

## Contact Us



www.TapPilam.org

TapPilamnation@gmail.com



(210)227-4940

We're proud to offer a special opportunity to support the Tāp Pīlam Coahuiltecan Nation Legal Fund through the release of limited-edition original artwork Sacred Run shirts from the past five years. These shirts feature powerful designs created exclusively for the annual Sacred Runs—events that honor ancestral lands, cultural survival, and spiritual endurance. Only a small number of these original prints remain, making this a rare chance to own a piece of history while standing in solidarity with Tāp Pīlam's ongoing legal efforts to protect sacred sites and cultural heritage.

🌀 Price: Donate a minimum of \$65 and choose 1 limited edition shirt

🎨 Designs: Original artwork from the past 5 Sacred Runs

💰 All proceeds go directly to the Tāp Pīlam Legal Fund

Your support helps ensure that Indigenous voices are heard in the fight to protect and preserve what matters most. Wear your shirt with pride and join Tāp Pīlam in walking the path of justice and remembrance.

Limited quantities available—get yours before they're gone.



Support the Tāp Pīlam  
Legal Fund – Limited  
Edition Sacred Run  
Shirts Available Now!



## Black Sacred Runner Shirt – First Edition

The vision for the Sacred Runner shirts was born from the heart and spirit of Destiny Hernandez of the Payaya family, 12th generation lineal descendant from the **Mission San Antonio De Valero (the Alamo)**, whose deep connection to the traditions and future of the **Tāp Pīlam Coahuiltecan Nation** inspired a lasting symbol of **unity** and **resistance**. Destiny envisioned Tāp Pīlam families, friends, and supporters running, not just as individuals, but as one – a collective force moving through the ancestral lands of the **Coahuiltecan people**, making a bold and sacred statement about who they are and what they represent.

Each year's shirt was lovingly designed by Destiny, in collaboration with artists, blending visual storytelling with cultural meaning. The colors, imagery, and messages were all chosen with care, honoring the traditions of the ancestors while speaking to the resilience and spirit of the **Coahuiltecan people** today. At the heart of every shirt is the powerful phrase:

**Yanaguana Tacuēm Naquemačhinō** – in the native tongue, **Pajalate** – which translates to: **"Yanaguana, with you we run."**

These words are more than a motto. They are a prayer, a declaration, and a bond between **Tāp Pīlam and our sacred river – Yanaguana** – the lifeblood of our people. They remind us that this run is not just physical, but spiritual. With every step, we are running with the land, for the land, and because of the land.

Through Destiny's vision, the Sacred Runner shirts have become more than apparel – they are emblems of identity, tools of education, and offerings of remembrance. They tell the story of **Tāp Pīlam: one of survival, sovereignty, and sacred movement – guided by purpose, rooted in prayer, and led by community.**

The black Sacred Runner shirt marks a powerful milestone: the first year we created official shirts for the Sacred Run. More than just a garment, this shirt carries the weight of our collective experience, struggle, and spirit. The color black was chosen with intention – a symbol of mourning, reflecting the grief, anger, and unrest we felt as a Tāp Pīlam Coahuiltecan Nation when we stood up and filed suit against the Alamo Trust.

This moment in our movement was not just historic – it was deeply personal. The black shirt embodies the solemnity of that time, honoring our ancestors and the sacred grounds we fight to protect. It is a visual representation of resilience in the face of injustice and a reminder that even in mourning, we run forward with purpose, unity, and strength.

Wearing this shirt is not only a tribute to the run – it's a statement of remembrance, resistance, and the sacred responsibility we carry.



Destiny Hernandez



### Red Sacred Runner Shirt – Second Edition

The red Sacred Runner shirt represents the second year we came together to create shirts for the Sacred Run, deepening the tradition and meaning behind every mile we run. In Native cultures, the color red holds powerful significance – it is the color of life, blood, and sacrifice. It represents the spiritual and physical strength of our people, and it is often worn in honor of the missing, the taken, and those who continue to fight for our survival and sovereignty.

This year's shirt carries that spirit forward, not only through its bold red color but also through the design on the back – a tribute to David Two Feathers of the Auúteca Paguame family. For 18 consecutive years, David carried the staff for our people, embodying the strength, commitment, and humility that defines true leadership. The design honors his unwavering dedication and the sacred responsibility he carried with every step. The red Sacred Runner shirt is more than a symbol – it's a prayer in motion, a visual call to remember our warriors past and present, and a commitment to carry forward the flame of resistance, ceremony, and love for our people and our land.



