

SMOKE SIGNALS OCTOBER 2025

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahoo Neum,

Tzow Ciyaneath, Good October. Happy Halloween! May everyone have a fun and safe time going out to celebrate this spooky holiday. Big Sandy will be throwing their annual Fall Festival at the BSR GYM on October 24th from 5-7 p.m. Please come out and join us for a night of fun, there will be a Costume contest, games, and of course lots of candy.

Now for an update. The time has finally arrived, our Tribal State Gaming Compact has now been deemed approved! This is a huge milestone for the Tribe with securing our current gaming as well as our future in the industry. The Tribe did go into detail at our last general council meeting, thank you all who was able to attend.

As far as events coming up for the month. We will be hosting another Fight Night with the Big Dawg Bare Knuckle Boxing. It will be on Saturday, October 18, 2025, here at the Mono Wind Casino. This event is one of a kind. We highly recommend it, you will not be disappointed. Details can be found on our website, and a flyer will be attached to this newsletter.

Our next general council meeting will be on December 14, 2025. These meetings are for tribal members only. No significant others or non-tribal can attend. Hope to see you all there, and like always thank you for your time and energy and may you have a blessed rest of your month.

| Council | Meeting | Tribal Office Holiday Schedule | | |
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| T <mark>ribal C</mark> ouncil | General Council | Date | Holiday | |
| Wednesday, October 29, 2025 Wednesday, November 26,2025 Wednesday, December 17, 2025 | Sunday, December 14, 2025 | Monday, October 13, 2025 Tuesday, November 11, 2025 Thursday, November 27, 2025 Friday, November 28, 2025 Wednesday, December 24, 2025 Thursday, December 25, 2025 | Indigenous People's Day Veterans Day Thanksgiving Day Day After Thanksgiving Christmas Eve Christmas Day | |

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 12:00 pm

October 9, 2025

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, October 16, 2025 10:00am-12:00pm Big Sandy Rancheria 37387 Auberry Mission Road Auberry, CA 93602

BSR General Store 6:00am-10:00pm

559-825-6645

37302 Rancheria Lane Auberry, CA 93602

October Birthdays



Angel Atwell

Victoria Barrera

Patricia Beecher

Jude Berry

Mable Berry

Nyviah Bethel

Michelle Burroughs

Kyle Colmenero

Ashley Davis

Caleb Espinoza

Frank Flores

Willow Gopher

Jordan Guizar

Alexander Hamilton

Brenda Harrison

Brittany Harvey

Alessia Johnson

Nicole Kipp

Daniel U. Lewis

Darin Loretz

Michael Marquez

Rhonda Marvin

Katelyn Merrick

Vanessa Oliver

Jullian Oliver

Delores Oliver

Jaylene Oliver Tenorio

Jolene Oliver Tenorio

Jovannah Oliver Tenorio

Julissa Perez

Adrianne Pozzi

Jayden Rich

Aiyona Rich

Walter Richards

Regina Riley

Tamara Riley

Thomas Riley Jr.

Renee Riley

Victor Rios Jr.

Shaon Rodriguez

Anaya Romero-Oliver

Aniya Samaniego

Tristin Sandoval

Isabelle Sheddan

Heather Sheddan

Clay Telles

Sencer'rae Travis

Alyssa Turner

Ruben Vasquez

Joseph Vella

Stephanie Vore

Edward Williams

Kola Wynn

Robert Wynn

Big Sandy Rancheria Elders

Hello Elders

I hope you are all doing well. On September 13th and 14th the elders attended the annual Acorn Festival hosted by Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians. It was a fun and eventful day, with Hand games and Native art and lots of crafts. On October 6th, 2024, the Elders will be going to Senior Day at the Big Fresno Fair. If you would like to attend please sign up with Leann Anguiano (559) 917-1674 or languiano@bsrnation.com by October 3rd. Also October, 31st at 10:00am the Elders will have a table at the Halloween Walk-a-bout for the BSR Head Start kids, come dressed up in your favorite costumes. This month our Elders luncheon will be on October 9th at 12:00pm. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Elder's activities? please feel free to contact Leann Anguiano or Matthew Munoz. I hope you all have a safe October.

CMIC Caregivers Training

Big Sandy sent two of our elders Tammy Riley and Mae Berry to Blue Lake, California for Caregiver Training, a few things they learned was how to recognize Elders abuse in Tribal Community, First Aid/CPR, Medication Management and many more helpful seminars. These two ladies earned there Caregiver Certificate.

Congratulations!!













