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SMITH RIVER RANCHERIA TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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INDIGENOUS FOOD DAY



The Senior Nutrition Program invited Lena McCovey to the nutrition site to give a presentation on indigenous foods of the Northern California coast. She explained various species of ocean, shore plants and sea life along with actual examples for us to view, smell and feel.

Lena said that Tribes have been here since time immemorial and have lived off the food from the ocean and seashore. It is our responsibility to take care of our food sources like the coastal Tribes have done since the beginning of time.

Lena showed the participants a few samples of food items including dumas and mussels. She said that

dumas was cut off rocks and rubbed on the sharp sea rocks to remove the tough green slimy outer layer. Present day, people may use a grater for this task. This process takes a lot of hard work and is very laborious. On the inside of the dumas is a hard white fibrous muscle which is the edible part. It can be fried, boiled or even added to main dishes.

Lena also discussed gathering, preparing and cooking mussels. An example of what foods that were eaten in an average meal long ago could include: dumas, mussels, green sturgeon, acorns, skunk cabbage leaves, deer meat, salmon and Himalaya berries.

Many of our elders contributed their knowledge and experience to the presentation. Shu shaa nin la, Lena McCovey, for sharing your knowledge and experience about local Native foods with us.



Submitted by Lenora Hall

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Smith River Rancheria Tribal Council and Staff wish you a Happy Winter Solstice and safe Holiday Season!

Fish & Game Committee



Clockwise above: Rosa Laucci, Briannon Fraley, Troy Travis, and Jaytuk Steinruck. Next: Russ Crabtree, Kurt Miller, and Eric Brundin. Also present, Denise Padgette.

Topics discussed at the Fish & Game Committee meeting included:

- Marine Protected Area/MME Policy
- Wildlife Conservation
- Red Tides
- Gravel Mining Impacts



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Waa 'Ee-lee-te (Events)

Dec 3	Ch'ee-t'u Circle - 6:00 pm (see below)
Dec 7	Title VII Fundraiser Dinner (see page 15)
Dec 8	Drum Making and Heart Art Call 707-487-9255, ext. 3170 for more information
Dec 11	Regular Session Tribal Council Meeting - 6:00 pm Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Hall Community Center
Dec 13	Wee'-ya' (Language) Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino
Dec 14	January Newsletter Deadline
Dec 15	Drum Making Call 707-487-9255, ext. 3170 for more information
Dec 19	Waa-tr'-vslh-'a~ (Culture) Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino
Dec 21	Candlelight Vigil - 4:00 pm at Yan-daa-k'vt Village
Dec 22	Tribal Children's Christmas Party - 2:00 pm-5:00 pm at Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Hall Community Center
Dec 24	Tribal Office Closed at 12:00 pm
Dec 25	Tribal Office Closed



CH'EE-T'U CIRCLE

Dee-dvn-la, When: Monday Nights

Dvt-la, Where: Howonquet Hall

Ghvt-ti~lh, Time: 6:00-8:00p

Begins December 3, 2012

Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Nutrition Center Menu - December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Ravioli	4 Beef over Noodles	5 Chicken and Vegetable Soup	6 Liver and Onions	7 Lima Beans with Ham
10 Bean & Cheese Burrito	11 Meatloaf	12 Split Pea Soup	13 Stroganoff	14 Holiday Lunch
17 Chili Relleno	18 Spaghetti	19 Soup and Sandwich	20 Fish and Chips	21 Breakfast
24 HOLIDAY	25 HOLIDAY	26 Chili	27 Chicken Fiesta	28 Salisbury Steak
31 HOLIDAY				

Lunch served @ 12:00 pm
Reserve Lunch @ 707-487-4463
 Menu Subject to Change
 101 Indian Court in Smith River

Suggested donations:
 Elders 55+, \$2 (some are free) Under 55, \$7

Tai Chi - Every Wednesday, 12:30 pm
BP/BS Checks—call CHR @ 487-0215,
 464-2919, or 482-2181
RepChem 3rd Wednesday



SMITH RIVER RANCHERIA
Housing Department

..is now taking application for the beautiful new **See-waa-dvn Apartments**. Adult Community apartments are now ready for occupancy.



NEWLY BUILT

- 2 Bedrooms
- 1 Bath
- 1 Car Garage
- All new electric appliances: Dishwasher, Microwave, Oven, Stovetop,
- Laundry Facility: Washer & Dryer
- Central Heating and Air Conditioning

Close to **House of Howonquet, Lucky 7 Casino, Senior Nutrition Center, UIHS Clinic** AND **Bingo**. Location is perfect, right in the heart of beautiful Smith River. Please stop by the Smith River Rancheria Office or call Linda Tuttle in the Housing Department for information and/or application. Such a beautiful opportunity for our tribal adult community. Eligibility will be determined based on a point score system.

Linda K. Tuttle, Housing Program Specialist
 707-487-9255 x3140

NOTICE:

On November 3, 2012, The Smith River Rancheria Tribal Council approved the Wastewater Code and it will be posted for public comment for thirty (30) days at the K'vsh-chu Tribal Office located at 140 Rowdy Creek Road in Smith River.

NOAA Funds Awarded

Tolowa Dee-ni' of the Smith River Rancheria is awarded NOAA Funds:

The Tribe has been awarded a one year project by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) a federal agency focused on the condition of the oceans and the atmosphere. The goal of the Tribe's Project is to Build the capacity of West Coast Tribes to coordinate at a regional level to engage in ocean governance and science related to the National Ocean Policy (NOP), Coastal Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP), and the West Coast Governor's Alliance on Ocean Health (WCGA).

