

SMOKE SIGNALS October 2023

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Tzow Ciyaneath, Good October. Happy Halloween everyone, If you plan on going trick or treating with your family, please be safe. Parents, please remember to check your kid's candy after you are done trick or treating.

For some big news on what's happening here on the Rancheria. The Grand Opening for the tribes Family Services Building is approaching, please keep a look out for the flyer that will be posted on the tribes social media platforms. Also, the Fall Gathering event will be on Friday, October 27, 2023, at the Pow Wow grounds from 5:00-7:00pm. There will be a Chili Cookoff and a costume contest. Be sure to wear your costumes for a chance to win.

Finally, we are always trying to stay up to date and be as efficient as possible here at Big Sandy Rancheria. RSTF is just around the corner, please make sure we have your most updated information. Also, we do have Direct Deposit available, and we do strongly recommend you set this up as it makes it easier for our Finance Department and ensures immediate funds. Like always thank you for your time and energy, have a blessed rest of your month.

Council l	Meetings	Tribal Office Holiday Schedule		
Tribal Council	General Council	Date	Holiday	
Wednesday, October 25, 2023	Sunday, December 10, 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	



Tribal Elder's

Monthly Meeting



October 12, 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, October 19, 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

October Birthdays

Happy Birthday

Angel Atwell
Victoria Barrera
Patricia Beecher
Jude Berry
Mable Berry
Nyviah Bethel
Michelle Burroughs
Kyle Colmenero
Ashley Davis
Caleb Espinoza
Frank Flores
Alexander Hamilton

Brenda Harrison

Alissa Harrison

Brittany Harvey

Alessia Johnson

Nicole Kipp

Daniel U. Lewis
Darin Loretz
Michael Marquez
Rhonda Marvin
Delores Oliver
Vanessa Oliver
Jaylene Oliver Tenorio
Jolene Oliver Tenorio
Jovannah Oliver Tenorio
Jullian Oliver-Ortiz
Julissa Perez
Adrianne Pozzi
Aiyona Rich

Jayden Rich

Walter Richards

Thomas Riley Jr.

Renee Riley

Tamara Riley

Regina Riley Shaon Rodriquez Jr. Anaya Romero-Oliver Aniya Samaniego Skylar Sandoval 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

Festival and had a great time! We had 25 elders go. I just want to remind you that attending the elders monthly meetings are important if you want to know what's happening. Those that attend the meetings are the first to sign up for any trips that the elders may take. At the meeting is when elders outing's are decided hence it not making it in the newsletter most of the time. So just a reminder the Meetings are every 2nd Thursday of the month at 12:00 pm. A hot lunch is served and raffle prizes are usually passed out. We hope to see you there! Thanks Leann Elders liaison.

Mae Berry Aleda Cogdell Theresa Williams Valencia Guervara



Pearl Hutchins



Jane Stamp



BSR Environmental Department October 2023

Did you know Ground Water Pollution Includes:

- Motor oil
- Cooking Grease
- Chemicals like fertilizers, insecticides, detergents used to wash your car
- Animal Waste
- Septic Tanks
- Waste Water

Our ground water on Big Sandy absorbed any and all pollutants and may contaminate our drinking water without proper filtration station. Keep in mind whenever you come in contact with any of theses pollutants. Make sure to properly recycle to ensure the highest quality ground water.

Climate Change Threatens traditional ways of life

Chronic stresses such as extreme poverty are being exacerbated by climate change impacts: these impacts include reduced access to traditional foods, decreased water quality, and increasing exposure to health and safety hazards.

Climate change impacts Tribal Lands and Some plants used for medicines and food are becoming increasingly, difficult to find, or are no longer found in historical ranges. With the recent Creek fire in our area, it has made gathering very difficult for basket weaving and traditional medicine.

Environmental Fall Competition

How do you keep the environment clean?

- 1. How do you conserve water?
- 2. What do you do to recycle?
- 3. Why is it important to take care of the earth?
- 4. What is Climate Change?

Answer these 4 questions, and submit to the Environmental department by e-mail, We will announce the winner at the Fall Gathering.

