



SMOKE SIGNALS

September 2022

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Big Sandy Rancheria General Membership, we do hope this newsletter reaches you and your family in good health and spirits. On behalf of the Tribal Council, we are so appreciative of each one of you, for all your support during the past 2 years, as we do have a very important date coming up, September 14, 2022, Tribal Council Election Day. We wish each candidate for the upcoming 2022-2024 Tribal Council term, good luck.

On September 7, 2022, we have our 10th Annual Native Youth Golf Tournament, at the Dragon Fly Golf Course in Madera, CA. Over the years, we have used the fundraising money to enhance our community. We used a good portion of the proceeds to beautify our Pow Wow Grounds with the synthetic grass, and the overall areas of the grounds. The powwow grounds have been used for family functions, birthday parties, and other events- which we highly encourage the tribal community to utilize.

Our newly constructed Family Resource Building is still under construction. We have encountered the "construction zone" of being delayed, due to materials and equipment availability and rising cost of such items. The Golden Question of "when is it going to be completed?" which at first, we were shooting for the beginning of this school year, but that time has come and gone. We were in delay for windows, once they arrived, they were installed immediately. Currently the building is in the sheetrock stage, with interior painting to commence soon. We are still waiting for some air conditioning and heating units to arrive, and the most needed; electrical panels, which is unknown to when those items will be delivered. We hope and pray, we can have the building grand opening, very soon.

We are experiencing some major water shortage issues, for the residents here at Big Sandy Rancheria. We are working on the water system, and in hopes that we can regain our volume for the use of daily routines. We do ask that everyone conserve the use of water the best you can, and please NO SWIMMING POOLS. We must help each other and ensure that water is available for everyone's use, as we cannot express our appreciation for your support in our community. If you have any leaks or water related issues, PLEASE Report them, so we can get it fixed as soon as possible.

If you would like to receive the newsletter and General Council Reports by email, please contact Matthew Munoz at Mmunoz@bsrnation.com with your request. We encourage everyone to attend the General Council Meetings, as our next meeting is on September 25, 2022, 10:00AM- here at the BSR Gymnasium.

Have a wonderful September, as we wish you all the best.

Council Meetings		Tribal Office Holiday Schedule	
Tribal Council	General Council	Date	Holiday
Wednesday, September 28, 2022	Sunday, September 25, 2022	Monday, September 5, 2022	Labor Day
Wednesday, October 26, 2022	Sunday, December 11, 2022	Friday, September 23, 2022	California American Indian Day
Wednesday, November 30, 2022		Friday, November 11, 2022	Veterans Day
Sunday, December 11, 2022		Thursday, November 24, 2022	Thanksgiving Day
		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, September 15, 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

SEPTEMBER 8, 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
 AT 559-374-0066.

September Birthdays



Jordan Adkins
 Ismeralda Anguiano
 Jack Atwell
 Samuel Jr. Atwell
 Austin Ballard
 Ramona Barrera
 Gabriella Barrera
 Hazel Bates
 Johnny Baty
 Sharon Baty
 Ruthie Beecher
 Ashleigh Beecher
 Rochelle Beecher
 Paul Beecher
 Akias Berry
 Alice Bethel
 Stephen Cape

Charles Carpenter
 Ceyuni Dick
 Dshba Flores
 Kate Goossens
 Jacquelynn Guevara Phelan
 Maria Haanen
 Jason Harrison
 Penelope Jackson
 Johnny Jackson
 Lenora Johnson
 Kristen Kipp
 Sydney Kipp
 Wadoni Littlefield
 Phillip Marquez
 Angelo Martinez
 Gerald Marvin
 Eric Mills

Matthew Munoz
 Danielle Oliver
 Zandrian Reid
 Colton Richards
 Fabian Riley
 Mikayla Rodriguez
 Brian Sample
 Wyatt Sample
 Layla Sewell
 Sharon Sewell
 Farrah Sewell
 Mary Jane Telles
 Joseph Valles
 Liylah Walker
 Ruben Jr. Walker
 Tracy Williams-Hughey
 Heidi Wilson

BIG SANDY SOCIAL SERVICES

ICWA | CASE MANAGEMENT | SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



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.