The Tribe is seeking participation of interested Tribes on the West Coast to be involved in a number of events including a two-day Indigenous Ocean Science Forum to coordinate and facilitate tribal stakeholder engagement across the entire region. The Forum will identify ways in which indigenous science and management practices should be integrated into regional governance, discuss tribal priorities for regional ocean governance and science, and assess existing tribal familiarity with and active engagement in the NOP, CMSP, and the WCGA processes.

Expected outcomes from the Forum will include a CMSP pilot project, where Six to nine Tribes from California, Oregon, and Washington will be identified to participate. The project will assess the selected tribes geospatial capacity and needs, develop a framework for collecting, analyzing, and ensuring interoperability of geospatial data and standards based on the findings from the Indigenous Ocean Science Forum, and actively assist in the planning of the West Coast Ocean Summit to be held in coordination with the WCGA.

The date for the Forum is slated for early spring, and location for the event is to be determined. Limited scholarships will be available to allow maximum Tribal participation from the coastal Tribes. Information on how to apply will be announced in December 2012. For more information on the Tribe's efforts in Marine Conservation please contact the Smith River Rancheria's Self-Governance Director, Briannon Fraley at briannon.fraley@tolowa.com or visit the Tribe's website at www.tolowansn.gov.

Submitted by Briannon Fraley, Self-Governance Director

Warning! Harmful Algal Bloom (Red Tide) in the Area

Dangerous levels of paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) toxins have been detected in mussels from this region; clams and scallops may also pose a health risk. The naturally occurring PSP toxins can cause illness or death in humans. This warning does not apply to commercially sold clams, mussels, scallops or oysters from approved sources. PSP toxins affect the central nervous system, producing a tingling around the mouth and fingertips within a few minutes to a few hours after eating toxic shellfish. These symptoms are typically followed by loss of balance, lack of muscular coordination, slurred speech and difficulty swallowing. In severe poisonings, complete muscular paralysis and death from asphyxiation can occur. Cooking does not destroy the toxin.

We realize that the Tribe has been harvesting and consuming clams and mussels since before there were **Red Tide** warnings, so if you wish to continue to do so through this warning, do so at your own risk. All we ask is that you refrain from giving any possibly contaminated shellfish to Elders, youth and anyone with a weakened immune system, as they may not be able to handle it if they are exposed to PSP. Thank you!

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and our culture

The Smith River Rancheria is working with surrounding tribes and MPA Monitoring Enterprise to conduct marine monitoring of the MPAs off our coast. In order to do so we need to create a list of species that would benefit from this monitoring. Not only do we need a general species list, we also need a list of culturally important species to include so these animals are also monitored and successfully preserved for our subsistence and ceremonial practices. Anyone with information about these cultural keystone species should call or email Rosa Laucci, Smith River Rancheria's Marine Biologist who in charge of compiling the species list. We are already aware of the importance of surf smelt, mussels & clams (although more specific species need to be known of each) and salmon – so any other species you can think of to pass along would be much appreciated. Thank you!

Rosa Laucci – 707-487-0930 ext. 3152 or rosa.laucci@tolowa.com

From Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO)

The Rancheria's policy is to provide every reasonable opportunity for employment to Tribal Members. To do this we need to be aware of who is seeking employment and what qualifications you have. I am mentioning this because between the Rancheria and Casino there are over a hundred different job classifications; any number of which you may be qualified to perform. People usually only think of jobs they have held; other experiences such as a volunteer and student teach useful skills which would help you get a job. Only Human Resources needs to hear from you—preferably—with a completed employment application accenting all of your skills.

A listing of the different job classifications and a fillable application can be found on the Rancheria's web site under TERO <http://www.tolowansn.gov/departments/tero>. Look over the list noting any you are interested in and send a completed application by fax, E-mail, or snail mail to Human Resources at 707-487-0930, Human Resources Office at 140 Rowdy Creek Road, Smith River, California 95567. Tribal Members with an application on file will be considered when a position becomes available.

Submitted by Darrell Moorehead, TERO Office

RFP for Indian Health Services Feasibility Study of Compacting

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Smith River Rancheria ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian tribe of Tolowa Indians that is located three miles south of the Oregon-California border in northwest California.

The Smith River Rancheria has received funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Services (IHS) Title V Program to conduct an IHS feasibility study on the responsibilities of assuming Programs, Services, Functions and Activities ("PSFA's") all or in part through compacting under Title V.

The Tribe is soliciting proposals for the IHS Feasibility Study of Compacting under Title V ("Project") from qualified Contractors that will enable the SRR governing body to assess the Tribes current health care system, identify areas of weakness and strengths, and evaluate areas of improvement in the current system of health care the Tribe partakes in. The Tribe is blossoming in its capacity and has a desire to expand services to meet the needs of its people, this research into IHS, funding, current health operations, and the Tribe's capacity will improve the Tribes current approach to the health system.

Interested parties shall comply with the Smith River Rancheria Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance ("TERO").

The Smith River Rancheria is located adjacent to the Pacific Ocean in the far northwest tip of California and three miles south of the Oregon border. The Rancheria is checkerboard and consists of approximately 600 acres, some of which is awaiting trust status. Highway 101 bisects the Rancheria and the west side properties include Prince Island, a portion of lower Lopez Creek, and a site at the mouth of the Smith River. The existing Rancheria is within the aboriginal territory of the Tolowa People and includes many sacred and culturally significant areas. The Federally established service area for the Smith River Rancheria includes Del Norte and Humboldt counties in California and Curry, Josephine and Jackson counties in Oregon.

The Tribe encourages proposals from small businesses, disabled veteran-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, firms owned by under-represented ethnic groups and local firms.

