

SMOKE SIGNALS

August 2023

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Tzow Wayawee, Good August. First off, we would like to say thank you to everyone who attended the Wild Waters trip last month. It was a huge success with about 300 attendees. Please remember it is summer, and we have been experiencing some extreme heat waves. To avoid heat exhaustion please stay well hydrated and try to keep outside activities to a minimum.

For some updates here on the Rancheria. One huge update is that our Family Social Services building is now up and operational. A huge thank you to everyone who helped complete such a major undertaking. It wasn't without its heartaches and headaches, but it was well worth it all in the end. The new Emergency Building is standing, still needs a lot of interior work but looks nice next to our existing building. In conclusion the Rancheria has been nonstop busy.

In ending, even though we had a nice winter. We all still need to conserve water here on the Rancheria. So if you have any leaky toilets or runny swamp coolers. Please let us know and we can get these issues resolved. Thank you once again for all your time and energy, as always have a blessed rest of your month.

| Council I | Meetings | Tribal Office Holiday Schedule | | |
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| Tribal Council | General Council | Date | Holiday | |
| Wednesday, August 30, 2023 | Sunday, September 24,2023 | Monday, September 4, 2023 | Labor Day | |
| Wednesday, September 27, 2023 | | Friday, September 22, 2023 | California American Indian Day | |
| Wednesday, October 25, 2023 | | Monday, October 9, 2023 | Indigenous Peoples Day | |
| Wednesday, November 29, 2023 | | Friday, November 10, 2023 | Veterans Day | |
| | | Thursday, November 23, 2023 | Thanksgiving Day | |
| | | Friday, November 24,2023 | Day After Thanksgiving | |
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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 10, 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, August 17, 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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 Jessica Lewis Kimimila Lewis Mileena Lewis Wanbli Lewis Jeffrey Marquez Christopher Martinez Jeff Marvin Michael Marvin Neisha Marvin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

July's Elders Meeting





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 EXT 215 & 243

BIG SANDY SOCIAL SERVICES

ICWA | CASE MANAGEMENT | SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



OUR SERVICES

The Social Services Department works to support BSR's Tribal families by providing culturally appropriate services, assistance, and support. By working with families and individuals we strive to identify the unique needs of each client. Our ultimate goal in providing these services is to encourage, promote, and maintain the overall health and well-being of Tribal members and their families.

For more information, please contact

Elizabeth (Liz) Taylor, Director of Social Services/ ICWA Representative

etaylor@bsmation.com

559-374-0049 - Desk phone 559-776-6322 - TEXT OR CALL

EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY

If requested we can provide personal support during educational intervention meetings including but not limited to; IEP meetings, SST meetings, and SARB hearings.

ICWA

The ICWA Rep will intervene in all eligible Child Dependency cases involving Tribal members and their children. This includes Tribal representation in State and County courts, case management, and service referrals.

OTHER SERVICES INCLUDE:

VICTIM ADVOCACY

EMERGENCY FOOD/BABY/ HYGIENE SUPPLIES

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

ASSISTANCE IN ACCESSING/IDENTIFYING RESOURCES

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AS NEEDED

HEADSUP

OVCDC Big Sandy Early Head Start
August 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

August 4th: Last Day of 2022-2024 School Year/End of the Year Celebration August 7th-18th: Program Closed August 21-25th: Preservice Training for Staff August 28-31st: Home Visits Begin Come Join our Team!

Employment Opportunities

Teacher
Site Supervisor
Open Until
Filled

Apply online @ ovcdc.com

Reminders

Our center hours are
Monday-Friday from
7:45-3:45 P.M.
Breakfast is from 8:309:00 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

Head Start

Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Head Start and Childcare

WE'VE MOVED! To Our New Building!!

Across from the Early Head Start

Please be aware that our new location is still an active construction site.

Thank you for your understanding.

July 10th we welcomed families back for summer childcare. It was very exciting to see all the smiles. The kids were especially excited for the new playground.

Parents of returning Head Start children we will be making appointments in early August to update your child's file. Please be on the look out for a sign up sheet.

August 15th 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 2023-2024 are now being accepted until the 4th of August 2023. Children must be 3 or 4 years of age before September 1st.

