



SMOKE SIGNALS

August 2022

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahoo Neum,

Tzow Ewanwe, Good August. Hopefully everyone had a fun and safe Fourth of July! Please remember, currently fire season is at its peak. We must all do our part and be as proactive as possible. If you plan on going camping, note that there are no fires right now, no exceptions. Enjoy the outdoors and activities, but keep in mind that we are the original stewards of this land and should act ordinarily. Always follow the golden rule when out in the wilderness-pack it in, pack it out!

Currently, we have completed the three single unit housing and have filled them with two local tribal members. This is just a starting point to the expansion of the Housing Development. We know that housing is a major issue within the Tribal Community. That is why we definitely have future plans on the Rancheria to build and expand even more housing units. Please remember that you must have an updated housing application every year for eligibility. You can find the application on the BSR website, or you can stop by the Tribal Offices anytime, Monday through Friday 8-5 pm.

Please keep the families and friends of the following Tribal Members, in your prayers for continued strength as they have recently passed; Geraldine Alec, George Moore, Jeffery Michael Davis, and Richard "Sonny Boy" Lewis Jr. All are forever in our hearts. Like always, thank you for your time and energy. Have a blessed rest of your month.

Council Meetings		Tribal Office Holiday Schedule	
Tribal Council	General Council	Date	Holiday
Wednesday, August 31, 2022	Sunday, September 25, 2022	Monday, September 5, 2022	Labor Day
Wednesday, September 28, 2022	Sunday, December 11, 2022	Friday, September 23, 2022	California American Indian Day
Wednesday, October 26, 2022		Friday, November 11, 2022	Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 30, 2022		Thursday, November 24, 2022	Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, December 11, 2022		Friday, November 25, 2022	Day After Thanksgiving

BSR General Store

Open Everyday
6:00am-10:00pm

559-825-6645

37302 Rancheria Lane
Auberry, CA 93602

RANCHERIA



Thursday, August 18, 2022
9:00am-12:00pm

Big Sandy Rancheria

37387 Auberry Mission Road
Auberry, CA 93602

REMINDER: The newsletter is available by email, if you would like to start receiving the newsletter through email rather than mail, please contact the Tribal Office at 559.374.0066.



TRIBAL ELDER'S Monthly Meeting

Second Thursday of the month at 12:00pm
AUGUST 11, 2022

- 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

August Birthdays

Michael Adkins
Mae Atwell
Gabriel Atwell
Angela Ayala
Monique Bailey
Peter Ballard
Isabella Barrera
Dennis Baty
Shelby Baty
Lisa Becher
Gladys Beecher
Lori Beecher
Naiara Berry
Rochelle Bonillas
Serena Brown
Dorothy Campos
Mia Cano
Max Cano
Wiley Carpenter
Shyanna Contreras

Joshua Davis
Nathaniel Espinoza
Adrianna Garcia
Audria Garrison
Mia Gonzales
Carrillo Guevara-Phelan
Nayeli Hodges
Mathis Jackson
Celeste Johnson
Elizabeth Kipp
Emily Lara
Brittney Jawne Lavell
Wanbli Lewis
Mileena Lewis
Kimimila Lewis
Jessica Lewis
Jeffrey Marquez
Christopher Martinez
Neisha Marvin
Jeff Marvin

Travis McFarland
Miracle Oliver
Carl Oliver
Esperanza Perches
Dezirae Perez
Tahnoni Perez
Robert Perez
Diana Reid
Michael F. Richards
Maxwell Richards
Kayla Riley
Victor Rios
Amber Robertson
Isaiah Rodriguez
Micah Sandoval
Melanie Sandoval
Sammy Santillan
Gabriel Segovia
Julian Segovia
Howard Stamp



Big Sandy Rancheria
Social & Human Services Department

Emergency Food Assistance Program

Please bring your own bags or boxes to carry food supplies

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
Hours: 2pm-4pm

Location: 37387 Auberry Mission Rd.
Auberry, Ca 93602
Contact : (559) 374-0049 EX 215 & 243



Big Sandy Elders Gathering

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Monday, August 22
Big Sandy Rancheria Gymnasium

Come join us for a presentation
on *Elder Abuse and Adult Protective
Services*, presented by Marie Saenz
of Inter-Tribal Council of California.
Lunch will be provided.
Bingo and other activities
will be presented with great
prizes.





OVCDC Big Sandy Early Head Start



Applications for the new
school program year 2022-2023

August 2022

are being accepted. The EHS Program offers:

- Education
- Health
- Nutrition
- Mental Health
- Social services
- Parent Involvement

EHS reserves 10% of enrollment for children with disabilities and various services for children with disabilities.



