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BISHOP TRIBAL NEWSLETTER Official Newsletter of the Bishop Paiute Tribe



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Tribal Appreciation Night





On Wednesday, November 15th, 2023, Tribal Appreciation Night was held at the Wanaaha Casino. Elders were allowed in at 4:30pm, and the rest of the Tribal members at 5pm. All were treated to a buffet style dinner, in a well decorated setting, in the old Paiute Palace area of the casino.

Following dinner, names were drawn for ca<mark>sh prizes</mark> and games were held for the Tribal members.

The Bishop Paiute Tribe thanks the Wanaaha Casino staff and management for all of their hard work to make this a special night for Tribal members.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & UPDATES

Regular Tribal Council Meetings: *December 15th 5:30pm* *Only Regular Tribal Council Meeting for December*

> Tribal Court: December 13th - 9:30am

Bishop Tribal Youth Council Meetings: December 3rd - 4pm December 17th - 4pm December 31st - 4pm (Bishop Indian Education Center)

Tribal Offices Closed: December 8th - Employee Winter Gathering December 22nd & 25th - Christmas December 29th & January 1, 2024 - New Years





BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE 2023 SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE CONSTITUTION.

SPECIAL ELECTION: Tuesday, December 19th, 2023 Polls Open at 7:00 AM and Close at 6:00 PM

VOTERS LIST

<u>Preliminary Voters List</u>: The preliminary voter's list will be posted at the Bishop Paiute Tribal Office on November 14th, 2023. Members, whose names do not appear, MUST REGISTER to vote by November 28th, 2023, by 5:00 pm. Registration forms are available at the Bishop Paiute Tribal Office 50 Tu Su Lane.

Official Voters List for the Special Election: The OFFICIAL VOTERS LIST will be posted on November 30th, 2023, (no changes will be made after this date) at the Bishop Paiute Tribal Office. This list will be used for the Special Elections for the Bishop Paiute Tribe- Constitution.

Election Day- (5) Five Election Committee members needed. Please submit your letter of intent by December 12th, 2023.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Eligible Voter Sample ballots will be mailed on DECEMBER 1st, 2023. <u>ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE READY FOR PICK- UP OR MAILING ON DECEMBER 4th, 2023.</u> To request an absentee ballot please call the Bishop Paiute Tribal Office at (760) 873-3584.

Eligible Voters may request an absentee ballot to vote and return the absentee ballot to the Tribal Office on the same day or before polls close on Election Day. Absentee ballots for mailing need to be requested no later than **December 11, 2023.** In order to have time for the absentee ballot to be mailed out, and to allow time for the ballot to be received in the mail by <u>Special Election Day-December 19th, 2023.</u>

Grants Update

Dr. Bonnie Bobb Bishop Paiute Tribe Receives \$20,000 Grant from Southern California Edison





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\$10,000 for Bishop Indian Education Center for scholarships and supplies.

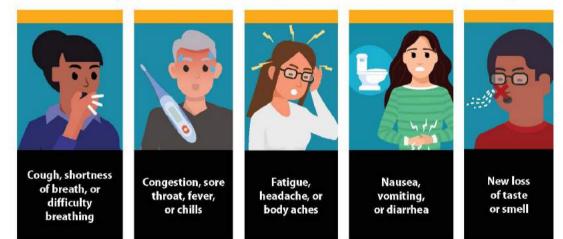
Please be aware that COVID is still active in our community. Even though you may feel fine, COVID remains highly contagious.

Remember, if you have COVID, you could spread it to others in the community, your household and our Elders.

Please DO NOT come to the Tribal Offices if you have or think you may have COVID. We need our staff to remain healthy.



Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, get tested for COVID-19.

Symptoms can range from mild to severe and appear 2–14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Seek medical care immediately if you or someone you know has Emergency Warning Signs of COVID-19: • Trouble breathing • Difficulty waking or staying awake

- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail
- beds, depending on skin tone

This is not a list of all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

BISHOP TRIBAL COUNCIL

Deston Rogers, Public Relations Specialist 50 Tu Su Lane Bishop, California 93514 (760) 873-3584 ext. 1330 email: deston.rogers@bishoppaiute.org



In early 2024, the Bishop Paiute Tribe will be moving to a new Emergency Notification System, called RAVE Mobile Safety. The "RAVE Mobile Safety Emergency Notification System" will expand the Tribe's ability to keep the tribal community informed of various tribal events and emergencies.

One big difference will be the "Sign-Up" process. Each tribal member will have to sign-up, on their own, through the online sign-up process. The process will require the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email address
- Preferred Method of Contact

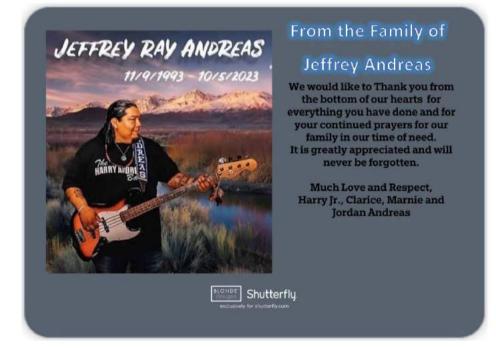
Once a member has signed up, they will have a username and password, that will allow them to change their information, as needed.

Members will also have the option to choose which type of notification they want to receive (i.e., weather events, tribal information, emergency notifications, etc.).