Black Oak Elders Trip



Pearl Hutchins, Liz Hutchins, Amy Hutchins



Liz Hutchins, Theresa Williams-Lundy, David Martinez, Amanda Martinez, **Shelby Martinez**



Gina Mangiarelli, Aleda Cogdell



Loretta Sylvas



Wylenna Atwell Sam Atwell







Jane Stamp



Johnny Baty

Johnny Baty, Jane Stamp, Sharon Simpson-Baty, Debbie Cunningham, Miles Baty



Millie Howard-Davis, Regina

Ruthie Beecher, Janine Vella



Ruthie Beecher, Michelle Hall, Mae Berry

Every Child Matters—Orange Shirt Day

Thank you all that attended the Orange Shirt Day. In recognizing the harm done to generations of children by Indian Residential Schools, and commitment to ensure Every Child Matters!!



















BSR ECE DEPARTMENT

Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Early Childhood Education Department

The BSR Early Childhood Education Department would like to welcome our families to the 2025-2026 school year. We are looking forward to a fantastic school year!

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

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

Head Start and Early Head Start has an attendance requirement of 85% a month. Please call if your child will be absence.

Our Halloween walk-a-bout will be on October 31st.

Children are more than welcomed to come in their favorite clothes, dress up attire or a Halloween costume to school that day. We will walk to the BSR POW WOW grounds for "trick or treating".

We are still accepting applications for Head Start for the 2025–2026 school year!

Children who will be 3 years old by September 1st or are 4 years old are eligible for Head Start.

Please contact HS at 559 374 0066 ext. 216 or EHS at Ext. 214 if you have any additional questions.

Special Day

Reminders

Centers Closed:

Indigenous

Peoples' Day

October 13th, 2025

Community Food

Bank

October 16th, 2025

Centers Closed:

ECE Staff

Development Day

October 24th, 2025

Halloween-walk-

a-bout

October 31st, 2025

BSR Environmental Department October 2025

What not to burn inside your home

Never burn household garbage, treated or painted wood, or certain types of paper in your fireplace or wood stove. This could release toxic chemicals and heavy mentals into your and environment, and can increase the risk of a chimney fire.

What not to burn

- Pressure-treated wood: Wood used for outdoor projects like decks and fences.
- Plywood, particle board, and chipboard:
 These products are bound with synthetic resins and glues that release harmful, cancer-causing gases when burned.
- Painted or stained wood: The finishes on wood furniture and scraps can release toxic fumes into the air.

Hazardous accelerants

Gasoline, Kerosene, and lighter fluid:
 Never use flammable liquids to accelerate a fire. The fumes can be toxic in enclose spaces.

Dangers of burning the wrong materials:

Can cause serious dangers to your home or yourself, including chimney fires, toxic fumes, poisoning, chemicals released into the air, and house fires. These material cause creosote buildup and can cause respiratory issues, eye irritation, damage to your home and can even be fatal due to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Health and Environmental Effects due to the Garnet Fire



When the forest burns, large amounts of smoke are released into the atmosphere. This smoke is made up of a complex soup of gases, microscopic particles and water vapors. The particulates that make up the smoke are quite small less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter. These particles are so small our bodies have a difficult time filtering them out of our airways. Wildfires can affect our water quality, air quality and our drinking water. To stay safe from breathing in smoke, stay indoors, filter the air inside of your home. Use a respirator. Limit outdoor activity. Have a evacuation plan. Keep a bag packed in case you have to leave your home in a hurry.

Big Sandy Swap Meet

The environmental department would like to thank everyone that participated in our biannual swap meet. We had 17 vendors, with a variety of items, including \$5.00 Indian tacos, homemade backed goods, antiques, clothing, games, cold drinks. Our swap meet continues to support the departments reduce, reuse, recycling efforts. Keep an eye out for our next Swap Meet in April 2026.



For information or any questions contact:



Social Services Department

Calendar of Events for Community Resource Center and Beyond for October 2025 - BSR operates the Community Resource Center in Auberry in partnership with the Fresno American Indian Health Project. Below are the scheduled upcoming events. For more registration information about any of the events, email ssbsr1@bsrnation.com or sscoord@basrnation.com

Every Child Matters— On September 24th BSR hosted Every Child Matters Day, also known as Orange Shirt Day. It commemorates the children lost and killed in the Mission Schools and recognizes the intergenerational trauma that it caused for Native American Families.

Mattress Collection Event— On September 20th BSR hosted a mattress collection event at the Auberry Community Resource Center. BSR collected approximately 20 mattresses and will hold these events on a regular basis.