Job Opportunities

Teacher

**Location: OVCDC
EHS Big Sandy**

Parent Reminders:

Returning families must have all health documents
updated & submitted by 7/15/22. Returning children
need updated:

- Immunization
- Dental
- Well Checks
- TB Test

NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS 9/6/22.

Please continue to check your email & Class Dojo
for updates and important information.

Month of August:
Active
Enrollment

September 6, 2022:
**NEW SCHOOL
YEAR**

37190 Jose Basin Rd., Auberry, CA, 93602

(559) 855-7511 // Fax: (559) 855-7515

Brenda Franks, Site Supervisor
bfranks@ovcdc.com

Blossom Garcia, FCSS
bgarcia@ovcdc.com



Head Start



Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Head Start Program

July has been a fun month during our Summer Enrichment Program!

This summer we had visitors to keep our students engaged.

OVCDC via zoom, has been doing a Mono Language story time twice a month.

Lori Beecher through the EPA program has come into the classroom and made fun ecofriendly activities with our students.

To help keep our students cool during outdoor time, water activities such as a bike “car wash” and “fishing” are planned through out the week.

August 16th is the first day of school for Sierra Unified School District. If your child is moving on please be on the look out via mail or email for more info.

Applications for the Head Start 2022-2023 are now being accepted until the 1st of August 2022. Children must be 3 or 4 years of age before September 1st.

The BSR Head Start program has two positions open for employment, please visit the BSR website for more info.

Special Day

Reminders

Head Start

Applications Due

August 1st, 2022

Closed: Pre Service training

August 8th thru 12th,
2022

Community Food Bank

August 18th, 2022

Closed: Pre Service training

August 29th thru Sept.
2nd, 2022

First Day of Head Start

September 6th, 2022

559 374 0066 ext. 216

BSR Environmental Department August 2022

What is Ozone?

Ozone can be good or bad for health and the environment.

Stratospheric Ozone is the earth's sunscreen. It is GOOD because it protects living things from ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

Ground level Ozone Is BAD because it can trigger a variety of health problems, Particularly for children, the elderly, and people of all ages who have lung diseases such as asthma.

What can you do when the Ozone level is to high:

- Conserve/Electricity
- Share Rides
- Reduce Trips
- Limit Engine Idling

How is Ground-Level Ozone Pollution Formed?

Sunlight
Pollutants react with sunlight to form ozone (O₃).

+ Nitrogen Oxides
Vehicle exhaust is a major source of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) in our air.

+ Volatile Organic Compounds
Charcoal lighter fluid, paint, gasoline and other items emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

= OZONE
Ozone can harm our health by aggravating asthma, irritating lung tissue (like an internal sunburn), reducing the ability to fight respiratory infection and more.

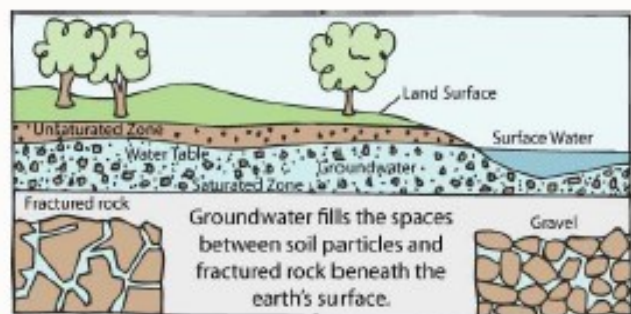
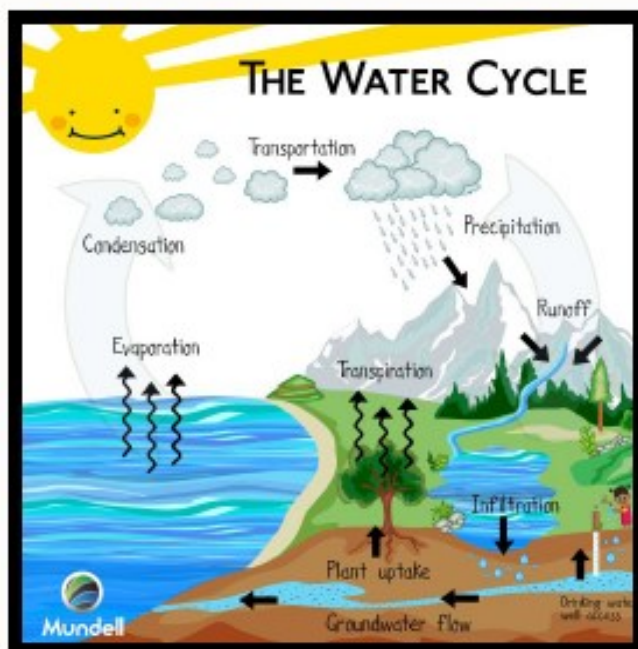
Choose one a day to keep ozone away:

- Drive less, carpool, bike, use public transit, walk or combine trips
- Refuel vehicles in the evening during summer
- Avoid using charcoal lighter fluid
- Conserve electricity
- Use people-powered lawn and garden equipment
- Use low- or no-VOC paint
- Check tire pressure monthly

Find current ozone pollution levels at www.pima.gov/deq

Clean Air Program
Healthy Air is in Our Hands
Call 726-7868 • www.pima.gov/deq

PIMA COUNTY



UPCOMING

Be on the look out for information regarding a future spay and neuter event, free to the BSR community. For any questions, please contact Rebecca Riley @ 374-0066 ext. 240

For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 226





BSR Community Clean-Up day

August 10th from 8am to 10am

Join the Environmental Department and Community Activities Program in cleaning up the BSR Community Garden. Staff will be teaching composting basics, gardening recommendations, and groundwater irrigation. Breakfast will be provided for all participants.

Thank you to everyone who came out and helped on our community clean up day in July. We had 5 tribal departments and volunteers clean planter boxes, plant vegetables, and participate in our environmental activities.



For questions, please contact Rebecca Riley @ 374-0066 ext. 240 or Brandi Kelley @ 374-0066 ext. 206



BSR CAP DEPARTMENT



BACK TO SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL FAIR

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 12th
2022**

5:00pm-7:00pm

**For more info
Contact CAP
STAFF At
559-374-0066
Ex 206/207**

**Drug
Free
Workplace**

**THIS IS A FAMILY
FORMATION EVENT!
STUDENTS K-12TH
ARE ELIGIBLE TO
RECEIVE THEIR
BACK PACK AND
SCHOOL
ESSENTIALS
WHILE SUPPLIES
LAST.**



ICWA

BY: ELIZABETH TAYLOR

Programs Offered:

- Emergency Food/ House Hold Necessity Assistance
- Emergency Infant Supplies
- Domestic Violence Services
- Mental Health/ Substance abuse

Referrals

- Prevention Services
- Case Management

"Children learn from what they see. We need to set an example of truth and action." – Howard Rainer, Taos Pueblo-Creek

Want more information on ICWA?

www.icwa.org

caltribalfamilies.org

www.bia.gov/bia/ois/dhs/icwa

CONTACT ELIZABETH TAYLOR FOR

MORE QUESTIONS:

ETAYLOR@BSRNATION.COM

559-374-0049



SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RIBBON SKIRT CLASS

Building Resilience

MONDAY'S IN AUGUST | 6PM - 8PM | BSR GYM

August 1st : Measurements/Fabric Cutting
August 8th : Ribbon Placement/Sewing
August 15th : Sewing
August 22nd : Sewing
August 29th: Finishing Touches



For more information contact the CAP Dept.

Cbonilla@bsrnation.com or 559-374-0066 Ext. 243

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CAP Computer Classes

- ▶ Computer Basics
- ▶ Elders Classes
- ▶ Tutoring
- ▶ Adult Education

Classes held Mondays and Wednesdays @ 10am.



Questions? Contact
Rebecca Riley @
374-0066 ext.240



Big Sandy Rancheria
Community Activities Program

FAMILY FORMATION

THROUGH
YARN ART

Tuesdays in August

Time

6:00-8:00pm

August 2

August 9

August 16

August 23

August 30



For more information please contact
Norelva Alarcon at 374-0066 ext 207



BSR CAP Department Family Bonding **SCRAPBOOKING NIGHT**

Be prepared to let your creativity show as you design
your one of a kind memory book.

- Take home your creation for it is yours to keep.
- Light dinner will be provided while your creative mind is at work.
- 13 and under must be present with adult
- Please bring 10 to 20 pictures

Time: 6-8pm

When: Every Wednesday Night in August

Place: Big Sandy Gym

Contact:

559-374-0066 ext. 225

aedd@bsrnation.com



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AUGUST TEEN NIGHTS: DIY HYGIENE KITS

TEENS, EVERY THURSDAY IN AUGUST COME OUT AND
LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN HYGIENE KITS!!