There will be no more paper sign ups.

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If you have any questions, please contact Deston Rogers at 760-873-3584 ext. 1330 or email <u>deston.rogers@bishoppaiute.org</u>.





Family Formation Project - News



Submitted by Katrina Martinez – Family Formation Project Director

Family Formation has collaborated with several family and cultural events such as Fall Gathering and Yuwano Fandango. We participated in running the face painting booth at the Fall Gathering and provided the meal to the community for the Yuwano Fandango. Family Formation is planning cultural craft activities and our Annual New Years Event, which our community always looks forward to.

Family Formation appreciates all of the volunteers and assistance for our larger events. Our staff works hard to serve our community in every way possible to have the best possible outcomes.

Family Formation Tips

•Family Formation reminds everyone, in this colder season, we all still need to stay hydrated. The recommended amount of paya we should be drinking is half our weight in ounces, of paya, per day. This allows our bodies to function properly and flush out all the toxins and waste in our bodies.

•Please dress in appropriate clothing for the cold weather conditions. This is especially important for our little ones! (If you are cold, your little ones are colder).

•Please check on your elders and ensure that their needs are being met.

Please make sure that your chimneys are clean. We need to ensure that we are being fire safe.



Bishop Paiute Tribe Community Development Department 48 Tu Su Lane • Bishop, CA 93514 • (760) 872-4356 • Fax: (760) 872-4806

Attention Bishop Paiute Tribal Members,

HIP Applications will be due by Friday, December 15, 2023. If you need an application please stop by the CDD office and pick one up.

Also reminder that Recertification packets were already mailed out and are due by January 31, 2024. If you have a current application in and are on the waiting list please make sure to update your application to stay on the waiting list.

If you have any questions, please call CDD office at 760-872-4356

Bishop Indian Education Center

Within the month of November, the Bishop Indian Education Center staff and youth were invited to participate in a variety of events and activities including the Yuuwano Gathering hosted by the Owen's Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center. The Bishop Tribal Youth Council assisted the Toiyabe youth outreach program in facilitating the youth games at the Yuuwano, as well as members Ashley Johnston and Alyssa Reno announcing raffle prize winners.

The Bishop Indian Education Center was proud to assist the BES liaisons in providing a Native American Heritage Month assembly for grades K-5. The guest presenter was Sage Romero from AkAmya culture group, along with a group of student dancers who provided a great representation of the diverse styles of powwow dance styles, as well as drum songs shared by Miss Bishop Paiute Tribe, Chelsey Gallardo.

The Bishop Tribal Youth Council was honored to assist in this year's Veterans Day celebration by placing flags at the Sunland Indian Cemetery and by supporting the Veterans honoring luncheon, Wasuya Martinez Bishop Tribal Youth Council Female Co-President who served as emcee for the luncheon accompanied by speakers, Alyssa Reno (BTYC Vice President) Jaidyn McKellips (Male Co-President), and Ashley Johnston (BTYC Member). The members of the BTYC helped by setting up, serving the meal, and cleaning up after the event.

BTYC Members attended the Native American Heritage Month event at Cerro Coso Community College, which featured guest panelists Toni Huff, Chris Aukee, and Uriah Martinez. Cultural dance presentation by Sage Romero and guests were treated to an Indian Taco dinner prepared by Tammy Andrade, Cerro Coso looks forward to hosting future cultural events.



Picture above: BTYC's Female Co-President Wasuya Martinez, Vice President Alyssa Reno, & Member Ashley Johnston at Cerro Coso Community College's Native American Heritage Month event.

Picture below: BYTC members at Owens Valley Paiute-Shoshone Cultural Center's Veteran's Day celebration.

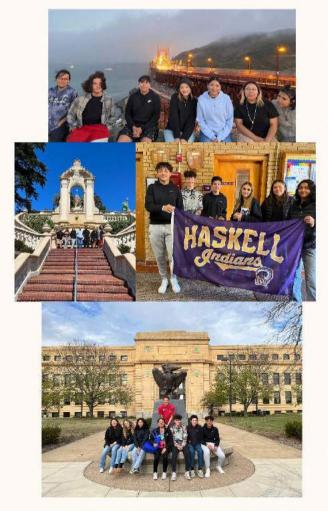


Bishop Indian Education Center



Picture to the left: BTYC Members with Veterans at the Owens Valley Paiute-Shoshone Cultural Center's Veteran's Day celebration.

The BIEC creates opportunities for Native youth to explore and dive into the college/university experience. Attending college tours and trips allows our students to experience the college environment firsthand. They can get a sense of the campus culture, layout of facilities, and overall atmosphere. It also provides an opportunity to learn more about academic programs and campus life by speaking with professors and current students. While on campus tours, students can inquire about financial aid options, scholarships, and work-study programs. Understanding the cost of attendance and available financial support is crucial in deciding which school to attend.



Picture above: Students on a college trip with

The BIEC team has been in collaboration with our Bishop Unified School district partners and teachers to gain effective teaching/methodological strategies. We have built an excellent rapport with our Native American Liaisons from all sites which has been vital to our success here at BIEC. For the month of October, our first group (1st – 3rd grades) had an average of 87% attendance rate, our second group (4th-8th grades) had an average of 67.20% attendance rate, and our third group (9th – 12th grades) had an average of 28% attendance rate.

