



SMOKE SIGNALS

December 2023

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahoo Neum,

Tzow Nahtahcutahwena, Good December. Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year! The Tribal Council hopes everyone is preparing for this Christmas Season.

Now for some important upcoming events. The General Council Meeting will be on December 10th here at the BSR GYM at 10:00 a.m. Please make sure that you don't miss this meeting. The Tribe needs a 30% quorum of the voting membership to approve the Tribal State Gaming Compact. This Tribal State Gaming Compact is essential to keep our Tribal Gaming alive. The annual Christmas Bonus will also be given at the end of the meeting, hope to see you all there!

Next on the fun list is the Tribal Bingo on Friday, December 1st for the children ages 5-17 at 6:00pm. Adult Bingo will be on Saturday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Please make sure when attending the Adult Bingo, there are no children or significant others allowed. Also if you wish to enter into the Car Bingo at the end, please have your Valid Drivers License. It must not be expired. Thank you all for your time and energy, have a blessed rest of your month.

Council Meetings		Tribal Office Holiday Schedule	
Tribal Council	General Council	Date	Holiday
	Sunday, December 10, 2023	Monday, December 25, 2023 Tuesday December 26, 2023	Christmas Eve Christmas

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Tribal Elder's Monthly Meeting



Second Thursday of the month at 12:00pm

December 14, 2023

- Meetings are here for you to be informed about what is offered to the Tribal Elders
- Must be a Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Elder to attend
- There will be lunch and raffle prizes

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT LEANN ANGUIANO
AT 559-374-0066.**



NEXT FOOD BANK

Thursday, December 21, 2023

9:00am-12:00pm

Big Sandy Rancheria

37387 Auberry Mission Road

Auberry, CA 93602

BSR General Store

Open Everyday

6:00am-10:00pm

559-825-6645

37302 Rancheria Lane

Auberry, CA 93602

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December Birthdays

Happy Birthday

**Anissa Ballard
Khianna Berry
Gabriel Berry
Lydia Cline
Aleda Cogdell
Audrey Cogdell
Autumn Cogdell
David Culwell
Opal Easley
Amanda Easley
Alysha Edd
Caden Fisher
Fernando Flores
Dakota Furr
Illiana Garza
Eli Hall**

**Crystal Loren Huffman
Amy Johns
Adrian Johnson
Emma Johnson
Joseph Lewis
Briana Marquez
Niali Marquez
Kevin Marquez
Tara Martinez
Alexa McFarland
Jacob Merrick
Alyssa Na
Little Bear Oliver
Josiah Patty
Melissa Perez
Miranda Perez**

**Dallas Pruitt
Mark Richards
Sabrina Riley
Michael Riley
Leannandra Rios
Aurelia Rios
Christopher Rodriguez
Evelyn Sample
Julia Smith
Savannah Telles
Janine Vella
Jade Vella
Ezra Villa
Roger Jr. Walker
Tammie Walker
Derek Walker
Alanna Williams**

Big Sandy Rancheria Elders

Hello elders, I hope you all are staying warm this cold season. For November a couple elders were in the Veteran's parade. Thank you, Aleda and Gina for showing up. It was nice to see those of you that came to the compact meeting, Now don't forget we are voting on December 10, 2023 to pass the compact. You need to vote in person and attend the meeting. We also had the BSR Heritage dinner here at the tribal office it was a nice crowd visiting and eating. The December elders outing is now full and we will not have our monthly meeting in December. I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday season!! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Leann Anguiano at 559-374-0066.



Mae Berry, James Robertson Jr., Gina Mangiarelli, Douglas Riley, Janine Vella, Pearl Hutchins, Aleda Cogdell, and Lori Beecher.

Brian Sample, Phyllis Lewis, Connie Lewis, Jeannie Valles, Jane Stamp, Theresa Williams-Lundy and James Cogdell Jr.



Gina Mangiarelli and Aleda Cogdell



Phyllis Lewis and Jane Stamp



**Loretta Sylvas, Sharon Simpson Baty
and
Brandon McFarland**



**Pearl Hutchins, Jane Stamp,
Brian Sample and Phyllis Lewis**

BSR Environmental Department December 2023

How to prevent Erosion during the winter months

Soil erosion can be a big problem during the winter months. Snow and rain are the main problem of erosion. If you have rills in your soil it will gradually transform into gullies which will accelerate soil erosion.

Mulching—often acts as a soil insulator that helps to maintain soil moisture, and could be used as a soil stabilizer.

Cover Plants—are plants that play a significant role in anchoring the soil against erosion. Lack of proper plant cover means there is zero binding of soil to the earth.

Winter Weeds—can be effective in preventing soil erosion.