The First day of Head Start will be

Tuesday, September 5th, 2023

Special Day Reminders

Head Start

Applications Due:

August 4th, 2023

Community Food

Bank

August 17th, 2023

Closed: Staff

Development Day

August 18th, 2023

Closed: Preservice

Training

August 28th thru

Sept 1st, 2023

Phone: 559 374 0066

Ext.216

BSR Environmental Department August 2023

The Environmental Department took the kids enrolled in the Summer youth program with CAP on a Field trip to Forestiere Underground Gardens. They learned how Baldassare Forestiere used a lot of the recycled items found around Fresno to make his Underground Garden and home. He spent 40 years of his life working by himself on his underground tunnels and growing fruit trees



BSR Community Clean -up Day August 3rd 8am-10am

Come out and join the Environmental
Department, and Community Activities
Program in cleaning up the BSR
community garden. Staff will be teaching
composting basic gardening recommendations and groundwater irrigation. Breakfast will be provided for all participants.

What does the number inside the Recycling Symbol Really Mean:

It's a identification code that tells you what kind of plastic that material is made of.

- # 1 PET or PETE —Is the most common plastic.
 Soft drinks, water, ketchup
- # 2 HDPE—this plastic forms milk jugs, laundry detergent bottles, motor oil jugs
- # 3 PVC—best known for pipes, cooking oil and shampoo bottles, medical tubing
- # 4 LDPE—can be found in squeezable condiment bottles, toys, shrink wrap
- # 5 PP—this has a high melting point for hot liquids syrup, medicine bottles, straws
- # 6 PS—incredibly versatile plastic like soft foam,
 CD case, egg cartons

Back to School Community Clean-up July 31st through August 4th

A roll off will be available at the transfer station, all items need to be put inside of the roll off bin. Do not leave items next to the to the roll off.

BSR Swap Meet

When: September 16, 2023

8am-12pm

Where: 33041 Oakview Terrace

Complex

Auberry Ca. 93602 For information or questions:

Contact: Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext.226



For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 226 or Rebecca Riley ext. 240





PRESENTS....

Design Your

Skirt Night





Design your own ribbon skirt with supplied materials and have food prepped just for you! Time:

6:00PM-8:00PM During: Monday

7-31-23 Night's

8-07-23

8-14-23

8-21-23

8-28-23

Community Bonding Night JOIN US IN THE BSR GYMNASIUM

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

Social and Human Services Department

Talking

Come learn about DV,
Victimization, Narcissistic
Behaviors and what to do
in those situations. Feel
free to ask questions, talk
and heal in a safe place
with others.

Tuesdays In August - 6-8PM - BSR GYM

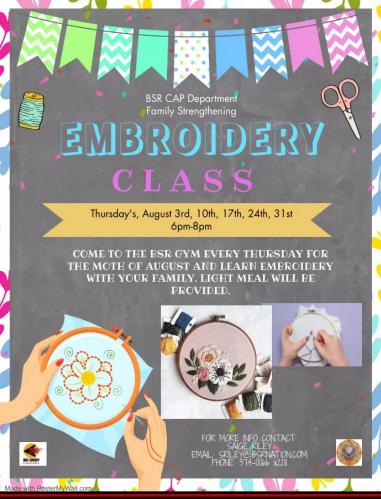
For more info contact



559-374-0066 EXT243

ssamaniego@bsrnation.com







AUGUST FAMILY FITNESS

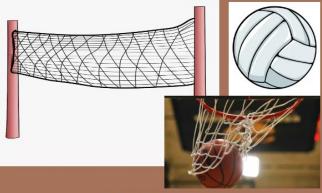


BSR CAP Department

Basketball Night Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's 6PM-8PM

Volleyball Night Tuesday's and Thursday's 6PM-8PM

Fitness Room Open 8AM-8PM Monday-Friday



Call:374-0066Ext.228 Email: sriley@bsrnation.com

BSR CAP DEPARTENT COMMUNITY COMPLITER LAB

COMPUTER LAB HOURS: MONDAY'S AND WEDNESDAY'S 11AM-1PM

COME TO THE COMPUTER LAB AND LEARN NEW SKILLS ON THE COMPUTER. IMPROVE YOUR TYPING SKILLS, WRITING SKILLS, EXCEL KNOWLEDGE, ETC.







FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SAIGE RILEY EMAIL: SRILEY@BSRNATION.COM PHONE:374-0066 X228





BSR CAP DEPARTMENT ELDER'S COMPUTER LAB



TUESDAY'S 11AM-1PM

ELDER'S JOIN US AT THE COMPUTER LAB EVERY TUESDAY TO PRACTICE AND IMPROVE YOUR COMPUTER SKILLS.



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SAIGE RILEY EMAIL: SRILEY@GMAIL.COM PHONE: 374-0066 X228









STUDENTS AND FAMILIES JOIN US AT THE BSR GYM TO RECEIVE YOUR BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SCHOOL, GRADES K-12.

FAMILY FORMATION
DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

FRIDAY

AUGUST 4, 2023

5-7pm

BSR GYM

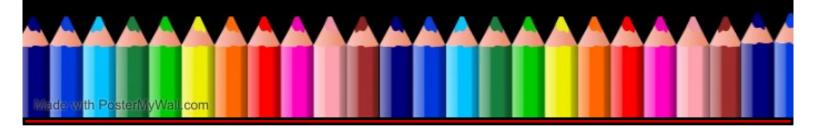
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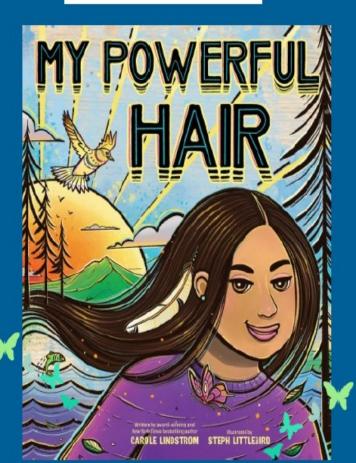




FRESNO COUNTY FAMILY LITERACY PROGAM

PRESENTS









Join us for a Book Read and Language Experience Activity
with BSR CAP Summer Youth Program & Community



LOCATION: BSR GYM TIME: 12:30 PM

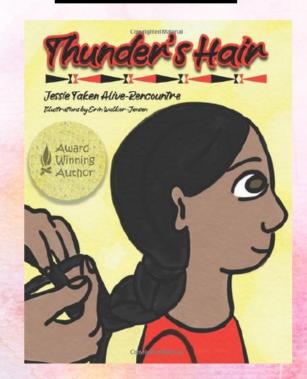


For more information contact PACILA Instuctors Jocelyn Saavedra at 559-226-2880 Ext. 212 or jsaavedra@ovcdc.com
Juliana Velasquez at 559 266-2880 Ext.206 or jvelasquez@ovcdc.com



Fresno County Family Literacy Program <u>Presents</u>







August 24th, 2023

Join us for a Book Read and Language Experience
Activity with BSR CAP Youth Program & Community

Location: BSR Gym Time: 4:30 pm



For More information contact PACILA Instructors Jocelyn Saavedra at 559-226-2880 Ext.212 or jsaavedra@ovcdc.com Juliana Velasquez at 559-226-2880 Ext. 206 or jvelasquez@ovcdc.com

Big Sandy Rancheria



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

monogirl02@yahoo.com 559-359-1053



FB Messenger @Chrissy Atwell

Located in the Admin House



RONDII NIETO

rondii@yahoo.com 559-361-7242 FB Messenger @Rondii Nieto Bonilla



Big Sandy Rancheria

Community Swap Meet

When: September 16, 2023

8 am—12 pm

Where: 33041 Oakview Terrace Complex

Auberry Ca 93602

Reduce - the waste

Recycle - the present

Reuse - the old

BSR Environmental Department would like to invite you to join us for our community Swap Meet at Oakview Terrace complex. The purpose of these events is to educate people on how to prevent unnecessary waste.



For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 226



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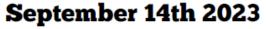
Fresno County Family Literacy Program



Pr<u>esents</u>









September 28th 2023

<u>Join us for a Book Read and Language Experience</u>

Activity with BSR CAP Youth program & Community

Location: BSR Gym

Time: 4:30 pm

For more information contact PACILA Instructors Jocelyn Saavedra at 559-226-2880 Ext.212 or jsaavedra@ovcdc.com. Juliana Velasquez at 559-226-2880 Ext. 206 or jvelasquez@ovcdc.com



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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

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Big Sandy Rancheria

37387 Auberry Mission Rd P.O. Box 337

Auberry, CA 93602