The BIEC has partnered with Inyo County to provide parenting classes every Wednesday for parents who are either divorced, separated, or co-parenting. This workshop is given every Wednesday for eight (8) weeks. The facilitator, Rebecca Houle is First 5's Coordinator/Prevention Specialist.

We are very pleased to announce the BIEC has been selected by Cerro Coso Community College's Business Department's Chair, Dr. Deanna Ing Campbell, to form part of their Career Technical Education Business Advisory Board. We are excited to collaborate with our higher education stakeholders and partners.

Bishop Indian Education Center

Our Esports League is up and running for the 2023 Fall league! The BIEC has two teams, The Mob and The Flying Creepers. We play teams from Washington State, Arroyo Grande, CA, and Phoenix, AZ. We're excited to continue our Esports league as it has created new S.T.E.M. pathways for our youth to explore in their post-secondary education.





Thank you from the BIEC Staff!

Daya Sepsey Director

Carrie Brown Youth Activities Specialist

Xochill Marlinez Tutor Coordinator

Keith Lovelace Tutor/Math Specialist

> Carol Howard Tutor

Tamia Shoshone College & Career Counselor

Selia Amisone Administrative Assistant

> Laurie Allred Reading Specialist

Domitila Aguirre Tutor





December is... International Sharps Injury Prevention Awareness Month

Every year in December, International Sharps Injury Prevention Awareness Month serves as a reminder to follow safety protocols where needles and other medical sharps are concerned.

In the medical world, sharps are materials or items with sharp points or edges that may cut or puncture the skin. Needle sticks alone account for 400,000 injuries per year. Other items may include:

- Needles
- Syringes
- Lancets
- Auto injectors
- Infusion sets
- Connection needs
- Scalpel blades

Punctures and cuts not only create a wound but also introduce bloodborne pathogens into the body. Many safeguards have been put in place that reduces or eliminate the risk of injury by sharp devices. However, they still occur. Healthcare employers conduct training that is designed to prevent needle sticks and teach employees what to do if one occurs. The observance encourages the review of protocls and training.

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During the month, sharps injury prevention is the focus. Many healthcare employers will review their protocols and the incidence of sharps injuries. Further steps that can be taken during December include:

- Reviewing sharps standards in your facility.
- Eliminating unnecessary use of sharps.
- Never recapping sharps.
- Using personal protective equipment.
- Properly disposing of sharps.
- Using retractable needles.
- Reviewing sharp injuries to prevent future ones.
- Joining or hosting a seminar on sharps prevention.
- Reviewing articles on infection control.
- Attending educational events.



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The International Sharps Injury Prevention Society (ISIPS) founded the International Sharps Injury Prevention Awareness Month in 2013 to increase education regarding sharps injuries and reduce their occurrence.

2300 West Line Street, Bishop, CA 93514 | 760-873-8844 HOURS OF OPERATION: WINTER HOURS Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 4pm | Saturday, 10am - 3pm | Monday & Sunday Closed



TRIBAL MUSEUMS DAY - DECEMBER 2, 2023 Sharing Our Wisdom, Values and Diverse Cultures



The Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center will join tribal museums and cultural centers across the nation for the second annual Tribal Museums Day on Saturday, December 2. This event began in 2022 as a day to celebrate the Association on American Indian Affairs 100th anniversary and to bring attention to the diversity of Native cultures and promote tourism.

This year, it has been expanded to a week-long celebration, from December 2 through 9 so that all Tribal Museums may participate. We encourage you to visit the Cultural Center, see our exhibits, and support our local Native vendors!

Please visit <u>www.indian-affairs.org/tribalmuseumsday.html</u> for more information and to view a map with website links for Tribal Museums and Cultural Centers across the U.S.



EASTERN SIERRA TOUR The Highest, Lowest, Hottest, Oldest, and Wildest 555 miles in America!

In May 2023, the Bishop Chamber of Commerce attended the travel industry's international marketplace in San Antonio, TX and met with travel organizations across the U.S. to promote tourism in our local area. As a result, and in conjunction with Mono County, the Eastern Sierra Tour (EST) was developed to encourage travelers to our region. "The EST is a linear route, spanning over 555 miles, from Death Valley at -282 feet below sea level to Tioga Pass at 9,943 feet above sea level" according to BishopVisitor.com. Ten points of interest are on the itinerary, and the Cultural Center is honored to be included on the list. Please visit <u>www.bishopvisitor.com</u> for more information and visit these websites!

- 1. Death Valley America's hottest, driest, and lowest national park
- 2. Whitney the highest peak in the continuous U.S.
- 3. Alabama Hills the wildest west
- 4. Manzanar National Historic Park the truest view
- 5. Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest the oldest living thing
- 6. Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center the earliest communities
- 7. Devils Postpile National Monument the strangest structures
- 8. Mono Lake the saltiest swim
- 9. Bodie Historic Park the loneliest town
- 10. Yosemite National Park the grandest landscape



DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

December 1 & 22 - Fridays HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOPS 10 am - 4 pm

December 8, Friday TRIBAL EMPLOYEE WINTER GATHERING (Cultural Center Closed)

December 19. Tuesday COMMODITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION 8 am - 12 pm

December 16 - 17 Saturday & Sunday HOLIDAY MARKET 10 am - 4 pm

December 19 - 21 Tuesday - Thursday EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS 8 am - 6 pm