It's that time of year for wood burning

Emissions from wood smoke, can cause Coughing, wheezing, asthma attacks, among other health effects. A single fire place operating for an hour, burning 10 pounds of wood generates 4,300 time more carcinogenic polyaromatic hydrocarbons that amounts to around 30 cigarettes. When burning a wood stove in your home, you need to use a humidifier to put moisture back into the air.

The Environmental Department would like to congratulate the participants for taking part in our Fall competition. It was to answer 4 Environmental questions. Our two winners are Michelle Perez and Shyanna Contreras. The Environmental department is at all our BSR events. We would to thank the participants that came through our table at the Fall Gathering.



Reduce, Reuse , Recycle

Upgrade to new Christmas lights and recycle your old ones. You can purchase new LED holiday lights, that are more energy efficient than previous versions. But be sure to keep old or broken light stings out of the trash , where they can create problems. You can properly recycling them.



For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 226 *lbeecher@bsrnation.com * Rebecca Riley ext. 240





Workshop
Starting a Small Business
presented by Rich Mostert, Director
Valley Community SBDC

Is starting a small business right for you?
Join us for an informative workshop to discuss
starting a business, marketing potential, funding
opportunities, and how to grow your current
business.

When: December 5th, 2023
FROM: 6PM-8PM

Where: Big Sandy Rancheria
Computer Lab

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE WORKSHOP CONTACT REBECCA RILEY @
374-0066 EXT. 240



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OV CDC Big Sandy Early Head Start December 2023 Newsletter

Accepting Applications for Enrollment!

We are accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school 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.

Important Dates

- December 4th: Parent Workshop @ 9-10 a.m. (CVRC Presentation/Tie Blanket Making)
- December 12th: Storytime with Language/Literacy Program @ 2:30 (Via Webex)
- EHS Winter Gathering (TBA)

Center Closures

- December 22nd-January 1st (Center Closed to Children)

Reminders

Our center hours are:

**Monday-Friday
from 7:45-3:45
P.M.**

**Breakfast is from
8:30-9:00 A.M.**

**If you need any
assistance, please
contact us!**



37190 Jose Basin Road, Auberry, CA 93602

Phone (559) 855-7511, Fax (559) 855-7515

Blossom Garcia, Family/Child Service Specialist, bgarcia@ovcdc.com

Nikita Henderson, Site Supervisor, nhenderson@ovcdc.com



Head Start

Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Head Start Program

Special Day Reminders

Xmas Pajama day:

December 15th, 2023

Community Food Bank

December 21st, 2023

Closed: Staff
Development Day

December 22nd, 2023

Closed: Winter Break

December 18th, 2023
thru January 2nd, 2024

559 374 0066 ext. 216



Big Sandy Rancheria Social & Human Services Department



Emergency Food Assistance Program

1 FOOD BOX PER FAMILY

**1 BOX OF INFANT SUPPLIES
(IF NEEDED)**

**1 BOX OF HYGIENE SUPPLIES
(IF NEEDED)**

2X A YEAR

WEEKDAYS:

8AM - 5PM

For more information you
can call us at 559-374-0066
ext242 or 559-776-6322

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BSR CAP Department Community Strengthening

Community/Elder's COMPUTER LAB



Monday-Wednesday 11am-1pm

Join us at the BSR Computer Lab every week to
work on your computer skills and/or catch up
on school courses. We will also offer help in
navigating the following:

Excel
Email etiquette
Driving lessons
DMV help



For More Info Contact Saige Riley
Phone: (559) 374-0066 X228
Email: sriley@bsrnation.com

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BIG SANDY Social Services



OUR SERVICES

The Social Services Department works to support BSR's Tribal Families by ensuring they have services, assistance and support. By working with each individual and family we can identify and access unique needs. Our goal is to encourage, promote and maintain the overall health and well being of Tribal Members and their families.

ICWA

The ICWA Rep will intervene in all eligible Child Dependency Cases involving Tribal Members and their children. This includes Tribal representation in court, case management, and service referrals.

EDUCATIONAL

ADVOCACY

If requested we will provide personal support during educational meetings, including but not limited to: IEP's, SST's and SARB hearings.