SCOPE OF WORK

The Tribe deems it expedient to issue this Request for Proposal ("RFP") for the Project in order for applicants ("Respondents") to submit proposals to the Tribe. It is expected that the successful Respondent's deliverables will include, but not necessarily be limited to the following:

- Research and compile a report of funds available through the IHS budget and present the findings to the Self-governance Director.

- Identify PSFAs available to compact and identify funding amounts all or in part of such PSFA's available to the Tribe.
- Look at the IHS process for funding equation generated from population and how cash flow is generated.
- Identify and compile resources from IHS, and prepare a summary of effective measures that the Tribe will need to take in order to successfully execute a Title V compact.
- Work with the Self-Governance Director and the Tribe's CFO to develop a detailed budget to express the costs the Tribe will assume given several scenarios that will be presented to the governing body of the Tribe.
- Work with the Self-Governance Director to develop a plan to inform UIHS of the planning cooperative agreement and request access to records to perform an analysis of current services being provided.
- Compare the level of services provided under the current health system through contracting to the level of services the Tribe will have the ability to provide per compacting program assumption and compile a factual record to the Self-governance Director.
- Provide monthly progress reports to the Self-Governance Director on activities accomplished
- Produce three scenarios pertaining to Compacting in conjunction with the Self-Governance Director to the Tribal government that will describe the responsibilities of the Tribe when assuming all or part of the PSFA's.
- Work with the Self-Governance Director to develop a professionally bound Final document that will include a compilation of the monthly reports from the consultant and Self-Governance Director, a factual record, demographic analysis, activity accomplishments, and objective and goal accomplishments, detailed scenarios that will be identified through the research, analysis, and compilation of information with final recommendations to the Tribal Leadership as to the next steps in Self-Governance related to Health

All work done to support this RFP should be considered "custom" tailored to meet the needs of the Tribe. The Tribe desires that all deliverables requested in the development, design, and implementation of Project allow changes and modifications without the need for additional consulting services.

RFP RESPONSE FORMAT AND CONTENT

All Respondents are required to follow the RFP response ("Response") format specified below. The content of the Response must be clear, concise, and complete. Each section of the RESPONSE shall be tabbed according to the numbering system shown below to aid in expedient information retrieval.

1. Cover - Include the RFP title, due date, and principal contact information (name, address, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail address).

2. Table of Contents - Include a complete and clear listing of headings and pages to allow easy reference to key information.

3. Cover Letter - The cover letter should be brief (two pages maximum) and any changes to the format or deletions of requested materials should be explained in the cover letter. Please include the following in your cover letter:

- Describe why your firm considers itself to be best qualified to master the project strategy and perform the work required in a responsive manner;
- Describe how the delivery of services will be provided to the Tribe including the location of the Respondent's offices and expected response times to the Tribe's requests;
- Describe those conditions, constraints, or problems that are unique to the scope of work that may adversely affect either cost or delivery dates;
- Identify team members and include the title and signature of the Respondent's contact person for this project. The signatory shall be a person with official authority to bind the Respondent.
- If the Respondent is proposing to joint-partner with another principal firm, the cover letter must specify the type of services to be provided by each firm.

4. Methods and Strategic Plan - Describe your preliminary approach, methodology and plan to carry out the Scope of Work. Describe the anticipated interaction with the Tribe. Provide an outline of your anticipated schedule for completing activities proposed within the scope of work beginning with issuance of a Notice to Proceed.

5. Qualifications and Experience - This section shall contain the following:

- Relevant information regarding previous experience related to the Project, including names and addresses of previous and existing clients (especially tribal and/or local governments); and
- Prior experience working with the Indian Health Service Health system, a thorough understanding of IHS policies and procedures, experience completing activities related to IHS planning grants and compacts, comprehensive budgetary analysis, data computation and analysis, at least three recent and relevant examples of project accomplishments; and
- Prior experience in the design and delivery of projects funded by Federal and State Agencies for the benefit of a Tribal Government; and

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RFP, continued

- The Respondent's experiences in the past five (5) years specifically related to the scope of work. These should be listed consecutively with the awarding and completion dates noted for each work effort. Each listed experience shall include the name(s) and telephone number(s) of the Respondent's project manager and the client's project manager. When listing sub-consultants, describe the listed experience and the exact tasks that each performed.

6. List of Project Personnel - This list should include the identification of the contact person with primary project responsibility, the personnel proposed for this project, if any, and any supervisory personnel, including co-venture partners and/or sub-consultants (if any), and their individual areas of responsibility. The persons listed will be considered as committed to the project. A résumé for each professional and technical person assigned to the project, including partners and/or sub-consultants, shall be submitted. The résumés shall include at least two references from previous assignments.

7. Organization Chart/Proposed Project Team - An organization chart containing the names of all key personnel, joint venture partners (if any) and sub-consultants, if any, with titles and their specific task assignment for this contract shall be provided in this section.

8. Other Information - This section shall contain all other pertinent information regarding this submittal in the following order:

- A. Description of insurance coverage for prime respondent and co-venture partner(s) (types of coverage and policy limits, deductible, exclusions, and outstanding claims);
- B. Description of in-house resources for prime respondent (i.e., computer capabilities, software applications, and modeling programs, etc.);
- C. Copy of valid DBE/DVBE/MBE/SBE/WBE certification certificates of listed firms to be utilized in this project for prime Respondent, co-venture partner(s), subconsultants, and/or vendors.

9. Schedule of Rates – The Respondent shall provide one Schedule of Rates in a sealed envelope. Please include projected overall project cost and hourly rates of all team members assigned to this endeavor including those costs associated with sub-consultants or joint-venture partners.