December 19-23 EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS 8 am - 6 pm

December 22, Friday CHRISTMAS EVE HOLIDAY (Cultural Center Closed)

December 25, Monday CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY (Cultural Center Closed)

December 29, Friday NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLIDAY (Cultural Center Closed)

January 2, Tuesday NORMAL HOURS RESUME

CULTURAL CENTER SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Tuesday, December 19 - 8am to 6pm Wednesday, December 20 - 8am to 6pm Thursday, December 21 - 8am to 6pm Friday, December 22 - 8am to 6pm Saturday, December 23 - 8am to 6pm





WITH TOOWANO (WINTER) AND THE HOLIDAY SEASON FAST APPROACHING, HERE ARE THE DATES THE CULTURAL CENTER WILL BE CLOSED. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 - TRIBAL EMPLOYEES WINTER GATHERING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 29 & 30TH - NEW YEAR'S EVE WEEKEND

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON, WE WILL RETURN NORMAL WINTER HOURS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 2024 10AM-4PM.



Osage shield, inspired the Oklahoma flag

Jim Thorpe, by Charles Banks Wilson Life sized portrait located in the rotunda of the Oklahoma State Capitol

Modoc Basket Cap and Modoc Tule Moccasins at First Americans Museum (FAM)

> Permanent Exhibit of the 39 tribes of Oklahoma and Archives/ Collections room, Oklahoma History Center











ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES, AND MUSEUMS Sustaining and Advancing Indigenous Cultures

During the week of October 23, the Cultural Center staff traveled to Oklahoma Clty, OK to attend the International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums, hosted by ATALM (the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums). This was a week-long of training, consultation meetings, and conference sessions amplifying Native voices, elevating cultural knowledge, and advocating for support with tribal leaders, funders, and government agencies. It brought together over 1,200 participants throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and featured cultural tours and workshops, networking prospects, breakout sessions, prominent speakers, and cultural evenings, etc. Participants were able to discuss challenges and/or opportunities in preserving our cultural heritage and establish professional relationships. Being a grant recipient of the IMLS Native American Native Hawaiian grant and a previous grant recipient from National Endowment of the Arts, the Cultural Center Outreach Program attended special grant and consultation meetings. This conference was exactly what the Cultural Center staff needed to help see the bigger vision to better serve our community and gear us up for the new year. For the January and February months, under our IMLS grant, we will continue to plan the next Eastern Sierra Watershed Field Trip to Long Valley, implement the cultural heritage survey, and schedule more Nuumu Wia-Nu lectures.

"I firmly believe that every Indian tribe, regardless of size, must make a commitment to preserving and promoting its own cultural information by fully supporting tribally-controlled archives, libraries and museums." Walter Echo-Hawk, ATALM Chairman of the Board

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December 16th & 17th, 2023

8:30am to 4pm @ Cultural Center 2300 West Line Street 760-873-8844

2 DAY EVENT- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC CRAFT BOOTHS & BAKE GOODS VISIT FROM SANTA

TABLE RESERVATION INDOOR & OUTDOOR 1 DAY: \$15 + RAFFLE ITEM 2 DAYS: \$25 + RAFFLE ITEM MUST PAY FEES TO SECURE INSIDE SPACE (LIMIT TO ONE TABLE INSIDE) SIGN UP STARTS OCT 31ST SATURDAY 16TH 10AM Native-Themed Ornament Contest CASH PRIZE FOR CONTEST!! CATEGORIES: TINY TOT, YOUTH, TEEN, ADULT, ELDER

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2PM: Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest CASH PRIZES FOR CONTEST!! CATEGORIES: TINY TOT, YOUTH, TEEN, ADULT, ELDER

SUNDAY 17TH 11AM-3PM Family Games & Simple Holiday Craft Table for all ages SUPERVISION NEEDED FOR 10 YRS AND UNDER



<u>YUUWANO 2023</u>

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S FALL FANDANGO! As this event was full of activities throughout the day, we would like to thank a few people and organizations for their support in making this day successsful: The OVCDC NUUMU YAHODA - LANGUAGE PROGRAM, TOIYABE - YOUTH PREVENTION PROGRAM, THE BISHOP YOUTH COUNCIL, THE BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE'S FAMILY FORMATION PROJECT, THE CULTURAL CENTER STAFF, CHARLENE REDNER & FAMILY, DARRELL MADDOX & FAMILY, HONOR GUARD, HARLAN DEWEY JR., SETH TSOSIE, DANIEL PEIRCE, MARTI HUNTER, TROY WATTERSON, DARREN DELGADO, MARGARET CORTEZ, THE BILL & BRIAN BAND, AND WILLIAMS CATERING.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

CHUPTOOHEE

Table #1 - 1st place - Haiwee Fredericks2nd place - Gwen TurnerTable #2 - 1st place - Jamie Meredith2nd place - Ray Stone

SINGING CONTEST

Adults - 1st place - Harlan Dewey Jr. 2nd place - Chelsea Gallardo 3rd place - Judy James Youth - 1st place - Elden Mitchell 2nd place - Darren Delgado Jr. 3rd place - Byron Gustie Jr.

