



# *The Da'luk*

## Happy Spring from the WNRD (Wiyot Natural Resources Department)!

It's been great to have our rivers and wetlands full this year and we give thanks for the reciprocity of the Earth and all of her relatives. The WNRD is working to continue safeguarding the Tribe's water resources and is using EPA funding to plan for future water quality protection work that will be laid out in our update to the Wiyot EPA Tribal Environmental Plan or ETEP. Please reach out if you have any questions or want to contribute input to the process.

Last month we helped to host a successful Watershed Stewards Program volunteer WAVE event at the Tribe's recently repatriated Mouralherwaqh property, which includes 48 acres of spruce forest, wetlands, scrub, and remnant prairie and were able to get many of our majestic Sitka spruce trees freed of invasive English ivy (*Hedera helix*). We want to thank Charlotte Grenier for her efforts in organizing and planning the event!



Figure 1. An impressive group of WAVE Volunteers at the Mouralherwaqh ivy pull! March 11, 2023.

To continue our efforts in returning Wiyot stewardship to Mouralherwaqh as part of our community engagement efforts funded by the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) Prop 1 Environmental Justice grant that provided funds for the Tribe to purchase this amazing cultural property, we are hosting a Wiyot citizen and descendants day on the land planned for Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. More details are to come, but the event will include tours of the property's forest and wetlands and tables of information and activities showcasing some of the research and environmental and ecological information we have gathered about the property thus far. Most importantly there will be food provided and we hope to hear from Tribal folks some visions for the future management of the property! In other Mouralherwaqh news the WNRD will be hosting a field trip with Tsek Houdaah during the kid's spring break on Wednesday of April 12<sup>th</sup>, for some fun in the forest!

# Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: Adam Canter

Please let us know if you have any questions or ideas about the Wiyot Day on the Land for May 6<sup>th</sup> and we hope to see you there!

Some exciting, and timely news regarding the process of Eel River Dam removal and decommissioning of the Potter Valley Project. On March 16<sup>th</sup> PG&E announced that Scott Dam faces previously unacknowledged risks from seismic activity. Those risks are so great that the utility has announced that it will never again raise the gates atop Scott Dam, and also hints strongly that the utility will remove Scott Dam sooner rather than later, stating “the company plans to continue to develop long-term mitigation measures which could include expedited partial or full removal of Scott Dam”. Now is the time to put the pressure onto FERC and PG&E that in the name of safety and recovery of the Eel River that the dams must come out now! As part of the Tribe’s efforts to restore the Wiya’t (Eel River) we are gearing up for a big season of invasive Sacramento pikeminnow removal on the river, which includes first time use of a weir to both remove the predatory pikeminnow, which prey on juvenile salmonids, while also gathering important information about salmon and steelhead demography in the South Fork Eel River.

If you want to participate in more in WNRD activities please reach out and be on the lookout for upcoming Wiyot summer youth internship opportunities to be announced in the coming months. May the Forest be with You! Rra’dutwas, Adam N. Canter WNRD Director, [adam@wiyot.us](mailto:adam@wiyot.us) 733-5055



# SAVE THE DATE

13th Cal Poly Humboldt  
**California Indian  
BIG TIME  
& Social Gathering**

Saturday,  
April 8, 2023  
11:00AM to 6:00PM  
HSU West Gym

Pileated Woodpecker  
created by Melitta Jackson

Bear by Lyn Rising from  
Coyote at the Big Time

ITEPP  
Indian Tribal Environmental Policy Program

NAS  
Native American Studies

INRSEP  
Indian Natural Resource Science & Engineering Program

HSU  
Humboldt State University

For more information or accommodations please contact ITEPP: (707)826-3672 or email [hsuitepp@humboldt.edu](mailto:hsuitepp@humboldt.edu)

The poster features two main illustrations. On the left, a Pileated Woodpecker with a bright red crest and black and white body is shown in profile, facing left. On the right, a brown bear is depicted wearing a traditional California Indian headdress with a red band and feathers, and a yellow garment with red star and diamond patterns. The background is a light tan color with a subtle outline of the state of California.



# **Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”**

Submitted By: Adam Canter

## **Introduction – Stacy Giraldo, WNRD**

My name is Stacy Giraldo. I moved to Humboldt in 2018 from La Quinta also known as part of the Coachella Valley in Southern California. La Quinta is surrounded by the Santa Rosa Mountains where I grew up exploring local hikes and canyons. Life in the desert was overwhelmingly hot but that never stopped me from enjoying the diverse wildlife such as roadrunners, big horn sheep, desert horned lizards, and my favorite- desert tortoises! I moved to Humboldt as a transfer student shortly after having my daughter, Dahlia Dominguez, to pursue a degree at Humboldt State University. I majored in Environmental Science and Management with a focus on ecological restoration and a minor in GIS. Many friends and family members attempted to persuade me to stay in the desert, however, I was determined to get my degree in a field that I loved. I’m glad I made that decision and journeyed off to this amazing ancestral coastal land that is full of breathtaking views and cooler weather.