RESPONSE EVALUATION CRITERIA

Submittals received by the Tribe will be evaluated according to the criteria listed below:

1. Conformance to the specified RESPONSE format;
2. Organization, presentation, and content of the RESPONSE;

3. Specialized experience and technical competence of the contractor, including principal firms, joint venture partners (if any), and subcontractors (if any) considering the types of service required including relevant work related to the Project Scope of Work;
4. The presence of a Project manager or team member having a minimum of five (5) years relevant experience with an emphasis on Tribal Health System projects;
5. Proposed approach, methodology and plan to provide the proposed services in a timely and competent manner;
6. Knowledge and understanding of the local environment and a local presence for interfacing with the Tribe;
7. A willingness to make meaningful wide-ranging subcontracting and employment opportunities available to all interested and qualified firms and individuals in the marketplace;
8. Financial stability of the Respondent, which can include annual financial reports or any such financial information that would indicate the financial condition of the firm; and
9. Ability to meet the insurance requirements as stated in the "Terms and Conditions" section of this RFP unless the Tribe, at its sole discretion, decides to modify or waive the insurance requirements.

SELECTION PROCESS

A Pre-Selection Committee will review the proposals and "short-list" the most qualified Respondents utilizing the evaluation criteria listed above. A Selection Committee will be formed to interview the short-list Respondents.

PRE-SUBMITTAL MEETING

None

PROJECT TIMELINE

The following timeline has been established for the RFP selection process:

- RFP Issued Friday, November 9, 2012
- Responses received by 5 p.m., Monday, December 10, 2012
- Evaluate Proposals, December 11 – December 14, 2012
- Notification of Award Wednesday, December 17, 2012

RFP DEADLINE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

One (1) original and three (3) copies of the RESPONSE shall be delivered no later than 5:00 PM, Monday, December 10, 2012.

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Incomplete Responses, incorrect information, or late Responses shall be cause for disqualification. Copies received by FAX shall **not** be deemed received.

REVIEW COMMITTEE

The review committee will be comprised of Tribe staff.

INCURRED COSTS

The Tribe shall not be responsible for any liabilities, costs, expenses, loss or damage incurred, sustained or suffered by any Respondent(s) prior or subsequent to or by reason of the acceptance or non-acceptance by the Tribe of any proposal by reason of any delay in the acceptance of a proposal.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

The Tribe shall not be held liable for any errors or omissions in any part of this RFP. While the Tribe has used considerable effort to ensure an accurate representation of information in this RFP, the information contained in the RFP is supplied solely as a guideline for Contractors. The information is not guaranteed or warranted to be accurate by the Tribe, nor is it necessarily comprehensive or exhaustive.

LICENSING AND REPORTING

Contractor must submit a completed Internal Revenue Service W-9 for Tax purposes.

FINAL CONTRACT AGREEMENT

The Contractor selected to provide the scope of services shall use the Tribe's standard Professional Services Agreement. A template copy of this agreement is attached to this RFP. By submitting a proposal for the work, the Consultant agrees to utilize the Tribe standard agreement form for the contract. Contractually required insurance coverage and endorsement information is shown in the body of the document

RIGHT TO WITHDRAW RFP OR REJECT RFP RESPONSE(S)

Issuance of this RFP does not commit the Tribe to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this request, or to procure a contract for services.

The Tribe retains the right to reject any or all Responses for any reasons. Selection is also dependent upon the negotiation of a mutually acceptable contract with the successful Respondent.

*Submitted by Briannon Fraley
Self-Governance Director*

Lheth-xat-nee-dvn (Councilor's Place)

The National Congress of American Indians had the 2012 Annual Convention in Sacramento, California on October 21-26, 2012. Councilors' Denise Richards-Padgette, Dr. Joe Giannetti and I attended the convention. We also supported Jalea Walker to attend in that she was running for election on the youth commission.

A major discussion at the convention was protecting our sacred lands. Protection of and access to Indian sacred places is a key priority for Indigenous peoples on both the domestic and international fronts. There were international experts and federal representatives to discuss international and domestic strategies for protecting Indian religious and cultural sites.

Another topic discussed was how to use technology to sustain our culture and improve academic achievement. All around Indian Country, Tribes are taking advantage of digital tools such as apps and distance learning to improve academic achievement, better integrate Native cultures into schools, and teach Native languages to the younger generations. They highlighted some of these initiatives and discussed how Tribes have formed partnerships with technology companies, universities, school districts, and others to make these innovations a reality in their communities.

Recently, on the Dr. Phil show, the Indian Child Welfare Act was discussed. It was a very opinionated show that had one side of the issue represented. At this convention the "Strengthening Native Families through Indian Child Welfare" was important. Financing and providing culturally appropriate, accessible child welfare services that prioritize keeping families together are significant challenges. To overcome these obstacles, Tribes are putting unique policies in place, using available funding in creative ways, and developing partnerships with state governments and other service providers. They illustrated how Tribes can enhance Indian child welfare practices, including pathways to permanency, to better serve Native children and families.

There were numerous great workshops provided to the attendees. Our Tribal team went to many of the workshops offered and made many important network connections.

Submitted by: Lenora Hall



*Lenora Hall, Maria Watchman, and Denise Padgette
Mariah spoke at the NCAI Youth Commission*

Smith River Tribal Council attends NCAI Our Rights; Our Sovereignty

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and several California tribes hosted the 69th Annual Convention & Marketplace in Sacramento, CA in October. The Convention started with a welcome by Jefferson Keel, President of NCAI followed by Color Guard-Tule River Native American Veterans Post 1987.

Over the course of meetings and events the focus was on the rights and sovereignty of American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. NCAI convened its General Assembly then educational breakout sessions, and cultural celebrations. All with the purpose of engaging Indian Country in reconnecting with NCAI's original mission, to serve as the unified voice of Indian Country and protect the rights and sovereignty of tribal nations.

Presentations were given by; Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Services, Department of Health Juvenile Justice and Veterans Administration.