FOOD CONTESTS

Salsa - 1st place - Marty Taylor 2nd place - Libby Manuelito 3rd place - Stacey Stanely

Tortilla - 1st place - Pearl Vega 2nd place - Jenna Jones 3rd place - Estelle Armitage

Frybread - 1st place - Yolanda Chavez 2nd place - Vincent Townsend 3rd place - Jenna Jones

> HORSESHOE 1st place - Che Lewis

3-MAN HANDGAME

1st place - Sam Lawhon Jr., Troy Watterson, Nichole Lomaintewa 2nd place - Ethan Williams, Koden Williams, Chase Witman Jr. 3rd place - Byron Gustie Sr., Byron Gustie Jr., TK Gustie

YOUTH HANDGAME

1st place - Chase Witman Jr., Byron Gustie Jr., Frank Poncho, Koden Williams, Jaidyn Mckellips 2nd place - TK Gustie, Waylan Montoya, Elden Mitchell 3rd place - Talavia Lomaintewa, Randy Garcia, Penelope & Scarlett Roughface





HONORING OUR HEROES

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE TIME TO THANK A FEW PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN MAKING THIS HONORING SUCCESSSFUL: THE BISHOP YOUTH COUNCIL, THE CULTURAL CENTER STAFF, THE BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE, TRIBAL MAINTENANCE, WILLIAMS CATERING, BISHOP INDIAN HEAD START, MARTY TAYLOR, AND MOUNTAIN APPAREL

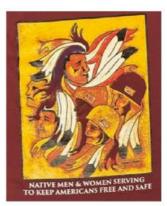


MOST IMPORTANTLY: OUR NATIVE HEROES



TODAY WE HONORED THOSE WHO SERVED, CURRENTLY ACTIVELY SERVING, OR GETTING READY TO SERVE IN OUR U.S. ARMED FORCES. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR NATIVE AMERICAN WARRIORS FOR THEIR HONORABLE SACRIFICE FOR OUR FREEDOM.





NOVEMBER 11TH, 2023

VETERAN SHIRTS WERE MADE AS A THANK YOU GIFT FOR OUR HEROES. WE USED THE WINNING PIECE FROM THE ART CHALLENGE IN MAY 2023. THIS ART PIECE WAS HAND DRAWN BY LUCINDA YANDELL. THE VETERANS ALSO RECEIVED A GIFT FROM OUR STUDENTS AT BISHOP INDIAN HEAD START!





BIZARRE BAZAAR



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR VENDORS AND PARTICIPANTS WHO CAME OUT FOR THIS EVENT! FROM A COSTUME CONTEST AND A NUMBER OF CAKE WALKS, WE HAD A GREAT DAY WITH OUR COMMUNITY! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ONE!

COSTUME CONTEST

ELDER- 1ST PLACE PAT BENGOCHIA ELDER - 2ND PLACE PAT HOWARD ELDER - 3RD PLACE BOBBY MILLER

ADULT - 1ST PLACE DEMETRIA CHAVEZ ADULT - 2ND PLACE TAVOOSEE FREDERICKS ADULT - 3RD PLACE TWYLA SEPSEY

TEEN - 1ST PLACE Paiten Williams

ALL YOUTH & TINY TOTS RECEIVED A GIFT





Environmental Management Office December 2023 Update

Happy Holidays! We have had a very busy year over here at EMO and as we close out grants and wrap up projects we are looking forward to 2024. We are so grateful to have such an awesome team both within EMO and across tribal departments. As we approach the holiday season, we extend warm wishes for joyful celebrations and a revitalizing break. Here's to the New Year bringing everyone success, happiness, and prosperity!

Check out our program updates and yearly recaps below.



1. The burn permit was revised to cover all the categories for each permit, identify sources to extinguish fires, and identify the parties covered on a permit for a residential burn. The Air Program did burn permit sign ups at the Housing Fair in May and at a Burn Permits Clinic in March.

2. The Air Program began the Community Air Monitoring Project, with Quality Assurance Plans being the first step, along with collecting community feedback and identifying pollution measuring equipment.

3. The Water Quality Technician began working with the Air Program for some support hours as available, focusing on shelter and station maintenance and technical tasks.

4. The Air Quality Specialist was nominated and accepted for the Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center Steering Committee for a 3-year term. She also presented air pollution sampling methods at the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality at the Gila River Indian Community in May.

5. The Big Pine and Bishop Tribal Air Programs teamed up to do semiannual checks and service on the BPPT meteorology tower and sensors, and on the BPT PM2.5 monitor.



Environmental Management Office December 2023 Update

EMO Creates and Distributes Recreation Guide



On November 10th and 11th, EMO and the Cultural Center tabled at the Highball Craggin' Classic, a climbing festival held in Bishop each fall. The goal of our table was to increase awareness among climbers about the Tribe and its' present day culture as well as the cultural significance of the lands around Bishop. We shared our recreation guide **"How to recreate responsibly in Payahuunadü"** at the festival. If you would like to check out the guide and provide feedback please scan the QR code. **We would really appreciate hearing your thoughts!**

Become a Friend of the COSA

Come learn about environmental restoration and stewardship work!



Volunteers at a past stewardship event in the COSA in March 2023.

Tribal members can participate in monthly stewardship events in the COSA and **earn a free dump run.** Stewardship events will be 2 hours long. A total of 4 hours are needed to earn a free dump run, so if 2 adults from a household attend 1 event they will earn a free dump run for the household. Please contact maggie.flaherty@bishoppiaute.org or call/text (760) 920-5525 to sign up for the program.