Composting

How your compost efforts going? It's as simple as finding any container with a lid.

- 1. Start your compost pile in the container
- 2. Lay twigs or straw first, a few inches deep
- 3. Add compost materials in layers, alternating moist and dry
- Add manure, green manure (clover, buckwheat, wheat grass, grass clippings)
- 5. Keep compost moist and keep turning it





OVCDC Big Sandy Early Head Start October 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

October 2nd: Parent Workshop (Cultural Beading) October 9th: Indigenous People's Day (Center Closed) October 10th/24th: Storytime with Language/Literacy Program @ 2:30 (Via Webex) October 27th: 9-10 a.m. Dental Screening with CVIH

Come Join our Team

[mployment **Opportunities** -Teacher(s) Open Until Filled

Apply online @ ovede.com

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@ovedc.com Nikita Henderson. Site Supervisor, nhenderson@ovcdc.com

BSR Head Start

Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Head Start Program Annual Report

The primary objective of the Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Head Start Program is to offer age-appropriate guidance to Head Start children and their families in crucial areas such as education, nutrition, mental health, and social services. Operating from September to May, the program runs for 150 days. At present, BSR Head Start serves 20 children and their families, delivering its comprehensive services in a center-based setting every Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm.

1. HHS-Office of Head Start

Personnel	146,848
Fringe Benefits	43,983
Travel	15,400
Supplies	84,550
T/TA	10,000
Other	141,764
Indirect	31,557
Total	474,102

2. Medical and Dental Screenings

66% Of Head Start students had up to date physicals

20% Of Head Start students updated physicals with in the school year

73% Of students had dental screenings or follow up dental care during the school year

3. Average Monthly attendance (COVID-19)

Did not focus on physical attendance this year because of COVID 19

4. During the 2022/2023 school year, our program experienced a relaxation of covid-19 protocols and a decline in cases. However, as covid-19 cases decreased, we observed a resurgence of various childhood illnesses, including flu, colds, stomach flu, hand-foot-and-mouth disease, and pink eye, among others. Despite ongoing construction on our new building, we continued to operate from our temporary classrooms. Due to space limitations, we had to reduce our student enrollment from 20 to 15 students. Despite these challenges, we persevered, and the school year proceeded smoothly. It was truly gratifying to witness our students flourishing in their learning and development. This school year we have 12 students moving onto the local elementary school, this is the most we've had moved on in the past 3 years. California is moving towards universal preschool in the upcoming years and we may see a reduction in our enrollment as a result.

Special Day Reminders

Closed: Indigenous

Peoples' Day

October 9th, 2023

Grand Opening

Ceremony

October 13th, 2023

Community Food

<u>Bank</u>

October 19th, 2023

Closed: Staff

Development Day

October 20th, 2023

Dental Screening

October 27th, 2023

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October 31st, 2023

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OUR SERVICES

The Social Services Department works to support BSR's Tribal Familes by ensuring they have services, assistance and support. By working with each individual and family we can identify and access unque 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

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

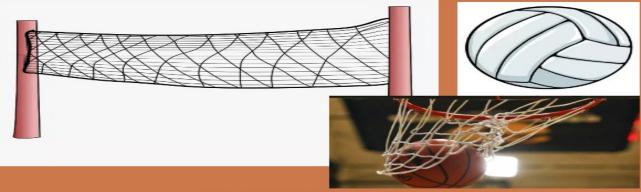


OCTOBER FAMILY FITNESS



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

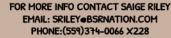
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COMPUTER LAB HOURS: MONDAY'S AND WEDNESDAY'S 11AM-1PM

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









BSR CAP DEPARTMENT ELDER'S COMPUTER LAB OCTOBER



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



Presented by BSR CAP Department

Explore the Past Event

Community Bonding Night

We will gather knowledge from recorded interviews from previous sources which include clips from the past of mono poeple AND documented research on the land that was present then. Let's learn together and find out the past that had drastically changed from what we know as today.