Jalea Walker-Smith River Rancheria Tribal Member succeeded in attaining a seat on the NCAI Youth Commission as a Member at Large. Several Teens competed to try and be an Elected Officer of the Youth Commission from all over the US. Congratulations Jalea.

Billy Mills-Oglala Lakota and Olympic Gold Medalist was a guest speaker at the NCAI Convention. Billy grew up on the Pine Ridge reservation and is a symbol of hope and courage. His story reaches far beyond his travels as he sparks widespread inspiration in Native communities nationwide. Billy spoke about supporting Indian-led programs such as "Running Strong", the program is to remind youth that they are capable of creating their own future and to be proud of who you are. For more information on some of the programs check out; <http://www.indianyouth.org/>

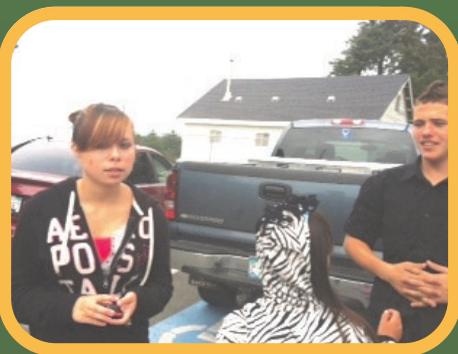
Submitted by Denise Padgette

TRIBAL CHILDRENS HALLOWEEN PARTY



These pictures are of the SRR Tribal Halloween Party held October 27th, 2012. There was a really good turn out with about 100 people in attendance. The children all looked really cute dressed up in their Halloween costumes. They played musical chairs, tried to break the piñata & had some good snacks.

A big thank you to the Events Committee for putting so many smiles on little faces.



Submitted by Denise Padgette

BEACH CLEAN-UP AUGUST 9, 2012



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SAVE THE DATE

YAN-DAA-K'VT VILLAGE CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

With the World Renewal and Winter Solstice time approaching, it is also time again to hold our Annual Candlelight Vigil held at the center of our world, Yan-daa-k'vt. We hold this vigil in order to gather together to honor and remember our ancestors and our Holocaust. During the Nee-dash World Renewal Ceremony in 1853 our Tolowa Dee-ni' ancestors experienced a horrifying mass execution by the settlers of Del Norte and Curry Counties where over 450 ancestors were annihilated in one night. This massacre is the second largest recorded single mass destruction of Indians in American history.

The Tolowa Dee-ni' Holocaust campaign began in 1851 and ended in 1856 during which time eight-thousand of our people perished. Our current generation are the survivors of the one-hundred and fifty years since this onslaught of invasion to our homelands began. Although our contact history is painful, we have continued on and grown into the Tribe we are today. We have come along way as a people, displaying our strength and courage as our Tolowa Dee-ni' ancestors have before us. We want to acknowledge this tender past with somber reverence and a healing heartfelt understanding.

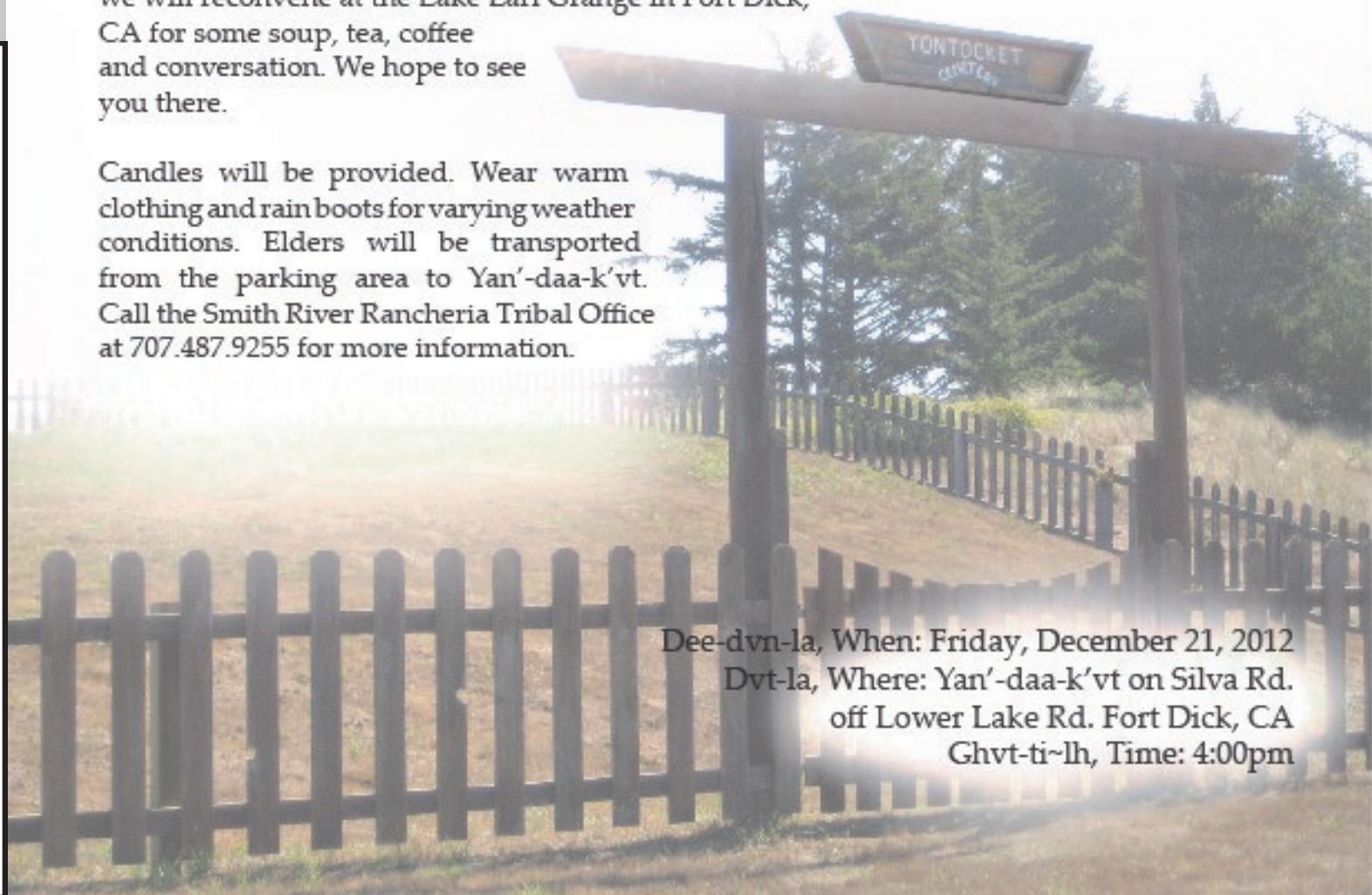
Family and friends are welcome to attend this evening of prayer and remembrance. We will meet at the Lake Earl Grange to organize carpooling to Yan'-daa-k'vt. After the Vigil we will reconvene at the Lake Earl Grange in Fort Dick, CA for some soup, tea, coffee and conversation. We hope to see you there.

