



SMOKE SIGNALS

September 2023

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahoo Neum,

Tzow Yubanot, meaning Good September. Hope everyone is enjoying this nice weather we've all had the pleasure of experiencing up here at the Rancheria.

It has been such an eventful year and we are not even in the holiday season yet. We have so many blessings here within the Tribe. The GEM event was such a great success! The Tribe would like to give a huge shout out and thanks to the GEM staff and all they do; without them such an event wouldn't have been possible.

It's that time of the quarter again to fulfill your tribal duty and attend this upcoming General Council meeting! It will be held here at the BSR GYM on September 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. These meetings are very informative about current events that are happening with your Tribe. Also, just a reminder there are no children or significant others allowed at meetings just held for adult tribal members only. The Tribe has started preparing for the 11th Annual Big Sandy Rancheria Native Youth Golf Tournament that will be held on October 18, 2023, at the Dragon Fly Golf Club in Medera. If you would like more information please contact Liz Kipp or Matthew Munoz. Thank you once again for all your time and energy, as always have a blessed rest of your month.

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

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 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, September 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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September Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

August Elders Meeting



Aleda Cogdell, Gina Mangiarelli, Douglas Riley, Loretta Sylvas, Jane Stamp, Jeanie Valles
Mae Berry, Pearl Hutchins, Theresa Williams-Lundy, Miles Baty



Jane Stamp



Jeannie Valles



Mae Berry



Aleda Cogdell & Gina Mangiarelli

ELDERS TRIP TO THE MOVIES

HEADS UP

OVCD C Big Sandy Early Head Start September 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.

Come Join our Team!

Employment Opportunities

-Teacher(s)

**Open Until
Filled**

**Apply online @
ovcdc.com**

Important Dates

September 1st: Parent Orientation

**September 4th: Labor Day (Center
Closed)**

**September 5th: First Day of 2023-
2024 School Year (Half Day)**

**September 18th: Parent Workshop 9-
10 A.M.-Moccasin/Stress Management
Class**

**September 22nd: California Indian
Day (Center Closed)**

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

The 2023-2024 school year will begin on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023!

The BSR Head Start program is very excited to welcome our families, both new and returning. We're thrilled to begin this year in our new building, with our inaugural class.

Please note that drop-off time is between 8:00 and 8:30. If you anticipate arriving after 8:30, please reach out to us with a quick call.

A friendly reminder: remember to pack an additional set of clothing and shoes for your child.

Please be aware that construction is still ongoing.

We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

If you have any questions please feel free to call the center at

374 0066 ext. 216

Special Day

Reminders

1st Day of Head Start

September 5th, 2023

Community Food Bank

September 21st, 2023

Closed: California

Indian Day

September 22nd, 2023

Closed: Staff

Development Day

September 29th, 2023

559 374 0066 ext. 216



BSR Environmental Department September 2023

The Environmental Department took the Summer youth enrolled in the CAP program on a Field trip to EOC Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission. The Kids got see where the cans and bottles go after there thrown in the blue recycling bins around BSR, once they are picked up by EOC and what is done with them when they get to the EOC plant. The kids also got to see what other programs are offered through the EOC program



Environmental Department had there last field trip of the summer with the CAP summer kids, we had a environmental day at Shaver Lake where the kids got to use Microscopes to view objects, specimen in a clear and magnified way. The kids got to take brand new microscope home . They got to enjoy the nice cool water and summing.



Community Dumpster

September 11th through September 15th

There will be a dumpster available at the transfer station, all items need to put inside the dumpster. Do Not leave any items next to the dumpster.

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

How to keep the environment clean

Reduce the usage of electrical appliances

Recycle waste products

Drive your car less

Reduce usage of your wood stove



For information or any questions contact:

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

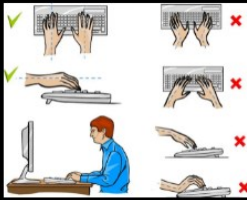




BSR CAP DEPARTMENT



COMMUNITY COMPUTER LAB MONDAY'S & WEDNESDAY'S 11AM-1PM



COME TO THE COMPUTER LAB
TO LEARN NEW COMPUTER
SKILLS, SUCH AS USING EXCEL,
PUBLISHER, AND BASIC
TYPING.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SAIGE RILEY
EMAIL: SRILEY@BSRNATION.COM
PHONE: 374-0066 X. 228

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Elder's Computer Lab Every Tuesday in September

Elder's come join us at the Computer Lab every Tuesday to improve your computer skills. The Computer Lab will be open from 11am to 1 pm.

Skills to improve:

- Typing skills
- Access and navigation of Google
- How to use Excel or Publisher



If you struggle with anything else involving computers please let staff know.



For more info contact Saige Riley
email: sriley@bsrnation.com
phone: (559)374-0066 X. 228



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Fresno Family Literacy
Program Presents



BSR EARLY HEAD START STORYTIME & LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE



Join us for Storytime & Language Experience w/
BSR EHS Class virtually on Cisco WebEx



DATES: SEPTEMBER 12TH & 26TH
TIME: 2:30 PM



For more information contact Jocelyn Saavedra at 559-226-2880 Ext. 212 or
jsaavedra@ovcdc.com



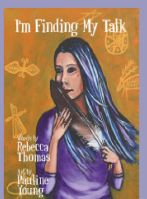
FRESNO FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM
PRESENTS



BSR HEAD START STORYTIME & LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE



JOIN US FOR STORYTIME & LANGUAGE
EXPERIENCE W/ BSR HEAD START CLASS
VIRTUALLY ON CISCO WEBEX



DATE:
September 12th & 26th

TIME:
11:30 am

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
contact Jocelyn Saavedra
at 559-226-2880 Ext. 212 or
jsaavedra@ovcdc.com



Presented by BSR CAP Department

Community Bonding



Night

Family Catering Night

Sugar, eggs, milk and flour with more!!!! Attend CAP Department with an baking segment for a fun and educational time either for yourself or others to share.