During my academic career at HSU, I worked with Save the Redwoods League and Redwoods Rising as a forestry and hydrology apprentice in Prairie Creek and Mill Creek area. This opportunity gave me hands-on experience and the capability to network with many folks working in natural resources while also building long-lasting friendships. After graduating HSU I was hired at the CDFW Fortuna office working as a scientific aid conducting spawner surveys, fish relocation, habitat typing surveys, snorkel surveys, and pikeminnow suppression with the Wiyot Tribe on the Eel River. I was fortunate to work with amazing crew members, WSP members, the Wiyot Tribe, and astounding supervisors. My most recent position was as a fisheries technician for the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) out of the CDFW Fortuna office. I assisted in the deployment and monitoring operations of two Sonar cameras to help enumerate the spawning run for Chinook and Steelhead using Sound Metrics Dual Frequency Identification Sonar (DIDSON) cameras.

I’m thrilled and honored to work with the Wiyot Tribes Natural Resource Department as a Natural Resource and Fisheries technician. I plan on assisting with the TBR water quality monitoring and the upcoming weir operations along with other exciting projects on the Eel River. I look forward to meeting each of you and learning about Wiyot's culture. Happy to be here!



# **Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center**

Submitted By: Marnie Atkins

## **DGRLCC Newsletter Article**

In March, we had two new employees start at the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center. We are excited to have them join our team! Kit and Jazzmin are undergoing training and helping get the Cultural Center in order. Once they are trained, we will be open more regular hours. So, watch the Newsletter and our social media page for open hours information. We hosted the State CCCs and a couple of school groups during March.

Check out our Facebook page for updated open hours at the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center: <https://www.facebook.com/DGRLCC/>. Note that you do not need to have a Facebook account to access the page information. It is open to view by the public.

The Cultural Center will be open for Arts Alive! on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Also, continue to watch our monthly Newsletter for ongoing updates about programming that will be offered at the Cultural Center.

For more information, contact Marnie Atkins at **(707) 798-1949** or [matkins@wiyot.us](mailto:matkins@wiyot.us). The Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center is located at **417 Second Street, Suite 101, Eureka.**

**W** We need Elders and Cultural Knowledge Bearers to share their knowledge with other Wiyot people who wish to learn. Do you know how to weave (medallions, baskets, fishing nets, etc.)? Make eel hooks? Do you know how to gather plants for weaving, food, and/or medicines? Are you a storyteller that would like to mentor others in storytelling? Maybe you know some of the history of the Wiyot people and Tribe and want to share it with others? Are you a song maker and would like to mentor other song makers? Have you made regalia, dresses, and other ceremonial and/or dance items and would you like to teach others? Maybe you are an inspired jewelry maker and want to inspire other jewelry makers?

**A**

**N**

**T** If you answered “Hi” (yes) to any of these questions, the Wiyot Tribe’s Cultural Department and Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center needs you and your expertise! We are looking for teachers and mentors who have traditional cultural knowledge and/or traditional ecological knowledge to share with others. All levels of experience and ages will be taught through small workshops. Some workshops will be more intensive than others and may include a series of workshops to better convey the knowledge you wish to share. And some workshops will be videoed to teach future generations of Wiyot people. **We offer honorariums for your gift of knowledge and time.**

**E**

**D**

# **Lhatsik Houmoulu'l "House of Tradition"**

Submitted By: Marnie Atkins

## **Lhatsik Houmoulu'l (House of traditions)**

It's almost graduation time! If you have a preschool, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, or beyond graduate in your life, contact Marnie Atkins to request a necklace or sash to celebrate their accomplishments.

Please submit your requests by **April 30, 2023 for May graduates** and **May 31, 2023 for June graduates**.

You can mail or email your request. Here is how to reach us.

**Mailing Address**  
Wiyot Tribe  
Attn: Marnie Atkins  
1000 Wiyot Drive  
Loleta, CA 95551

**Email Address**  
Marnie Atkins  
[matkins@wiyot.us](mailto:matkins@wiyot.us)

## **We will need the following information with your request.**

Full name of graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade graduating from (e.g., preschool, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school): \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate's favorite color(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If your graduate does not live locally, please provide a mailing address to send the necklace/sash to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Requestor's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Requestor's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

We will contact you when your requested necklace/sash is ready for pickup and/or if we have any questions about your request. Hou' (Thank you)!