Candles will be provided. Wear warm clothing and rain boots for varying weather conditions. Elders will be transported from the parking area to Yan'-daa-k'vt. Call the Smith River Rancheria Tribal Office at 707.487.9255 for more information.

Volunteers are welcome to help with the Candlelight Vigil.

Please contact Amanda O'Connell in the Culture Department if you would like to help.

707-487-9255
ext. 3174



Dee-dvn-la, When: Friday, December 21, 2012
Dvt-la, Where: Yan'-daa-k'vt on Silva Rd.
off Lower Lake Rd. Fort Dick, CA
Ghvt-ti-lh, Time: 4:00pm

The Twelve Sites of Social Security

One of the most popular traditional holiday songs is “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” It’s been a holiday favorite since it was published in 1780. Last year, we introduced our own classic: “The Twelve Sites of Social Security.” It was a big hit, so we’ve remixed it for the new holiday season.

For the first site of Social Security, we present to you: our home page, www.socialsecurity.gov. It’s the place to go for all things Social Security. Everything you could want — from online services and benefit screening tools to publications and press releases — you can find easily from this starting place.

For the second site of Social Security, we present to you: our brand new online *Statement*. You’ll find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement. The *Statement* provides you with a personalized estimate of future Social Security benefits — retirement, disability, and survivors. It also provides your earnings record for your lifetime, allowing you to check to make sure your earnings are posted correctly.

For the third site of Social Security, we present to you: an easy way to learn how to replace your Social Security card at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

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And a partridge in a pear tree. Find it all (except the partridge and pear tree) at www.socialsecurity.gov.

*By Amanda Donahue
Social Security District Manager
in the Crescent City Office*



Decorate Efficiently

When one goes out, they all go out, right? Wrong, if you use light-emitting diodes to do your holiday decorating. These hardy, energy-saving lights are guaranteed to give you one less thing to worry about so you can better focus on the joys of the season.

Why are LED holiday lights better than traditional bulbs? LEDs are now on par with traditional bulbs. Gone are the days when LED holiday lights were known for a harsh white light or stark colors that created a less than-magical atmosphere. These days, LEDs come in warm, inviting colors in

a variety of light beam patterns and dimming speeds, giving you lots of creative options for decorating. LEDs last longer than traditional lights. In fact, they have a life span of about 20,000 hours, enough to last for 40 holiday seasons. The lights don't have glass or filaments, which makes them durable and resistant to breaking. Because LED bulbs are so strong, one bad bulb generally does not darken the entire strand.

For those enthusiastic decorators who like to blanket their entire house and yard in holiday lights, LEDs could save hours of painstaking work each year. LEDs use less energy, which means less strain on your winter electric bill. Running LEDs on one 6-foot-tall Christmas tree for 12 hours a day for 40 days can save at least 90 percent, compared with traditional incandescent lights.

Because they use less energy, LEDs make it safer to connect multiple strands end-to-end without overloading the wall socket. Also, they are cool to the touch, reducing the risk of fire. Look for brands and manufacturers of Energy Star-qualified LED decorative light strings at www.energystar.gov.

Submitted by Malcolm Champlain
Source: www.ruralite.org

Holiday Entertaining Can Be Draining

By Brian Sloboda

Holidays can be draining: dinner at the in-laws', parties at work and school, buying, wrapping, unwrapping and cleaning up.

At the end of a long day this season it is nice to fire up the big-screen TV and watch "It's a Wonderful Life."

Yet when you go to bed, your TV and home entertainment system don't really take a rest.

Many of these devices, as well as your computer equipment, use energy even when turned off. For example, your HDTV could be remembering the last channel you viewed or the language you speak, or trying to turn on faster.

This power draw is commonly called "phantom" or "vampire" load.

According to Lawrence Berkeley

National Laboratory, the average home attributes 8 percent of its monthly electricity consumption to these energy vampires.

Fortunately, TVs and DVD players often have power-saving settings in the setup menu.

Although altering the factory settings usually means the unit will take a few more seconds to start, it is worth taking a look if you want to trim your electric bill.

If there is no power-saving option, slay that energy vampire by using a smart power strip.

This technology allows you to plug devices into a specially marked section of the strip to keep power flowing to them, while letting you turn off other items.

You can shut off your stereo, DVD player or audio system without losing the ability to record

programs to a DVR or VCR or having to reprogram the TV every time you want to watch a show.