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

OTHER SERVICES INCLUDE:

VICTIM ADVOCACY

EMERGENCY FOOD/BABY/ HYGIENE
SUPPLIES

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

ASSISTANCE IN
ACCESSING/IDENTIFYING RESOURCES

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AS
NEEDED

Head Start



Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Head Start Program

The BSR Head Start program would like to welcome our families to the 2022-2023 school year. We are excited to have 9 new families join the program and happy to see our 6 returning students.

Drop off is between 8:00am - 8:30am if you are running later than 8:30am please give us a call.

Just a reminder to pack an extra pair of clothes and shoes for your child.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the center at (559)374-0066 ext. 216

We are looking forward to a fantastic school year!

A big thank you to our OVDCDC summer youth employees, Sabrina Riley and Aurelia Rios for all their hard work!



Special Day Reminders

1st Day of Head Start

September 6th, 2022

Community Food Bank

September 15th, 2022

Closed: California Indian Day

September 23rd, 2022

Closed: Staff Development Day

September 30th, 2022

559 374 0066 ext. 216

BSR Environmental Department September 2022

7 R's of Recycling

- Refuse**
Think before you buy - do I need this?
Bring your own shopping bags
- Reduce**
Buy goods that last a long time,
Buy rechargeable batteries
Look for goods with minimal packaging
- Re-gift**
Buy goods that last a long time, Buy rechargeable batteries
Look for goods with minimal packaging
- Recover**
the carbon from your grass and tree prunings by composting and improve the carbon content of your soil
- Reuse**
Buy goods from the local op shop
Remake things into something new - get the kids to help you make paper machier gift boxes
- Repair**
fix object rather than throw them away - good shoes can be re-heeled and re-soled many times over
- Recycle**
Give things that you no longer use or need to friends and family or donate them to the local op shop

WATER CONSERVATION

- DON'T LEAVE THE TAP RUNNING NEEDLESSLY**
Turn off your sink faucet while washing hands, brushing teeth and soaping dishes and pots.
- USE DUAL FLUSH TOILET**
Don't flush if more than necessary
- STOP LEAKY TOILET AND DRIPPING FAUCETS**
A faucet that drips at the rate of one drop per second will waste 1,700 gallons per year!
- EATING LOCAL, ORGANIC FOOD AND LESS MEAT**
Dairy foods require a lot more water to produce especially foods with carbon footprint
- CHOOSE AND USE YOUR APPLIANCES WISELY**
Use energy efficient appliances
- REDUCING FLOWS OF WATER**
Use high efficiency faucet aerator and low flow shower head
- SET UP A RAIN BARREL**
Rain barrel collects rain water from eaves to water your garden

Let's Make Clean Water!

Water, dirt, bits of plant matter

Gravel
Sand
Flourish
Flower pot

Filtered Water
Container

SOILS HELP TO COMBAT AND ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Healthy soils provide the longest store of terrestrial carbon.

Poorly managed soils

If soils are managed poorly as indicated through unsustainable agricultural practices, soil carbon can be released into the atmosphere in the form of carbon dioxide (CO₂), which can contribute to climate change.

Climate change impacts its a serious threat to global food security. The degradation of quality of CO₂ results in degraded and poorer soils. No more or better! Based on soil carbon levels.

100% (2000) vs 20% (2015) vs 70% (2050)

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Soils and the Carbon Cycle

The carbon cycle is the exchange of carbon in various forms, e.g., carbon dioxide between the atmosphere, rivers, oceans, land plants and geologic deposits.

- 1 Plants take CO₂ from the atmosphere using photosynthesis and store it in their leaves, stems and roots.
- 2 Animals that feed on the plants pass the carbon compounds along the food chain.
- 3 Most of the carbon from the animals is exhaled as CO₂ and is sent back to the atmosphere.
- 4 All plants and animals die, and the dead organisms are eaten by decomposers like soil bacteria and fungi and the carbon in their bodies is returned to the soil as CO₂.
- 5 Decomposers break down the dead organic matter into nutrients and humus, which, such as compost, are recycled in plants. Some soil-borne fungi (mycorrhizae) which make roots of the plants and other structures in the soil of CO₂.