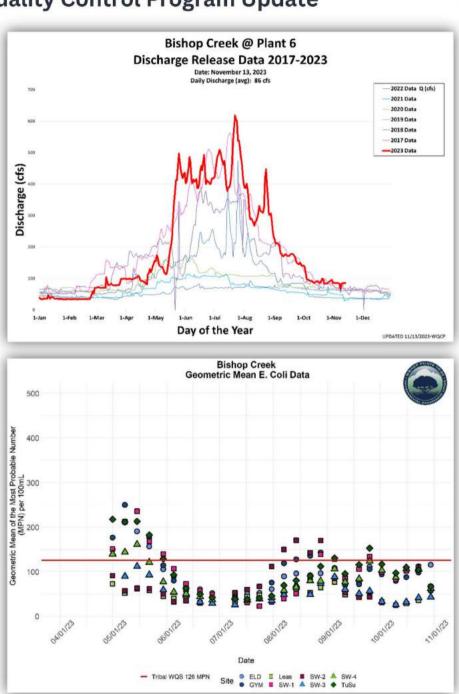


Environmental Management Office

December 2023 Update

Water Quality Control Program Update

The Water Quality Control Program (WOCP) wrapped up its irrigation season monitoring schedule, which lasted from April 1st to October 31st. During the irrigation season, the WQCP monitored bacteria weekly at sites along both forks of the Bishop Creek within the reservation by collecting water samples and analyzing levels of bacteria (E. Coli). The WQCP generated the following visualizations to depict the correlation of E. coli and discharge levels (discharge data sourced from LADWP's Plant 6) that occurred during this recent irrigation season. The WQCP observed that during the period when



the Bishop Creek was flowing at its swiftest from the snowmelt-runoff, the bacteria (E. Coli) levels fell below the Tribe's Water Quality Standards (WQS) of 126 MPN. This could be a result of the high and swift flows (cont. on next page)



Environmental Management Office December 2023 Update

Water Quality Control Program Update

diluting the water at times of sampling. Conversely, when discharge levels were low for the Bishop Creek, levels of E. coli (sampled by the WQCP) seemed to trend at near or exceeded levels of the Tribe's WQS (126 MPN). The WQCP's monitoring for bacteria in the creek sites now occurs monthly. To stay updated with these data visualizations visit the WQCP's monitoring page at <u>https://www.bishoptribeemo.com/Water/3.MONITORING.html</u>

Reflecting on a Remarkable Year: Our End-of-Year Recap

As the year draws to a close, the Water Quality Control Program (WQCP) wants to take a moment to express our gratitude and reflect on the incredible journey we've had together. This year has been filled with significant milestones, achievements, and unforgettable moments that have shaped our collective success. Some of these milestones include filling our positions with incredible tribal environmental professionals! We welcomed Brianda Hernandez and Jared Hess to the WQCP to join Sabrina Barlow in monitoring and protecting the ambient waters on the reservation. WOCP achievements include completing deliverables to close out two grants and starting another one and providing technical assistance to other departments during an extraordinary, record-breaking, water year. Amidst challenges such as vandalism, sewage spills, flooding, and navigating the complexities of spring and summer runoffs, overcoming these moments has fortified the WQCP's knowledge, resilience, and gratitude for our incredible team. This sentiment extends not only to the Water Quality Control Program but also to our colleagues across EMO and other tribal departments.



Warmest regards, The WQCP Team





Social Services Department

The Bishop Paiute Tribal Social Services Department manages Federal, State and Grant funded programs to serve our community and Tribal members.



RAVE



RAVE provides FREE and confidential services to victims of crime. If you have any further questions, you may contact Nancy Martinez or Cindy Kane at (760) 873-4414 or the RAVE Hotline at (760) 873-9018.

BUS PASSES

Need help with transportation? The Bishop Paiute Tribe Social Services has Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) bus passes. Bring your Tribal ID Card. You will receive a bus pass for 10 free rides in the Bishop area. Members are eligible to receive one every 4 weeks.

Bishop Paiute Tribe

ICWA

The Bishop Paiute Tribe's Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Program provides quality service and advocacy for the children and family members of the Bishop Paiute Tribal Community while ensuring compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 is upheld. Contact **Anonda Nelson** at the Bishop Paiute Tribe Social Services Department for more information at (760) 873-4414.

Emergency Shelter Program

The Bishop Paiute Tribe's Emergency Shelter Program is available to Bishop Paiute Tribe Members. It provides temporary shelter for a short period of time. Applications are available at the Bishop Paiute Tribe Social Services Office. Contact **Tawni LaFrombois** for more information.

COSSAP

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant & Substance Abuse (COSSAP) Program assists Tribal Members enrolled in a Federally recognized Tribe within the Owens Valley with wrap-around services, case management, job search, re-entry services and transitional housing. Contact **Tawni LaFrombois** at the Bishop Paiute Tribe Social Services Office at (760) 873-4414.