### Yellow Sacred Runner Shirt – Third Edition

The yellow Sacred Runner shirt marks the third year of our growing tradition – a tradition rooted in prayer, movement, and resistance. In Native cultures, the color yellow carries deep meaning. It represents the direction of the East, the rising sun, new beginnings, and spiritual awakening. It reminds us of hope, clarity, and the enduring light of our ancestors guiding us forward. Emblazoned on the front is the powerful phrase: "Aquí estamos y no nos vamos" – "We are here and we are not going anywhere." These words, spoken loudly and often by our beloved Tama Linda Ximenes of the Xaramé family, have become a rallying cry for our movement. It's a declaration of presence, resilience, and refusal to be erased – a reminder that our roots run deep beneath the very land we defend.

The back design features an image of Linda's prayer drum – the one she used every single morning in front of the Alamo, waging a spiritual battle with songs, prayers, and unwavering love for her people. This drum is more than an instrument; it's a symbol of the daily ceremony that grounds our struggle in spirit and purpose. The yellow Sacred Runner shirt shines with the light of remembrance, resistance, and renewal. It honors our Tama, our sacred grounds, and the spiritual strength we carry each time we run.

## White Sacred Runner Shirt – Fourth Edition

The white Sacred Runner shirt marks the fourth year of our journey – a completion of the sacred cycle, with each year honoring one of the four directions. In Native traditions, white represents the North – the direction of wisdom, clarity, and reflection. It is the color of the spirit world, of breath, of snow, and the ancestors who guide us. With this shirt, we honor the teachings, the path walked before us, and the resilience that carries us forward.

This year's shirt closes a powerful cycle:

- **Black** for mourning and truth,
- 
- **Red** for strength and sacrifice,
- 
- **Yellow** for hope and awakening,
- 
- And now **White**, for spirit and completion.
- 

The front design features cactus, a powerful desert plant that symbolizes survival, adaptability, and protection. It reminds us: even in the harshest conditions, we continue to grow, rooted in tradition and shaped by resistance. We are resilient people – sharp when we need to be, soft when we choose to be, and always rooted in sacred land.

On the back is an extraordinary piece of art by Doroteo Albert Garza of the Payaya family, depicting the Blue Deer – a sacred messenger – running along the Yanaguana River. Beginning at Mission Valero and ending at Mission Espada, the deer's path traces the route of the Sacred Run, which averages 13 miles. This was the traditional way our ancestors communicated – carrying messages between missions, along the water, across the land. The Blue Deer reminds us this run is more than symbolic – it is ancestral memory in motion.

The white Sacred Runner shirt is a prayer of completion, a breath of reflection, and a promise – continue. It honors our spiritual connection to land, water, and ancestors – and reminds us that every step we take is part of a much larger journey.



Doroteo Garza



## Turquoise Sacred Runner Shirt – Fifth Edition

The turquoise Sacred Runner shirt marks the fifth year of our sacred journey – a powerful continuation of tradition and prayer through movement. Turquoise holds deep significance in many Native cultures. It is the color of water and sky, of healing and protection. It symbolizes life, balance, and the sacred connection between earth and spirit. Worn during this fifth year, it reflects renewal – a merging of the past and future, a step forward in beauty, strength, and ceremony. On the front is the word "Tāp Pīlam" – People of this Land in our native tongue, Pajalate. These words are a declaration of identity and belonging. They affirm who we are, where we come from, and our unbreakable connection to the land we continue to protect and pray for. It is not just a name – it is our lineage, our responsibility, our truth.

The back design, created by artist Doroteo Albert Garza, features the sacred Blue Deer standing before our holy medicine, peyote. In our traditions, the Blue Deer is a spiritual guide, a messenger of the divine, often encountered in visions during peyote ceremonies. This image is a reminder of the deep spiritual path we walk – one rooted in medicine, vision, and prayer. Peyote is not just a plant; it is a teacher and a relative, guiding us through healing and into a deeper connection with all life.

The turquoise Sacred Runner shirt is a prayer for healing, a call to remember, and a celebration of who we are as Tāp Pīlam Coahuiltecan Nation. It carries the spirit of our ancestors, the strength of our runners, and the sacredness of the land and medicine we protect.

