MILLION



\$1.5 BILLION



\$ 1111 BILLION

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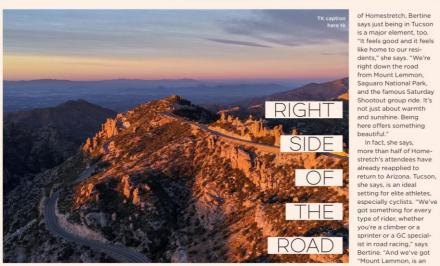
## TOTAL TAX



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## ARIZONA IS WHERE KATHRYN BERTINE IS MAKING HER TWO-WHEELED STAND FOR **EQUALITY IN ATHLETICS**

When Kathryn and pro figure skater, she
Bertine first moved soon began competing in to Tucson 20 years ago from New York, the plan was to get her master's degree and then return East to start her career. But something got in the way of those plans: She took a bike ride. "Everything was planned out in my 23-year-old brain," she says. "But life did a wonderful thing and took a different turn."

Seeing Tucson and the surrounding Sonoran Desert from the saddle was an eye-opener. The pace of life, the closeness of nature, and the openness of the community all became even more apparent on her daily rides. "Cycling really gave me this amazing gift of being able to see Tucson-and all of Arizona, really-from a unique perspective." she says.

She also loved the competitive aspect. A former Division I rower

triathlons, including three years as a professional. before becoming a pro cyclist at the age of 31. A nasty crash cut her career short, which allowed her to focus on another project during her time in Arizona: her passion to bring parity to women's professional road cycling. Male endurance athletes often receive a

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women into the Tour de base salary or sponsor-France in 2014. Then, in ship deals that allow them 2017, she launched the to train the majority of the time. Their female Homestretch Foundation counterparts, on the in Tucson, an organizaother hand, often get paid tion that advocates for a fraction as much and gender equality in sports have to find other ways to and also offers training supplement their income. residencies for elite and To help change that professional-level athletes situation, Bertine directed who can live there for free cycling culture is one a feature documentary in 2014 called "Half the Road," which explored

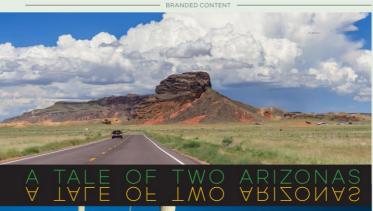
while pursuing their goals. Athletes from around the nation and the world come to Homestretch for one to six months to train and learn from one another. And while the

Tour Entier, a group that succeeded in getting To learn more and see a video of Kathryn Bertine in action, please visit outsideonline.com/KathrynBertine. To plan a perspective. trip to Tuscon or one of Arizona's other outdoor destinations go to UnRealAZ.com

amazing 9.000-foot climb that goes through just about every ecosystem possible, from desert to tundra. It's an extraordinary training tool." But hardcore training

In fact, she says,

isn't Tucson's only, or even its main, draw. Bertine says the open nature of Arizona's reason she will likely call the place home for the rest of her life. "You see this vast demographic in Tucson's cycling culture. with people from all walks of life out biking on the camaraderie is a big part paths and roads. I love that."





## AFTER A CHILDHOOD SPENT IN NORTHERN ARIZONA, LEN NECEFER IS GETTING TO KNOW Necefer personally. One THE NATURAL WONDERS DOWN SOUTH

en Necefer took the long way to southern Arizona. Growing up in the very different from his high desert of northern Arizona, the Navajo Nation member left the state to go to college, ultimately earning his Ph.D. in engineering and public policy out East before ending up in the Rockies. But those experiences only gave him a deeper appreciation for home: Arizona was more beautiful, the air was cleaner, and there were more wild spaces to explore.

That's why the 30-yearold entrepreneur, professor, and outdoor enthusiast recently took a job at the University of Arizona, in Tucson, researching natural resource policy and recreation near tribal lands in North America.

The move brings him to a desert landscape home up north, one he'd glimpsed only a few times before. But what he's found is that the Sonoran Desert still feels like home, even if the saguaro and organ pipe are new. "It's almost like a completely different state," he says. "The geography between the north and the south is so different. Even the smell is different, but familiar. Up north, it smells like sage, and down here you can smell the creosote. nine months." That's how I'm relating

The rock climbing around Tucson has also made Necefer, an avid climber, feel at home. "Tucson is a hidden gern

to the place."

for climbing," he says. "There are three major climbing spots within an hour of the city." His two favorite places so far are Mount Lemmon, north of the city, with more than 1,500 routes, and Cochise Stronghold, in the Dragoon Mountains, which he recently visited for the first time with homeland of the Apache," says Necefer. "There's a really cool story here about how Geronimo and 40 other Apache outran the U.S. Calvary for like.

of his main passions is helping indigenous peoples connect with the natural areas near or overlapping their traditional lands. With that in mind, a few years ago Necefer founded a company called NativesOutdoors to help native people share their stories and culture and facilitate collaboration with the outdoor industry. The company began as Outside. "It's the ancestral a social media project highlighting stories and images of indigenous people, but over time Necefer began consulting with outdoor companies about the intersections between tribes, public

The area also has

deeper significance for

To learn more and see a video of Len Necefer in action, To learn more and see a video of Len Neceter in action, please visit outsideonline.com/TwoArizonas. To plan a ARIZONA trip to Arizona's Cochise Stronghold or one of Arizona's other outdoor destinations, go to UnRealAZ.com.