Sustainably managed soils

When managed sustainably, soils can play an important role in climate change mitigation through carbon sequestration (C₄ loss). An increasing amount of carbon is stored in the atmosphere.

By restoring degraded soils and adopting soil conservation practices...

There may be potential to decrease the emission of greenhouse gases from agriculture and soil carbon sequestration practices will reduce the climate change.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

#V52015

Big Sandy Rancheria Community Swap Meet

When: October 22, 2022

Where: Oakview Terrace Complex

Contact Rebecca Riley for questions or a vendor application 374-0066 ext. 240.

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 Environmental Department September 2022

Big Sandy Rancheria Community Swap Meet

When: October 22, 2022

8 am—12 pm

Where: 33041 Oakview Terrace Complex

Auberry, CA 93602

Reduce - the waste

Reuse - the old

Recycle - the present

BSR Environmental Department would like to invite you to join us for our community swap meet at Oakview Terrace complex. The purpose of these event is to educate people on how to prevent excessive and unnecessary waste, and to limit the consumption of non-renewable resources

For information or any questions contact:

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



FAMILY BONDING

THROUGH NEEDLE PUNCHING

**MONDAYS
IN SEPTEMBER**

**BSR GYM - 6:00-8:00pm
SMALL MEAL SERVED**

design your own rug with needle punching,
a form of embroidery

for more information contact
Norelva Alarcon at 374-0066 ext 207
nalarcon@bsrnation.com



**BSR CAP DEPARTMENT
HEALTHY
RELATIONSHIPS**

WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS 6-8PM

THE BANKETS

BSR GYM
LIGHT MEAL WILL BE
PROVIDED
13 & UNDER MUST BE
PRESENT WITH ADULT

CONTACT 5593740066 EXT 228
AEDD@BSRNATION.COM



NATIVE CRICUT CRAFTS:

FAMILY BONDING

EVERY TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER!

6PM TO 8PM

SEPTEMBER 6TH: CUPS

SEPTEMBER 13TH: KEY CHAINS

SEPTEMBER 20TH: T-SHIRTS

SEPTEMBER 27TH: T-SHIRTS (CONTINUED)

For more information contact Celestina at
cbonilla@bsrnation.com or 559-374-0066 x 243



PRESENTS HEALTH AND
WELLNESS ACTIVITY

SEPTEMBER FITNESS NIGHTS

WE ARE OPEN TO ANY FITNESS
ACTIVITIES THAT ARE NOT LISTED
CALL CAP STAFF AND LET US
KNOW WHAT FITNESS ACTIVITIES
YOU WOULD WANT TO BE A PART
OF.



Monday and
Wednesday
Basketball Night

ALL AGES WELCOME/ ANY CHILDREN
UNDER THE AGE OF 13 MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT/ NO
FOUL LANGUAGE/ NO DRUGS AND
ALCHOL ALLOWED/ PLEASE BE
RESPECTFUL AND COURTEOUS TO
ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND
STAFF

Tuesdays
Family Fitness
6-8pm

Thursdays
Family Fitness/
Self Defense
6-8pm

Fridays Open
Gym
6-8pm

6PM-8PM

BSR GYM

FOR MORE INFO CALL
CAP STAFF AT
559-374-0066

- BASKETBALL
- VOLLEYBALL
- WEIGHT TRAINING
- CARDIO EXERCISE

(559) 226-2880
5070 N. Sixth Suite 110
Fresno, CA 93710

Family Formation Through
Cultural Practices

Learning Our Traditional Games



California Hand-Games

The Fresno Language program will be holding
workshops @ the BSR Gym during September!
This is a Family Workshop
Learn Hand Games & Clapstick Making

Sept.