BISHOP DECEMBER 2023

FARLY HEAD STILL

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLLMENT

Applications for 2023-2024 school year continues to be accepted throughout the year. EHS is a comprehensive early learning program for children 6 weeks-36 months old. The EHS program delivers early learning/education, health nutrition, and family support services.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 12/13 Car seat observations
- Parent Workshop TBD
- First 5 Storytime TBD
 - 12/20 Winter Gathering/Luncheon 12/22-29 Winter Break

COME JOIN OUR TEAM

*Teacher (Bishop)

Open Until Filled Apply online @

ovcdc.com/e mployment/

REMINDERS

Our center hours are: Monday-Friday 7:45 am-3:45 pm

Breakfast, snack and lunch provided.

CONTACT US

2574 Diaz Lane Bishop, CA 93514

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(760)872-4574 ext.551 or (760)920-0434

Family Child Service Specialist, Josie Rogers jrogers@ovcdc.com

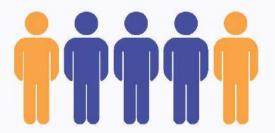
COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SURVEY: BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! YOUR INPUT MATTERS.

The Office of Head Start requires all Early Head Start programs to conduct a community survey to understand families, the community, available resources, program challenges, and strengths. The OVCDC EHS program is seeking your valuable input to help us serve you better!

We will be at select locations across the community throughout the month of November to collect responses from community (Big Sandy and Bishop) members. If you are interested in completing this survey, please contact one of the following EHS locations below for more information.

The survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Your identity will remain anonymous. You will receive a "thank you" gift for your time.



OUR LOCATIONS

Bishop EHS Program, 2574 Diaz Lane Bishop, CA 93514 Phone (760) 872-4574

Big Sandy Rancheria EHS Program, 37190 Jose Basin Road Auberry, CA 93602 Phone (559) 855-7511





BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE TRIBAL | BIA SCHOLARSHIP SPRING 2024

DREAM. ACT. ACHIEVE.

Tribal Scholarship

The Tribal Scholarship is made possible by the Bishop Palute Tribe for all Bishop Tribal members who are enrolled full-time or part-time at an accredited institution of higher learning.

APPLY ONLINE www.bishoppalutetribe.com/programs/education/#tribal scholarship

Bureau of Indian Affairs

The BIA Scholarship is available to all Bishop Tribal members who are enrolled full-time and are PELL Grant eligible.

DEADLINE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023

Visit our website for a complete checklist of required documents and forms.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COLLEGE & CAREER COUSELOR TAMIA SHOSHONE | TAMIA.SHOSHONE@BISHOPPAIUTE.ORG | (760) 873-8740





Bishop Tribal youth



Council Meeting

For youth 6th grade to 12th grade

Sundays 17th December 31st

390 North Barlow lane @ the BIEC Participate in Youth Leadership, Community Activities/Service

For information Call Carrie @ 760-920-7182



DEADLINE FOR COLORING CONTEST IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023 @ 4:00 PM *COLORING PAGES CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE CDD OFFICE Age Categories: 3-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12, 13-18

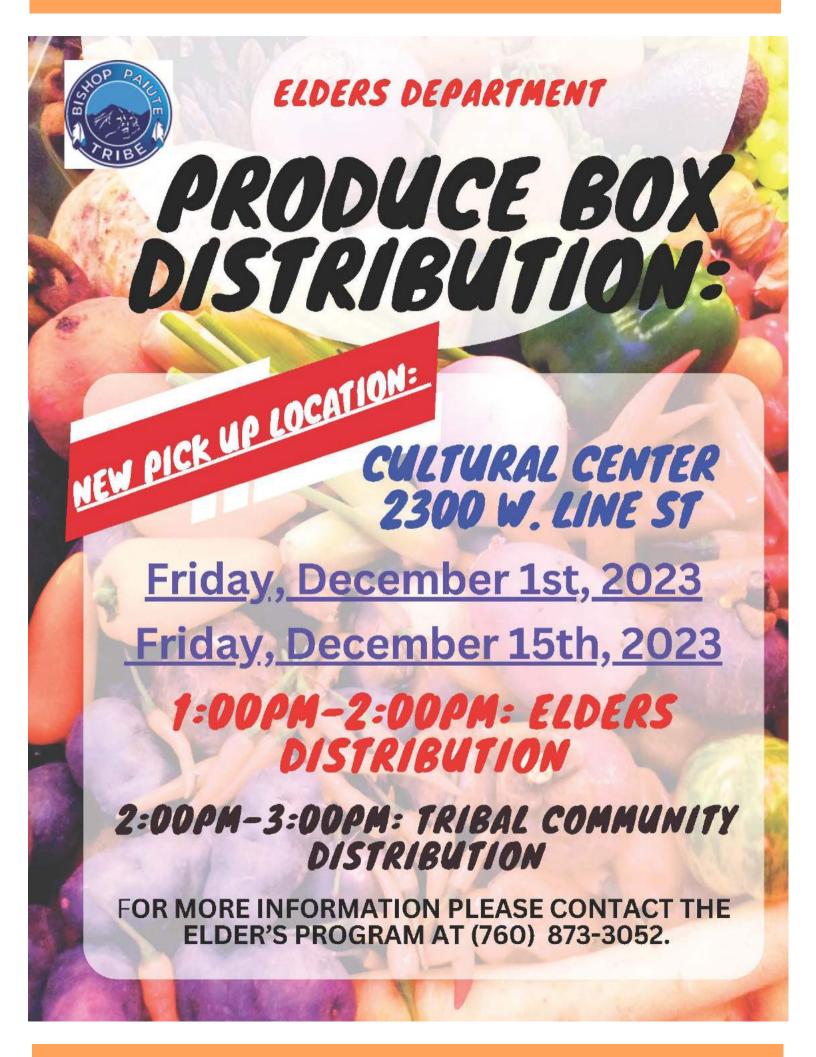
CONTEST RULES:

- ONE ENTRY PER CHILD
- * MUST USE PICTURE FOR CHILD'S AGE GROUP
- * CAN USE ANY TYPE OF MEDIUM TO COLOR PICTURE
- * CHILD MUST BE NATIVE AMERICAN LIVING ON THE BISHOP RESERVATION

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023 DROP OFF ENTRY @ CDD OFFICE 48 TU SU LANE * BISHOP, CA 93514

Must register for Christmas Home Decorating by December 19, 2023 by 4:00 pm Contest is open to all Bishop Tribal members living in owner occupied homes, rentals, CMA & ATA Apartments Judging starts at Dusk on December 20th Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd 1st & 2nd for CMA & ATA Apartments Winners Announced Thursday, December 21, 2023

Call Teresa at 760-872-4356 for more details or to register



You are cordially invited to the BISHOP TRIBAL ELDERS CHRISTMAS DINNER TRIBAL ELDER AND SPOUSE ONLY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 3:00 P.M. WANAAHA CASINO- 2742 NO. SIERRA HWY. BISHOP, CALIFORNIA

Menu

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Green Salad with dressing Yams Casserole & Green Beans with bacon Dinner Rolls & Butter Desserts, Coffee, Indian Tea and Drinks

YOU MUST RSVP NO LATER THAN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023 Pat Howard - 760-987-5120 Mary Davis - 760-263-4507 Patricia Bengochia - 760-937-0452 Joann Hansen 760-258-5821 Lynda Charlie - 760-920-9488

PLEASE NO CHILDREN





2742 NORTH SIERRA HWY • BISHOP, CA 93514 • (760) 873-4150



Committee & Board Descriptions

<u>Court Committee</u>

 The Court Committee provides input and oversight of the Tribal Court Programs. Recently the Court Committee has provided feedback on the revisions to the Tribal Public Safety Code which has been renamed the Bishop Paiute Tribe Health and Safety Orders of Protection Code. The Committee is continuing to provide direction on the new Tribal Court Youth programs including revision of forms and policies for the Youth Program and Tribal Court as they work to make the court more efficient to increase access to judicial services for the Tribal community.

TERO Commission

 Issues rules, regulations, guidelines, and interpretations of TERO law for Indian preference, fair employment practices and other employment issues to implement the TERO Ordinance. TERO Commission adjudicates complaints or grievances of all employmentrelated matters under its authority.

Tribal Environmental Protection Agency Board

 Protects the Reservation environment by assisting, advising and supporting EMO to implement ordinances/regulations and programs; establish rules & procedures; modify & revoke permits and establish fees/fines; plus conduct hearings as needed for code enforcement.

Miss Bishop Paiute Tribe Committee

• Handles all aspects of the pageant. When Royalty is crowned the committee is the liaison to get her involved in community activities. This is a full time commitment & requires fundraising.

Cultural Advisory Committee

Provides constructive input, recommendations, and valuable feedback regarding cultural and historical issues. Coordinates with Bishop
Paiute Tribe staff and other agencies in implementing activities and events that primarily focus on the local Paiute-Shoshone people
with the inclusion of intertribal cultures; providing educational awareness for the cultural traditions of indigenous people.

Education Parent Advisory Committee

• The purpose of PAC shall be to assist the Community, Tribe and Local Education Agencies (LEA) in bringing about the most effective Indian Education and LEA programs and policies. To achieve this purpose, the PAC shall provide advice and assistance in developing, and evaluating the Bishop Indian Education Center.

Food Sovereignty Program Advisory Board

• The mission of the Food Sovereignty Program (FSP) is to increase access to and awareness of healthy, traditional, environmentally responsible, community-grown food that sustains an independent and resilient program which acknowledges, preserves, and strengthens existing community food systems and tribal sovereignty. The purpose of the Food Sovereignty Program Advisory Board (FAB) is to ensure that an inter-generational group of stakeholders is involved in setting goals for the program; to provide input on all initiatives that the FSP undertakes and to ensure community voices are integrated into all program decision making and the Tribe's long-term food security vision.

Please note: If you are on a Committee or Board, and don't see it listed, please email deston.rogers@bishoppaiute.org



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Bishop Paiute Tribe

Bishop Paiute Tribal members are highly encouraged to become a valuable part of our Committees & Boards!

Cultural Advisory Committee - Five (5) Vacancies

Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) - Three (3) Vacancies

Tribal Court Advisory Committee - One (1) Vacancy

TEI Nuumu Takawa-Du ''Wellness Committee'' - Three (3) Vacancies

Food Sovereignty Program Advisory Board - Two (2) Vacancies

Pow-Wow Committee - Two (2) Vacancies

Serve your community by serving on one of the Boards or Committees!

Here are the requirements to serve on Committees & Boards: -Must be a Bishop Tribal Member--Must submit a ''Letter of Intent'' to the Tribal Office--Can reside outside of Bishop-



BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL COUNCIL



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COUNCIL MEMBER Mitchell David mitchell.david@bishoppaiute.org (760) 920-5622

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