OTHER SERVICES

- > Victim Advocacy
- > Emergency Food/Baby/Hygiene Supplies
- > Educational Outreach
- > Assistance In Identifying/Accessing Resources
- > Additional Supportive Services

CONTACT SSAMANIEGO@BSRNATION.COM OR DESK 559-374-0066 EXT242 OR CELL 559-776-6322

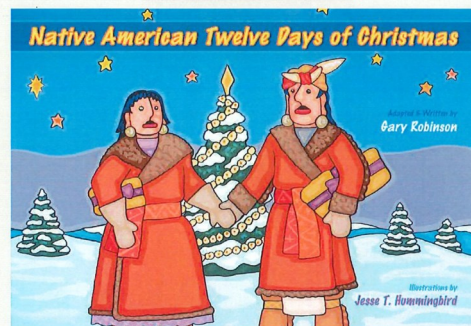
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(DECEMBER)



FRESNO COUNTY FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM PRESENTS



DECEMBER 14TH, 2023

JOIN US FOR A BOOK READ AND LANGUAGE
EXPERIENCE ACTIVITY WITH BSR CAP
YOUTH PROGRAM & COMMUNITY

LOCATION: BSR GYM

TIME: 4:30PM

For more Information contact PACILA Instructor Jocelyn Saavedra at 559-226-2880
Ext. 212 or jsaavedra@ovcdc.com . Juliana Velasquez at 559-226-2880 Ext. 206 or
julianav@ovcdc.com

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Family Rug Tufting

Community Bonding Night

December, Monday
4th, 11th, 18th
4:00PM-6:00PM



Rugs are made with a tufting gun and can make anything that's desired when taught properly. Join the BSR Gym to make a rainbow or clouds with rain on an average floor mat and learn the technicalities behind it.

For more information please contact: Arianna Atwell, aatwell@bsrnation.com or (559)3740066 Ext. 207

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BSR Cap Department

Family
Strengthening

Snow GLOBE

December 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th



@ BSR GYM
4:00-6:00PM

come join us
every
Wednesday
to make a
snow Globe

For More Info contact
Jimmy Llewellyn
559-374-0066 X. 243

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BSR CAP Department
Family Strengthening

PINE NUT JEWELRY MAKING



Thursday's in DECEMBER

4:00-6:00PM at BSR GYM

This month we will be making our own Pine Nut Jewelry. Please bring your families, light meal will be provided.

For More Info Contact Saige Riley
Phone: (559)374-0066 x 228
Email: sriley@bsrnation.com



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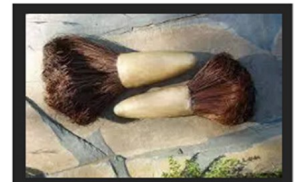
BSR CAP Department
Community Bonding

SOAP ROOT BRUSHES

4:00-6:00PM at the BSR GYM

Every Friday in December

Join us as we go through the process of making soap root brushes. Light meal will be provided.



**CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

For More Info Contact Saige Riley
Phone: (559)374-0066 X228
Email: sriley@bsrnation.com



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Positive Self Care Cultural Beading Night



December 12th 4-6pm

*Join in as we use this time to clear our minds and
give ourselves a moment to refresh as we bead with
friends and family.*

*Contact Brandi Kelley at Bkelley@bsrnation.com
-559-374-0066 ext.206*



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SAMHSA

Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration





BSR TRIBAL ONLY BINGO

KIDS: December 1, 2023 (Friday)
6:00 PM
5-17 years old

ADULT: December 2, 2023 (Saturday)
6:00 PM
*18+ years old, Eligible Voting Members Only
(Adults only, NO Children)*

Location: Multi-purpose Building, 37387 Auberry Mission Rd
Contact Tribal Council with all questions 559-374-0066



FAMILY FORMATION EVENT

Winter Gathering

Come and join Big
Sandy Rancheria as we
come together for our
2023 Winter
Gathering!



Donated toys will be handed out to children in need. Please have your Toys for Tots application turned in by the deadline 11-15-2023. To insure your child receives a toy! If you have any questions call Brandi Kelley 559-374-0066 ext.206 or email. bkelly@bsrnation.com



December 16th 5-7pm @BSR Gym



October 23, 2023

BSR General Council;

RE: Tribal State Compact- Big Sandy Rancheria/State of California

Munahoo, on behalf of Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Council, we are inviting you, (BSR General Council) to attend a DISCUSSION presentation of the negotiations that the Tribal Council has been working on with the State of California' negotiating team to renew our 1999 Tribal State Compact.

The DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/INFORMATION meeting is to provide information on the negotiations, to answer any questions you may have, to provide an approval for the Tribal State Compact at our next General Council meeting on December 10, 2023. The Discussion/Presentation will be held on: *(no vote will be taken at this informational meeting)*

Date: **Sunday November 12, 2023**

Location: BSR Gym

Time: **10:00 AM**

RE: Presentation with General Membership; negotiations with State of California

We will need a Quorum of 30% of our Voting Membership, to APPROVE a "Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity" (per our Tribes Constitution) at our General Council' Quarterly Meeting, for a Gaming Compact. It is very IMPORTANT to attend the General Council Meeting scheduled for:

Date: **Sunday December 10, 2023**

Location: BSR Gym

Time: **10:00 AM**

RE: Approval of the Tribal State Compact- Big Sandy Rancheria/State of California

We ask all VOTING members to attend and be part of this very exciting time, as it is extremely important to continue with Gaming for our Tribe. Please share the dates with your family and highly encourage them to attend.