Tuesday's in October -BSR Gym-6:00PM-8:00PM



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





OCTOBER 4TH,11TH,18TH & 25TH 6-8pm BSR GYM

Please come and enjoy a night of painting. Light meal will be provided. 13 & under must be present with adult.

For more info: Contact Jimmy 5593740066 X 243







THURSDAY'S

OCTOBER 5, 12, 19, 26



6PM-8PM AT THE BSR GYM

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SAIGE RILEY EMAIL:SRILEY@BSRNATION.COM PHONE:(559)374-0066 X 228 BSR CAP DEPARTMENT FAMILY STRENGTHENING

Scrapbooking

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Friday's in October

6PM- BSR
8PM GYM

Come & enjoy a night of Scrapbooking and bonding over memories. Light meal & materials will be provided, please bring your own photos.

For more into contact: Alysha (559) 374-0066 x 207







<u>Presented by BSR</u> <u>CAP Department</u>



BSR Community Garden Volunteer Days October: 4, 11, 20, 25 9:00AM-12:00PM

1:00PM-3:00 PM

Prepare for Winter and Cold Seasons with us in the Garden such as:

- Mulch Vegetables
- General Clean-up
 - Remove Weeds
- Diseased Plants
- Prepare Planting Beds

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

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SIERRA TRIBAL CONSORTIUM, INC.

Turtle Lodge Treatment Center



Is honored to Invite you to the

ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, October 20, 2023

Begins at Noon

Location: Big Sandy Rancheria Gym

37387 Auberry Mission Rd, Auberry, CA 93602

Meal Provided

(First Come First Serve)

HONORING: STC Tribal Elders, Board of Directors, Staff & Alumni's

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Welcome PrayerTrad

> Traditional Drumming, Dancing & Singing

Post of the Flags

Pie Eating contest

Children must be accompanied by an Adult at All Times

PLEASE RSVP BY PHONE (559) 445~2691



Come and see us!

Big Sandy: Big Sandy Gym

37387 Auberry Mission Rd. Auberry Ca. 93602

10/19/23 11 am-1 pm

11/09/23 11 am-1 pm

12/07/23 10 am-12 noon

For more information contact the Central Valley Indian Health Outreach Dept. 559-299-2634





MEET AND GREET Clovis Community College Liaison DAVID NAVARRO

Hosted by: Sierra Adult Education



17 OCT

Location: Big Sandy Rancheria
TIME: 6-8pm. Come and learn more about
what SCCCD offers. David will be talking
about the classes available at CLovis
Community College to students wanting to
start taking classes for fun or to earn a
degree. He will be helping you sign up so
that you can start your college journey for
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SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

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.

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Located in the Admin House



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Families come join us at the BSR PowWow Grounds 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. There will also be registration for the chili cook off if you would like to participate.

27 OCT 5PM-7PM

BSR POWWOW GROUNDS TRUNK OR TREAT

GAMES | MUSIC | CHILI COOK OFF | COSTUME CONTEST

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SAIGE RILEY EMAIL: SRILEY@BSRNATION.COM PHONE:(559)374-0066 X.228



BIG SANDY

BSR CAP DEPARTMENT

CHILI COOK OFF SIGNUP SHEET



Have your chili ready by 4:45. Bring your own crock pot, spoon and serving items you would like to use for people to taste test your chili. By signing this, you are agreeing that CAP

Department is not responsible for the items listed above.

CAP Department will only provide tables, chairs and extension cord to keep your chili warm throughout the event.

Family incentive for the winner!!

For more information Contact: Saige Riley
(559)- 374-0066 X 228 or sriley@bsrnation.com





October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm	3 Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Exploring the past event 6:00-8:00pm	Garden Volunteer 8:30-12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Family Native Painting 6:00-8:00pm	Volleyball Night 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 8:00-8:00pm Fall Wreaths 6:00-8:00pm	6 TULE RIVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION 10:30-12:00PM STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY NO CAP PROGRAMS	
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November

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19	20 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Cultural Night 6:00-8:00pm	Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm	22 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Fitness Room 6:00-8:00pm Game Night 6:00-8:00pm	23 THANKSGIVING DAY All Offices Closed	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING All Offices Closed	25
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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

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