There is a catch. If you unplug your television or cable/satellite receiver box, it usually has to run its initial setup program when switched back on. Depending on the model, it could take up to 20 minutes for channels to be recognized, and you may have to reset preferences.

Most of us aren't willing to do that every day.

The bottom line is, entertaining doesn't have to drain your budget. In fact, the money you save by eliminating the energy vampires in your home may even be enough to go out to a movie. ■

Brian Sloboda is a program manager specializing in energy efficiency for the Cooperative Research Network.



*Pre-lit Christmas trees featuring Energy Smart LED light sets use as much as 80 percent less energy and last longer.
Photo courtesy of General electric*

Top 10 Must-Have Indigenous iPhone Apps

Don't have enough time to sift through 300,000+ apps to find the good ones? We've done the work for you and compiled 10 must-have apps that will save you time, make your life easier and make you smile.

1) American Indian Magazine: American Indian is the award-winning magazine of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. From Alaska's Native villages to the Andean communities of South America, American Indian tells inspiring and enlightening stories illustrated with glorious photography and video.

2) Native American Encyclopedia: Native American Encyclopedia is the largest and only online encyclopedia devoted exclusively to Native Americans, American Indians, Métis, Inuit, First Nations, Aboriginal Peoples, and our communities in North America.

3) Tribal Casinos Indian Gaming: Search 449 casinos from 238 tribes!

4) PowWows.com: PowWows.com is your source for all things Native American Pow Wow since 1996. PowWows.com is your portal to explore Native American life, culture and history through photos, videos, forums, Pow Wow Calendar, Native American Information, and more.

5) Pow Wow Radio: Pow Wow Radio - Your free 24/7 online station for Native American Pow Wow Music

6) Indian Law Programs - Native American Law School Centers: This is the ultimate indian law school programs directory for Indian Country!

7) First Peoples of North America for iPad: This digital resource from the makers of the Manual for the United States of America app includes: -Directory of over 800 Indian Nations in the US and Canada -Historical documents and legal texts

8) FirstVoices Chat: FirstVoices Chat is a multilingual texting app with keypads serving over 100 Indigenous languages. The app was developed in response to First Nation youth who want to communicate via social media in their own languages. Most Indigenous writing systems use unique characters previously unavailable in mobile technologies.

9) Medicinal Herbs: This cool FREE app gives you the best info of many traditional herbs & botanicals used in complementary & alternative medicine (CAM).

10) FireMountain Catalogue: Your favorite jewelry-making catalog is now more portable than ever. Fire Mountain Gems and Beads Catalog app enables you access to the latest catalogs to shop online right on your iPhone, iPod touch or iPad. Now you can view the latest beads, findings and other jewelry-making supplies whenever (and wherever) you want!

Submitted by FastHorseMarketing.com

Original article located at <http://www.fasthorsemarketing.com/top-10-indigenous-iphone-apps>



**Title VII American Indian Education
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**~Prime Rib Dinner Fundraiser~
~Dance & Silent Auction~**

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On December 7, 2012

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White House Press Release

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
For Immediate Release November 1, 2012
NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2012

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION

As the first people to live on the land we all cherish, American Indians and Alaska Natives have profoundly shaped our country's character and our cultural heritage. Today, Native Americans are leaders in every aspect of our society -- from the classroom, to the boardroom, to the battlefield. This month, we celebrate and honor the many ways American Indians and Alaska Natives have enriched our Nation, and we renew our commitment to respecting each tribe's identity while ensuring equal opportunity to pursue the American dream.

In paying tribute to Native American achievements, we must also acknowledge the parts of our shared history that have been marred by violence and tragic mistreatment. For centuries, Native Americans faced cruelty, injustice, and broken promises. As we work together to forge a brighter future, we cannot shy away from the difficult aspects of our past. That is why, in 2009, I signed a bipartisan resolution that finally recognized the sad and painful chapters in our shared history. My Administration remains dedicated to writing a new chapter in that history by strengthening our government-to-government relationship with tribal nations while enhancing tribal sovereignty and tribal self-determination.

Because we know that the best ideas for tribal nations come from within, my Administration has continued to engage tribal leaders in developing an agenda that respects their expertise on matters affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives. In collaboration with tribal nations, we are making critical investments to improve health and education services, create jobs, and strengthen tribal economies. In July, I was proud to sign the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act into law, which will enhance tribal control over the leasing of Indian lands. Last December, I signed an Executive Order to expand educational opportunities for Native American students. It aims to preserve Native languages, cultures, and histories while offering a competitive education that prepares young people to succeed in college and careers. And under the Tribal Law and Order Act and the Safe Indian Communities initiative, we are continuing to work with tribes to build safer communities. My Administration also supports the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Many longstanding Native American legal claims against the United States have been resolved, which will help accelerate the restoration of trust in our relationships with tribal nations. The settlements that came out of these claims -- including the historic Cobell and Keepseagle settlements, as well as more than 50 settlements in cases alleging Federal mismanagement of tribal trust funds and resources -- will put an end to decades of litigation and help drive economic development in tribal communities in the years to come.

In partnership with tribal nations, my Administration has addressed injustices and built new avenues of opportunity for American Indians and Alaska Natives. As we celebrate National Native American Heritage Month, let us move forward in the spirit of mutual understanding and mutual trust, confident that our challenges can be met and that our shared future is bright.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2012 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 23, 2012, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

BARACK OBAMA



Making the Best of Change



Change is a natural part of life. We celebrate the change of seasons, as they remind us there are times for planning and planting, times for growth, times for reaping the results of what we sow, and times for watching things wither. Change will happen; what we do with it makes all the difference.