If you have any additional questions or comments, you may contact me at 559-374-0066 ext. 212 or email Lkipp@bsrnation.com.

Respectfully, on behalf of the BSR Tribal Council,

Elizabeth D. Kipp- Tribal Chairperson

Elizabeth D. Kipp
Chairperson

Joel Marvin
Vice-Chairman

Matthew Munoz
Secretary

Leann Anguiano
Treasurer

Samuel C. Atwell
Member-At-Large

Big Sandy Rancheria



"Honor Our Elders" Past & Present History Project

**SEEKING BASKET WEAVERS, BASKET DESIGNS, BASKET PHOTOS
& STORIES.**

If you are a BSR basket weaver, have photos of baskets, have baskets we can photograph, or any suggestions please let us know.

CHRISSY ATWELL-VALLE

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Located in the Admin House



**BIG SANDY
RANCHERIA**

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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 KIDS TRIBAL BINGO 6:00PM NO CAP PROGRAMS	2 ADULT TRIBAL BINGO 6:00PM
3	4 TULE RIVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION 10:30-12:00PM Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Rug Tufting 4:00-6:00pm	5 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm SBA Workshop Computer Lab 6:00-8:00pm	6 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Family Snow Globes 4:00-6:00pm	7 Pine Nut Jewelry Making 4:00-6:00pm	8 Soap Root Brush 4:00-6:00pm	9
10 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00AM	11 ELDERS CHRISTMAS OUTING Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Rug Tufting 4:00-6:00pm	12 ELDERS CHRISTMAS OUTING ELDERS DINNER 5:00PM Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Positive Self Care Beaded Cab Earrings 4:00-6:00pm	13 ELDERS CHRISTMAS OUTING Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Family Snow Globes 4:00-6:00pm	14 Book Read 4:30pm Pine Nut Jewelry Making 4:00-6:00pm	15 NO CAP PROGRAMS	16 WINTER GATHERING 5:00-7:00PM
17	18 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Rug Tufting 4:00-6:00pm	19 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm	20 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Family Snow Globes 4:00-6:00pm	21 FOOD BANK 9:00-12:00PM Pine Nut Jewelry Making 4:00-6:00pm	22 Soap Root Brush 4:00-6:00pm	23
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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NEW YEARS DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	2 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm	3 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm	4 Homemade Pizza Creations 4:00-6:00pm	5 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY NO CAP PROGRAMS	6
7	8 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Medicine Bag Making 4:00-6:00pm	9 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Positive Self Care Beaded Cab Earrings 4:00-6:00pm	10 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm	11 ELDERS MEETING 12:00PM Homemade Pizza Creations 4:00-6:00pm	12 Fall Baking 6:00-8:00pm Community Tortilla Challenge 4:00-6:00PM	13 Regalia Workshop Orientation 10:00-2:00pm
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Big Sandy Rancheria Transportation Services



We will be reducing transports to one day a week. Please make sure that you schedule your transport as soon as possible. To schedule an appointment please contact:

BSR CAP Department:
Saige Riley @ (559)374-0066 ext. 228
You can also stop by the gym in the CAP OFFICE

YOUR APPOINTMENT MUST BE MADE AND VERIFIED WITH THE CAP DEPARTMENT *BEFORE* YOUR SPOT CAN BE RESERVED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS ONLY WITH SAIGE RILEY 24 HOURS PRIOR FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTS AND 1 WEEK IN ADVANCE FOR FRESNO TRANSPORTS.

The transporter will wait 15 minutes after your scheduled departure. If you do not arrive on time, your appointment will be canceled and can be rescheduled with Saige Riley only. There are new rules for the transportation services, please call the transporter for a copy of revised rules. Transportation services are for Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Members.

The transporter cannot transport kids to school that have missed the bus. All CVIH appointments are to be scheduled with CVIH transporter. If the CVIH transporter is unable to transport you, they will need to reschedule your appointment. This applies to all medical, dental, nutrition & referral appointments.

ATTENTION ALL TRANSPORTATION PARTICIPANTS

Big Sandy Rancheria will be requiring updated signatures for transportation rules and regulations.



Big Sandy Rancheria

37387 Auberry Mission Rd

P.O. Box 337

Auberry, CA 93602