# **Soulatuk Hougougou' wurruwisugu'l "bringing the Wiyot language back to life"**

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

## **Soulatluk Hou Gou Gou'wurruwisuqu'l** *its again coming to life*

**Ya Ga Boukva'r, 2023**

*April ("the one [month] that is never talked about")*

**Ha'wa'lon!**

### **NEW! SOULATLUK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED**

Would you like to help shape the school- and community-based curricula we are developing under our 3-year ANA grant? We need members of the Wiyot tribal community to participate in a Soulatluk Advisory Committee that will meet every month to discuss language lesson content and planning. Contact Lynnika Butler ([lynnika@wiyot.us](mailto:lynnika@wiyot.us)) or Marnie Atkins ([matkins@wiyot.us](mailto:matkins@wiyot.us)) to sign up or find out more.

### **SOULATLUK VIRTUAL LESSONS**

Scan the QR code at right to check out our 17 (and counting) virtual Soulatluk lessons, with 472 total views so far! Hon' to those of you who have watched. Lesson 17 reviews people words and introduces how to ask and answer where people are (at/in a house, at the beach/in the ocean, in the woods).

As a reminder, virtual Soulatluk lessons have moved from every other Thursday to every other Wednesday. March lessons are planned for Wednesday, April 19 and Wednesday, April 26 from 4-5 p.m. Get the Zoom link & check for updates at <http://www.wiyot.us/Search?searchPhrase=calendar>.



### **SOULATLUK LESSONS AT TSEK HOUDAQH**

We continue to teach weekly Soulatluk lessons with Wiyot youth at Tsek Houdaqh. We have now completed seven lessons with language about people, and will begin practicing animal vocabulary in the coming weeks. Hon' to the youth who work so hard every week to learn Soulatluk!

As always, contact Lynnika if you would like any printed or digital Soulatluk materials. You can find posters, Virtual Soulatluk videos, and vocabulary at <http://www.wiyot.us/355/Soulatluk-learning-materials>, but we always have more language materials that we're happy to share.

This month we are publishing another vocabulary mini-poster we made to accompany our curriculum. This one has the words for house, beach/ocean, and forest, along with how to say someone or something is in or at each of those places in Soulatluk. Dawilha'wit (look at it) and let us know shouwa vullh rrutwi'yum (what you think about it)!



# Soulatuk Hougougou' wurruwisugu'l "bringing the Wiyot language back to life"

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler



## Douwa?

(Where?)





madi', vadi'  
(forest, tree, wood)



shou'r  
(where, beach, ocean)



moul, voul  
(house, building)



madiwaqh,  
vadiwaqh  
(in the woods)



shouraqh  
(at the beach,  
on the shore,  
in the ocean)



moulaqh,  
voulaqh  
(in the house,  
at the house)

*Soulatuk (Wiyot Language)*

*© 2023 Wiyot Tribe*

## Do YOU have photos we can use in our language materials?



If you have pictures of plants, animals, regalia, traditional foods, cultural activities, etc. that you're willing to share, please let us know (we'll be sure to credit you)! Email digital pics to Lynnika or call/email to set up a time to have print photos scanned and returned to you.

As an example, here is a photo shared several years ago by Leslie Henry of some mou'gul / vou'gul (huckleberries) for a Soulatluk calendar. With her permission, we'll use this picture in lessons about hapay (berries), jaqulouwuk (gathering), gouts rroul

(it tastes good), etc. Hou' Leslie!

Rra'dutwas ('I respect/think highly of you' = respectfully),

Lynnika Butler (Linguist)

[lynnika@wiyot.us](mailto:lynnika@wiyot.us)

(707) 798-1949

# Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted BY: Marisa McGrew

## Reflections on the Lower Eel

As the area received another atmospheric river event last week, flows on the Eel River reached impressive flows. The Scotia gauge showed the river reach 165,000 cfs – this is 74,061,900 gallons per minute! More and more attention has been aiming at the Lower Eel and the estuary. Some may see these heavy rains as a helpful hand to fish, which is true, but in terms of enhancing their habitat this is not so true. The Lower Eel is wide and shallow for the most part, with some critical deep pools where adult chinook stage in the fall in anticipation of big rains. Right now, you’re able to see fast flowing water. In the summer time you’re more likely to see a degraded stretch of river: shallow waters, algae building up, and a lack of complexity (i.e. large wood and boulders). While there have been and continue to be efforts to restore ecosystem functions in and around the estuary (Salt River and Ocean Ranch), work must be moved further upstream and into this stretch from above the estuary up to the confluence with the Van Duzen.