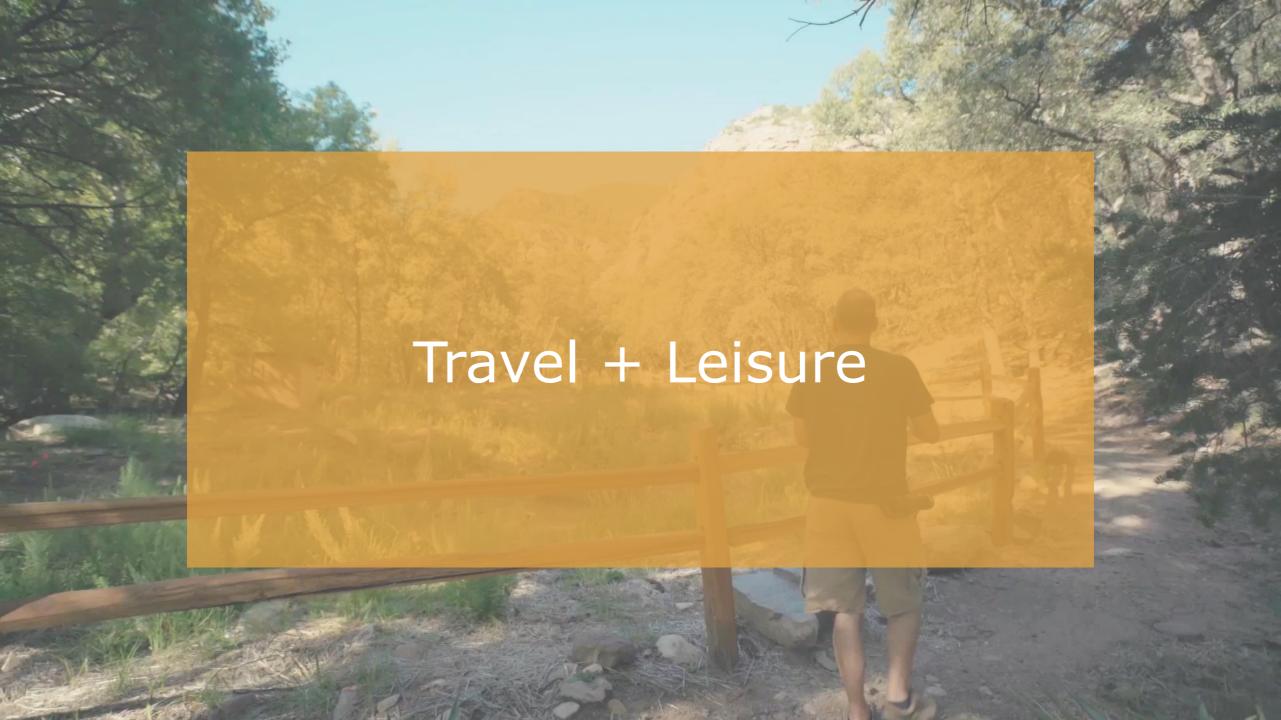
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"There's a really big opportunity to build an outdoor industry on tribal lands with native people, he says. "We're kind of getting the ball rolling. There are 22 tribes here in Arizona, with thousands of years of culture and history. There's a lot of cool influence that can be brought to the industry. We're using our company as a conduit for that."

Even growing up in Arizona, many of those tribal stories are new to Necefer, like the experience of the Apaches and their history in Cochise Stronghold and other parts of the Sonoran Desert. "I'm beginning to experience the place through their lens," he says, "You don't have to travel overseas to see a different culture. You can see plenty right here."





## ADVERTISING EFFECTIVENESS



815,000 incremental trips

\$1.4 Billion in travel revenue

## RETURN ON INVESTMENT



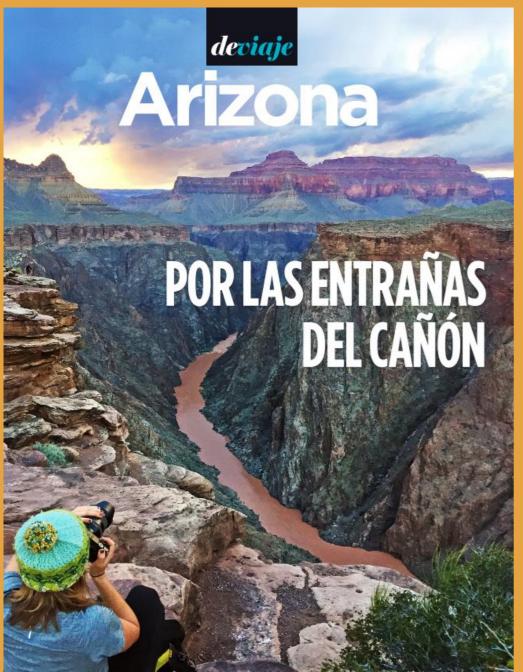
## \$32.00 in state and local tax revenue for every \$1.00 invested

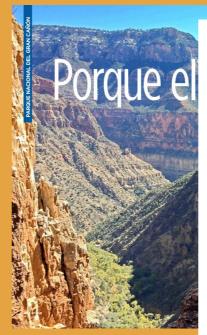




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## INCREASE IN FUNDING



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## Dallas as a new Target City Wine Industry Strategic Marketing Plan

Mega Events Support

**Destination Management Plan** 



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