THURS DIY SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER **8/4**

THURS DIY FACIAL/BODY WASH **8/11**

THURS DIY TOOTHPASTE **8/18**

THURS DIY DEODORANT **8/25**

AT BIG SANDY RANCHERIA GYM 6-8PM



Questions: Saige Riley

559-374-0066 ext.225

sriley@bsrnation.com



FAMILY BASKET BALL

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2022

**FAMILY BASKET
BALL!**

**MONDAY'S AND WEDNESDAY'S
FULL COURT**

**TUESDAY'S AND THURSDAY'S
HALF COURT!**

For more information call:

559-374-0066 EXT 206



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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Ribbon Skirt 6-8pm Basketball Night 6-8pm	2 Yarn Art 6-8pm Half Court Basketball Night 6-8pm	3 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Basketball Night 6-8pm Family Scrapbooking 6-8pm	4 Teen Activity 6-8pm Half Court Basketball Night 6-8pm	5 TULE RIVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION 10:30-12PM Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Basketball Night 6-8pm	6
7	8 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Ribbon Skirt 6-8pm Basketball Night 6-8pm	9 Yarn Art 6-8pm Half Court Basketball Night 6-8pm	10 BSR Computer Lab 10am COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY 8-10 AM Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Basketball Night 6-8pm Family Scrapbooking 6-8pm	11 TRIBAL ELDERS MEETING 12PM Teen Activity 6-8pm Half Court Basketball Night 6-8pm	12 Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm BACK TO SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL FAIR 5-7 PM	13
14	15 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm TRIBAL COUNCIL APPLICATION DEADLINE 5:00 PM Ribbon Skirt 6-8pm Basketball Night 6-8pm	16 Yarn Art 6-8pm Half Court Basketball Night 6-8pm	17 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Basketball Night 6-8pm Family Scrapbooking 6-8pm	18 FOOD BANK 9-12PM Teen Activity 6-8pm Half Court Basketball Night 6-8pm	19 Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Basketball Night 6-8pm	20
21	22 ELDERS GATHERING 10:00-3:00PM BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Ribbon Skirt 6-8pm Basketball Night 6-8pm	23 Yarn Art 6-8pm Half Court Basketball Night 6-8pm	24 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Basketball Night 6-8pm Family Scrapbooking 6-8pm	25 Teen Activity 6-8pm Half Court Basketball Night 6-8pm	26 Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Basketball Night 6-8pm	27
28	29 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Ribbon Skirt 6-8pm Basketball Night 6-8pm	30 Yarn Art 6-8pm Half Court Basketball Night 6-8pm	31 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10AM BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Basketball Night 6-8pm Family Scrapbooking 6-8pm			

2022

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 CAP STAFF Development Day All Activities Closed	2 Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Fitness/Open gym 6-8pm	3
4	5 ALL TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED LABOR DAY	6 Fitness/ Basketball 6-8pm Needle Punching 6-8pm	7 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Fitness/ Basketball 6-8pm Tie Blankets 6-8pm	8 TRIBAL ELDERS MEETING 12PM Fitness/ Basketball 6-8pm Teen Activity 6-8pm	9 Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Fitness/Open gym 6-8pm	10
11	12 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Fitness/ Basketball 6-8pm Cricut Native Crafts 6-8pm	13 Fitness/ Basketball 6-8 Needle Punching 6-8pm	14 TRIBAL ELECTIONS 7AM-7PM BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Fitness/ Basketball 6-8pm Tie Blankets 6-8pm	15 FOOD BANK 9-12PM Fitness/ Basketball 6-8pm Teen Activity 6-8pm	16 Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Hand Games and Clapping Sticks 6-8pm	17
18	19 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Fitness/ Basketball 6-8 Cricut Native Crafts 6-8pm	20 Fitness/ Basketball 6-8 Needle Punching 6-8pm	21 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Fitness/ Basketball 6-8pm Tie Blankets 6-8pm	22	23 ALL TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED CALIFORNIA AMERICAN INDIAN DAY	24
25 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 10AM	26 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Fitness/ Basketball 6-8pm Cricut Native Crafts 6-8pm	27 Fitness/ Basketball 6-8pm Needle Punching 6-8pm	28 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10AM Fitness/ Basketball 6-8pm Tie Blankets 6-8pm	29 Fitness/ Basketball 6-8 Teen Activity 6-8pm	30 Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Hand Games and Clapping Sticks 6-8pm	

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:
Brandi Kelley @ (559)374-0066 ext. 206
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 BRANDI KELLY* 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 Brandi Kelley 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