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
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| 10-3 | 1:00-4:00 pm | One on One Substance abuse Counseling Disorder Counseling available (by appointment only) | Auberry Community Resource Center |
| 10-14 | 1:00-3:00 pm | Sacred Circle and Medicine Wheel | Auberry Community Resource Center |
| 10-15 | 9:00-3:00 pm | DSS eligibility for services (CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Cash Aid, etc.) | Auberry Community Resource Center |
| 10-16 | 10:00-12:00 pm | Big Sandy Food Bank | Big Sandy Rancheria |
| 10-17 | 1:00-4:00 pm | One on One Substance abuse Counseling Disorder Counseling available (by appointment only) | Auberry Community Resource Center |
| 10-18 | 6:00-9:00 pm | Every Child Matters Event | Big Sandy Rancheria |
| 10-28 | 5:30-7:00 pm | Sacred Circle and Medicine Wheel | Auberry Community Resource Center |



Fresno Family Literacy Program



BSR EARLY HEAD START STORTYTIME & LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE





Join us for Storytime & Language Experience w/ BSR EHS Class

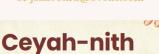
> Date: October 14, 2025 Time: 11:00am Location: BSR EHS Classroom



For more information contact:







FRESNO COUNTY FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

(October)





will be read Oct. 23, 2025



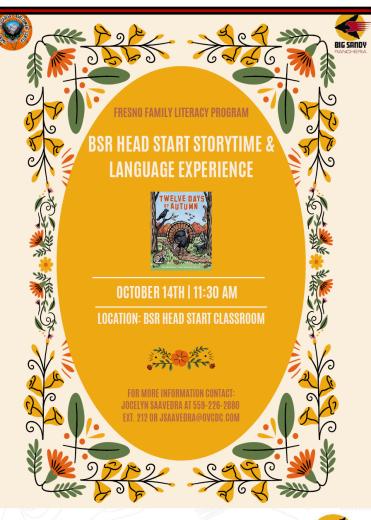
BIG SANDY

October 23, 2025

Join us for a book read and language experience activity with BSR Youth Program and community

> Location: BSR Gym Time: 4:00pm

For more information contact parent educators Jocelyn Saavedra <u>saavedra@ovcdc.com</u> or Juliana Velasquez<u>, jvelasquez@ovcdc.com</u> Phone # (559) 226-2880



www.bigsandyrancheria.com

Big Sandy Rancheria Early Childhood Education Department





OurTribal Early Childhood Education Program offers outstanding facilities aimed at fostering the growth and development of your young children. We currently serve families with children 0-5.













559-374-0066 **EXT. 216**











FAMILY SPIRIT

Home Visiting Program



What is Family Spirit?

The Family Spirit Program is an evidence-based and culturally tailored home visiting intervention delivered by community-based Health Educators as an Indigenous solution to supporting caregivers during pregnancy and early childhood. Caregivers gain knowledge and skills to achieve optimum development for their children.

Who can enroll?

Native American Pregnant women, expecting fathers, grandparents, and other caregivers of Native American children ages 0-5.



Big Sandy Rancheria **Health Educators**



Stephanie Casillas SScord@bsrnation.com 559-374-0066 ext 242

Jazmine Garcia SSbsr1@bsrnation.com 559-374-0066 ext 215

How can I sign Up?

Call or stop by the Big Sandy Rancheria Social Services Department. Or complete our online interest form, and we will contact you directly.



AUBERRY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER





Outreach Pop Up Events

Fresno County Department of Social Services Outreach staff and Big Sandy Rancheria Social Services staff will be onsite to provide assistance with NEW and EXISTING applications for assistance programs.



Programs

Medi-Cal CalFresh Cash Aid



Dates

July 16 August 20 October 15 September 17 November 19



Time: 9AM-3PM

Walk-In's Available

For More Information Contact: Jazmine Garcia BSR Case Manager 559-787-4116

Auberry Community Resource Center 33041 Auberry Rd., Auberry, CA





BIG SANDY RANCHERIA

MATTRESS COLLECTION

FOR BSR RESIDENTS

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BIG SANDY RANCHERIA AND THE MATTRESS RECYCLING COUNCIL ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE FREE RECYCLING SERVICES OF OLD MATTRESSES AND BOX SPRINGS FOR THE BSR RESIDENTS.

> **OCTOBER 29TH, 2025** 8:30AM-4:30PM

For any questions, please contact Rebecca Riley

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BIG SANDY RANCHERIA

Youth Advisory Council

Join the BSR CAP and Environmental Department as youth leaders in your community. Participate in key prevent<mark>ion</mark> and environmental issues. Meetings are held on the last Friday of every month at the BSR Computer Lab building. Ages 14-22 welcome.

> October Date: 10/10/25 @4pm.





For questions, please contact: Rebecca Riley or Brandi Kelley @ (559) 374-0066 ext. 240 or 206



SENIORS DAY AT THE BIG FRESNO FAIR

October 6, 2025

WE WILL BE LEAVING BSR GYM AT 9:00 AM AND WILL BE PICKING UP AT STARBUCKS 1845 HERNON AVE. CLOVIS AT 9:30AM

Lunch will be provided

BIG SANDY RANGHERIA 13TH ANNUAL COLF TOURNAMENT

Registration-8:30 AM Shotgun- 10 AM

\$150 per player; green fees, cart, range, tee prizes and food.