Change creates stress. A small amount of stress is good for us, making us think faster and be physically ready for whatever happens. Lots of stress, day after day, wears us down, causing us to have mental, emotional, and physical problems, which creates more stress.

How can we make the best of Change? There is no one-size-fits-all answer, but here are some ideas – try them, and use what works for you: Control the parts of the change you can. Lost your job? Look for a new one. Go to the Work Force Center and learn what is out there. Take training classes. Volunteer in an area that interests you – the contacts you make may lead to a job.

Many people distract their minds by cleaning. Clean out your truck, your shop, clean house, clean out closets, whatever. By cleaning, you leave room for good things to come in.

Do things that matter to you – don't wait for life to settle down or change, because life IS everything we are experiencing RIGHT NOW. Do the things important to you.

Create a ritual. No matter what your spiritual belief, a ritual helps you focus your intention for a good outcome. Light a candle or sit out in Nature. Write down what you want to happen. Meditate on it and/or pray; see the thing happening. Then burn the paper and release the request to Creator.

Some people thrive on change, saying it keeps their life interesting. But if you find yourself always seeking change, stop and ask why. Is there something you are trying to escape? You will not be able to leave your issues behind. Deal with what is really bothering you, and if that means change, do it in a healthy way.

Change will always be a part of life, but if we learn to work with it, rather than let it run rough-shod over us, we will be healthier and happier. Shvm dee-svk (it's all good).

Submitted by Judith Burke, Social Worker

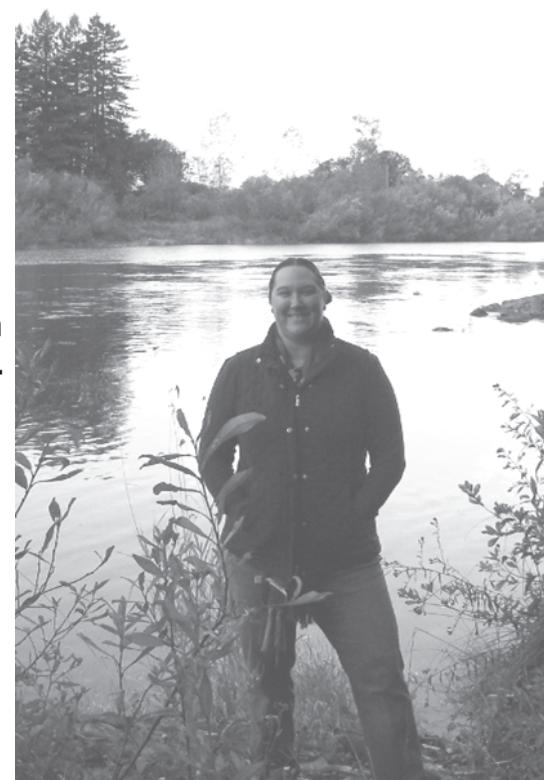


Meet Rosa Laucci

Meet Rosa Laucci, our new Marine Biologist

Rosa comes to us from Arnold, a little town in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Chemistry from CSU Stanislaus and received her Master's Degree in Marine Biology & Coastal Zone Management from Nova Southeastern University in Florida. She has worked for California Fish & Game, working with Chinook salmon and benthic organisms, and for Florida State Parks, working as a ranger who tended to the preservation of a historic lighthouse. However, not only is she an avid naturalist, but she loves books as well. She has worked for her school's medical library, Barnes & Noble and her family-owned bookstore. Because of this passion for both science and books, her attention to detail is excellent and loves to organize anything she can get her hands on.

She will be working on our MPA Monitoring project, helping with marine spatial planning, wetland mitigation, the Fish & Game Committee and other projects as the need arises. This new position poses many challenges and it has already been a great learning experience for her. She's looking forward to making a difference in the marine environment as well as with the Tribe in their pursuit of governing their natural resources.



Ch'ee-nvk-t'i (Announcements)

Nature's Coastal Holiday at Azalea Park

Event Description Brookings' Azalea Park is transformed into a Holiday Wonderland with 500,000 lights and sculptors, attracting thousands of people from around the Northwest.

Event Location Azalea Park, Old County Road in Brookings, Oregon
Entrance is through either the upper or lower parking lots.

Date/Time Information

Open nightly from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Opening the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 23th and running through Christmas Eve, December 24th.

Admission for adults is \$1.00 each. Children under twelve are free. Admission includes hot cider and cookies. Donations for cider and cookies gladly accepted.



Nee-san-naa-xee-ch'aa-ta Num-nii~ma~s (December)

Happy Birthday

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Ch'ee-nvk-t'i (Announcements)



Daniel Shae Thompson, a Smith River Rancheria Tribal Member, recently graduated the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California on Friday October 19, 2012. He was in Alpha Company, Platoon 1007, and is a rifle expert. He was the youngest Marine Recruit in his platoon. He will continue his training in Infantry at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton in San Diego County.

Daniel graduated from McKinleyville High School in McKinleyville, California, in June 2012, where he took Yurok and Tribal Language classes, and took part in many brush dances his senior year. He is extremely proud of his heritage and has encouraged his entire family.

Daniel is the son of the late Jeffery Thompson (Tolowa) formerly of Brookings, Oregon, and Sarah Cheadle-Kenworthy (husband David) of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Daniel is the grandson of John Thompson (Yurok) of Brookings, Oregon, and Smith River Rancheria Tribal Member Cheyenne Blagden-Williams (husband Richard) also of Brookings, Oregon. He has many local family and Tribal Members who are very proud of this achievement.

Submitted by Daniel's Aunt, Miranda Lampley



Darcie Boardman with her first elk.
A 6x4 bull taken Oct. 26, 2012



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Auntie Andromeda,
Uncle Robert
and Cousin Elora



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