Big Sandy Gym 6pm-8pm

September 16th & 30th

Dinner Provided

Sign-up with the BSR CAP department or Fresno Language
Team. You can also sign-up by scanning the QR Code

- 1.) BSR CAP department (559) 374-0066
- 2.) Fresno Language Team (559) 226-2880
Rena Picaso or Paula Davila
rpicaso@ovcdc.com pdavila@ovcdc.com



CAP Computer Classes

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

Classes held Mondays and
Wednesdays @ 10am.



Big Sandy Rancheria
Social & Human Services Department

Emergency Food Assistance Program

Please bring your own bags or boxes to carry food supplies

Please contact Elizabeth Taylor to
schedule pickup date and time.

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



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



SELF DEFENSE CLASSES

SELF SECURITY

THURSDAY'S IN SEPTEMBER

6PM - 8PM

LOCATION: BSR GYM

PROVIDE YOURSELF AND
FAMILY WITH THE SKILLS TO
PROTECT YOURSELF FROM
HARM

**For more information contact Elizabeth Taylor
at etaylor@bsrnation.com / 559.374.0066 x 215**

or

**Brandi Kelley at bkelly@bsrnation.com / 559-
374-006 x 206**

2022 September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Self Defense Class 6-8pm	2 CAP STAFF Development Day All Activities Closed	3
4	5 ALL TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED LABOR DAY	6 Family Fitness 6-8pm Cricut Native Crafts 6-8pm	7 TULE RIVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION 10:30-12:00 BSR Computer Lab 10am Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Tie Blankets 6-8pm	8 TRIBAL ELDERS MEETING 12PM Self Defense Class 6-8pm	9 CAP STAFF OFF-SITE All Activities Closed	10
11	12 BSR Computer Lab 10am Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Needle Punching 6-8pm	13 Family Fitness 6-8pm Cricut Native Crafts 6-8pm	14 TRIBAL ELECTIONS 7AM-7PM BSR Computer Lab 10am Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Tie Blankets 6-8pm	15 FOOD BANK 9-12PM Self Defense Class 6-8pm	16 HAND GAMES AND CLAPPING STICKS 6-8PM	17
18	19 BSR Computer Lab 10am Fitness Basketball 6-8 Needle Punching 6-8pm	20 Family Fitness 6-8pm Cricut Native Crafts 6-8pm	21 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Tie Blankets 6-8pm	22 Self Defense Class 6-8pm	23 ALL TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED CALIFORNIA AMERICAN INDIAN DAY	24
25 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 10AM	26 BSR Computer Lab 10am Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Needle Punching 6-8pm	27 Family Fitness 6-8pm Cricut Native Crafts 6-8pm	28 BSR Computer Lab 10am TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10AM Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Tie Blankets 6-8pm	29 Self Defense Class 6-8pm	30 HAND GAMES AND CLAPPING STICKS 6-8PM	

2022 October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Yarn Belt Class 6-8pm	4 Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Family Beaded Baseball Caps 6-8pm	5 TULE RIVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION 10:30-12:00PM Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Candle Making 6-8pm	6 Self Defense Class 6-8pm	7 CAP STAFF Development Day All Activities Closed	8
9	10 Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Yarn Belt Class 6-8pm	11 Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Family Beaded Baseball Caps 6-8pm	12 Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Candle Making 6-8pm	13 TRIBAL ELDERS MEETING 12PM Self Defense Class 6-8pm	14 Fitness Open gym 6-8pm Teen Night 6-8pm	15
16	17 Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Yarn Belt Class 6-8pm	18 Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Family Beaded Baseball Caps 6-8pm	19 Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Candle Making 6-8pm	20 FOOD BANK 9-12PM Self Defense Class 6-8pm	21 Fitness Open gym 6-8pm Teen Night 6-8pm	22 COMMUNITY SWAP MEET 8-12PM OAKVIEW TERRACE COMPLEX (AUBERRY)
23	24 Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Yarn Belt Class 6-8pm	25 Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Family Beaded Baseball Caps 6-8pm	26 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10AM Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Candle Making 6-8pm	27 Self Defense Class 6-8pm	28 FALL GATHERING 5-7PM	29
30	31 Fitness Basketball 6-8pm Yarn Belt Class 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