Bake cookies, cake, pastries, maybe even your very own creation!!!

Taking place at
**Big Sandy
Gymnasium**



September
on Monday's:
9-04 --- 9-11
9-18 --- 9-25
6:00PM-8:00PM

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

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BSR CAP Department
Family Fitness

CORNHOLE

September 6, 13, 20, 27

@BSR GYM 6pm-8pm

Come join us every Wednesday in September to practice your cornhole skills. We will be having a small cornhole tournament at the end of the month. Light meal will be provided

For More Info Contact Jimmy Llewellyn
(559)374-0066 X. 243

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september crochet CLASS

Beginners
and Advanced
Welcome!

Come learn to crochet your own blanket to stay warm this Fall and Winter. Tutorials and a light meal will be provided.



BSR CAP DEPARTMENT
FAMILY BONDING



Thursday's September 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th
6pm-8pm at the BSR GYM

For more info contact Saige Riley
Email:sriley@bsrnation.com
Phone:374-0066 x228

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BSR CAP DEPARTMENT
STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

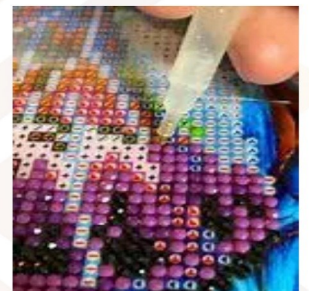


DIAMOND DOTS

Join us for a night of making your picture come alive by Diamond Dots!
Light meal will be provided.

FRIDAYS IN SEPTEMBER
8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH
6PM-8PM
BSR GYM

For more info call: aedd@bsrnation.com
559-374-0066 X 207





SEPTEMBER FAMILY FITNESS

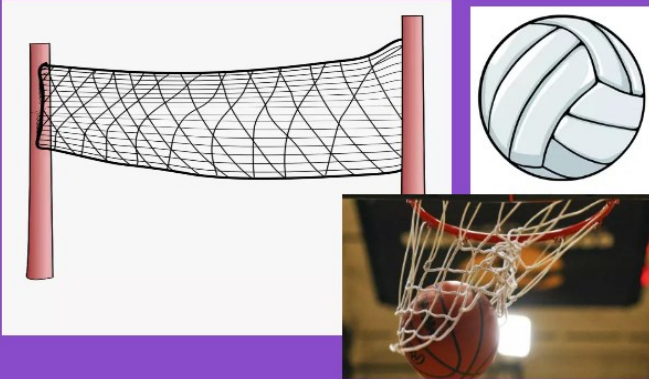


BSR CAP Department

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

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(September)

Fresno County Family Literacy Program



Presents



September 14th 2023



September 28th 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 jssaavedra@ovdc.com. Juliana Velasquez at 559-226-2880 Ext. 206 or jvelasquez@ovdc.com

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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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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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



BSR CAP
DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY
STRENGTHENING



FALL GATHERING

Families come join us at the BSR GYM for a funfilled night of games, music and more. Everyone!! Wear your costumes for a chance to win our costume contest.

We are also doing a chili cook off. If you would like to enter the cook off contact Saige Riley.

If you would like to volunteer to help set up and run any of our games or activities please contact Saige Riley.

27 OCT
6PM-8PM

BSR
GYM

TRUNK
OR TREAT

GAMES | MUSIC | CHILI COOK OFF | COSTUME CONTEST

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SAIGE RILEY

EMAIL: SRILEY@BSRNATION.COM

PHONE: 374-0066 X.228



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

monogirl02@yahoo.com

559-359-1053

FB Messenger

@Chrissy Atwell



Located in the Admin House



**BIG SANDY
RANCHERIA**

RONDII NIETO

rondii@yahoo.com

559-361-7242

FB Messenger

@Rondii Nieto Bonilla



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY NO CAP PROGRAMS	2
3	4 LABOR DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	5 Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm	6 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Cornhole 6:00-8:00pm	7 Volleyball Night 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 8:00-8:00pm Crochet Class 6:00-8:00pm	8 NO CAP PROGRAMS STAFF OFFSITE	9
10	11 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Family Baking Night 6:00-8:00pm	12 Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm	13 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Cornhole 6:00-8:00pm	14 Book Read 4:30pm ELDERS MEETING 12:00PM Volleyball Night 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 8:00-8:00pm Crochet Class 6:00-8:00pm	15 Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Diamond Dot Class 6:00-8:00pm	16 COMMUNITY SWAP MEET 8:00-12:00PM OAKVIER TERRACE COMPLEX
17	18 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Family Baking Night 6:00-8:00pm	19 Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm	20 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Cornhole 6:00-8:00pm	21 FOOD BANK 9:00-12:00PM Volleyball Night 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 8:00-8:00pm Crochet Class 6:00-8:00pm	22 CALIFORNIA INDIAN DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	23
24 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 10AM	25 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Family Baking Night 6:00-8:00pm	26 Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm	27 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00AM Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Cornhole 6:00-8:00pm	28 Book Read 4:30pm Volleyball Night 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 8:00-8:00pm Crochet Class 6:00-8:00pm	29 Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Diamond Dot Class 6:00-8:00pm	30

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October

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8	9 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	10 Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm	11 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Family paint night 6:00-8:00pm	12 ELDERS MEETING 12:00PM Volleyball Night 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 8:00-8:00pm Fall Wreaths 6:00-8:00pm	13 Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Scrapbooking 6:00-8:00pm	14
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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

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P.O. Box 337

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