Contests; Team Places, Long Drive, Closest-to-the-pin, Hole-in-one

Supporting Native Youth Programs/Scholarships and Community Enhancements

Dragon Fly Golf Club 43369 Avenue 12 Madera, California 93636

Platinum Sponsor \$5,000

Two Foursomes (8 golfers) Two Tee Box Signs Special Gift & Recognition

Silver Sponsor \$1,500

One Foursome (4 golfers)
One Tee Box Sign
Special Recognition

Gold Sponsor \$2,500

One Foursome (4 golfers)
One Tee Box Sign
Special Gift & Recognition

Tee Box Sponsor \$150

One Tee Box Sign Special Recognition

Send Pre-Registration to:

Big Sandy Rancheria PO Box 337 Auberry, CA 93602

559-374-0066

Liz Hutchins-Chairman@bsrnation.com Matthew Munoz-Mmunoz@bsrnation.com



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025









Adult Education in the BSR Computer Lab

Sierra Unified School District and Sierra Alternative Education are pleased to partner with Big Sandy Rancheria to offer in person help for students seeking their high school diploma using our online program. I will be in the computer lab at Big Sandy Rancheria:

- 8-3pm every Tuesday
- 1-4 on Wednesdays.

For any questions about getting your high school diploma, what steps to take you can contact Carolyn Mayes at Sierra Alternative Education at 559-855-3020, or sign up for adult school using the QR code below.

Please scan the QR code below to register for Adult Education/State Center Adult Education Consortium .

Enrollment Procedures: High School Diploma

Students must sign into their Google account to fill out all forms.

https://tinyurl.com/STATE-CENTER-REG-FORM





OCTOBER 2025



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY ALL CAP PROGRAMS CLOSED Produce Box Giveaway 1:00-3:00pm | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Seniors Day Big Fresno Fair Leaving Gym at 9:00 am Beading Class 6:00pm-8:00pm | 7 TULE RIVER DISTRIBUTION 10:30-12:00PM Spooky Treats 6:00pm-8:00pm | 8 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | 9 ELDERS LUNCHEON 12:00PM Pumpkin Decorating 6:00pm-8:00pm | 10 Youth Advisory Council 4:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | 11 |
| 12 | INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED | 14 Family Literacy Book Read EHS –11:00 am HS—11:30am Spooky Treats 6:00pm-8:00pm | NO CAP PROGRAM BSR 13TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Pop up Event 9:00am-3:00pm | FOOD BANK 10:00AM-12:00PM Pumpkin Decorating 6:00pm-8:00pm | 17 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | 18 BIG DAWG BARE KNUCKLES 5:00PM |
| | 20 Beading Class 6:00pm-8:00pm | 21 Spooky Treats 6:00pm-8:00pm | 22 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | Family Literacy Book Read 4:00pm Pumpkin Decorating 6:00pm-8:00pm | NO CAP PROGRAM FALL FESTIVAL 5:00pm-7:00PM | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Beading Class 6:00pm-8:00pm | 28 Spooky Treats 6:00pm-8:00pm | 29 Mattress Collection 8:30-4:30pm TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00AM Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | 30 Flu Vaccination 10:00 am-12:00pm Pumpkin Decorating 6:00pm-8:00pm | 31 Head Start Halloween Walk-a-bout 10:00am | |



NOVEMBER 2025



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 Beading Class 6:00pm-8:00pm | Family Literacy Book Read EHS—11:00am HS—11:30am Pickling Pickles 6:00pm-8:00pm | 5 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | 6 ELDERS LUNCHEON 12:00pm-1:00pm Family Game Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | 7 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Beading Class 6:00pm-8:00pm | VETERANS DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED | 12 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | 13 Family Game Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | 14 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Beading Class 6:00pm-8:00pm | 18 Pickling Pickles 6:00pm-8:00pm | 19 Pop up Event 9:00am-3:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | 20 Flu Vaccination 10:00 am-12:00pm FOOD BANK 10:00AM-12:00PM 5:00pm-7:00pm | 21 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Beading Class 6:00pm-8:00pm | 25 Pickling Pickles 6:00pm-8:00pm | 26 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | THANKSGIVING ALL OFFICES CLOSED | DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING ALL OFFICES CLOSED | 29 |
| 30 | | | | | | |

Big Sandy Rancheria Transportation Services



Transportation is for Elders only until further notice We apologize for the inconvenience.

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 Kelley 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.



Big Sandy Rancheria

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