Back in the fall of 2022, the WNRD had submitted a proposal with Stillwater Sciences and Cal Poly Humboldt to NOAA’s Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience funding opportunity. We received word in mid-March that our proposal was not selected for funding. Although this is unfortunate, we are not discouraged from pursuing future funding opportunities. All salmon, steelhead, and lamprey must pass through this degraded area as both adults and juveniles. This area is becoming a primary focus for restoration, monitoring, and further understanding of the hydrogeologic functions. WNRD plans to remain involved.



Viewing the Lower Eel from Bear River Ridge, on a bike ride on March 18.



## **The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County**

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County is pleased that the Wiyot Tribe trusts us to consult and help you with your elections. Twice a year all Tribal Members have the privilege of voting on the minutes of the previous tribal meeting and electing members and officers of the Tribal Council. Several years ago, the Tribe authorized mail-in ballots so that any member who was unable to attend the meeting and election in person could still participate. Participation is important, because your Constitution calls for twenty-five (25) people to make up a quorum in order for the election to be valid.

Your Tribal staff does a good job of organizing all the meeting and election materials. The Tribal Council asks the League to accept the mailed-in ballots in the League Election P. O. Box, to oversee the election and to count the ballots. As a neutral party, the League is trusted to ensure a fair election and accurate counting of the ballots. League members always sign their names to the results, guaranteeing the fairness and accuracy. The League also works with the County Elections Department to provide voting booths to guarantee privacy for all voters.

The final part of having fair and accurate elections depends on you, as Tribal Members. How you can participate:

- Find out all you can about the candidates for office.
  - Come to the meeting/election and cast your vote in person.
- OR
- Request a mail-in ballot and return it before the election deadline. Be sure to use the numbered envelope provided with your ballot.
  - Find out about the jobs available and run for a position on the Council.
  - VOTE! In the last few years, the participation rate in your elections has ranged between 6% and 18% of all Tribal members eligible to vote. That means that fewer than one fifth of the Tribal Members are electing your leadership. Encourage everyone to vote and work to raise that percentage to 50% or even 80%!

**General Council meeting April 1, 2023  
Election polls open 10am to 1pm  
1000 Wiyot Dr. Loleta, CA 95551**



# Tsek Houdaqh "where the children are at"

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

## Tsek Houdaqh Family Night

Last month, the Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program hosted its first Family Night at the Wiyot Tribe's Community Center. During the night, Tsek Houdaqh staff and club member's shared information about the Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program and conducted a Community Listening Session in partnership with Loleta Elementary School and True North Organizing Network. Together families and community members discussed different cultural activities they

would like to see implemented at the Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program and how they would like to see the program involved in the community.

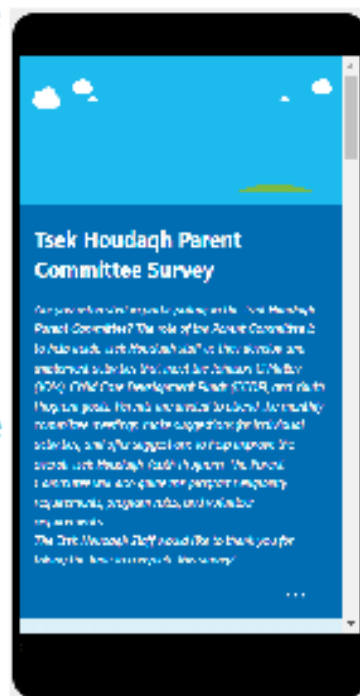


Tsek Houdaqh Family Night Participants

## Tsek Houdaqh Parent Committee

Are you interested in participating in the Tsek Houdaqh Parent Committee? The role of the Parent Committee is to help guide Tsek Houdaqh staff as they develop and implement activities that meet the Johnson O'Malley (JOM), Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), and Youth Program goals. Parents are invited to attend the monthly committee meetings, make suggestions for individual activities, and offer suggestions to help improve the overall Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program. The Parent Committee will also guide the program's eligibility requirements, program rules, and volunteer requirements. We invite parents and guardians to complete our Parent

Committee survey!



# **Tsek Houdagh “where the children are at”**

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

## **Tsek Houdagh's Activity Calendar**

**April 2023**



<b>Dagoushipga'w (Monday)</b>	<b>Darritvewi'gurr (Tuesday)</b>	<b>Darrikvewi'gurr (Wednesday)</b>	<b>Darra'vewi'gurr (Thursday)</b>	<b>We'sagh da- huluvewi'gurr (Friday)</b>
3  Peep Marshmallow Slime	4  Mindfulness: Painted Easter Egg Rocks	5  Culture: It's in the Family Beading	6  STEM: Build A Home for the Bunny	7  Soulatluk & Kids in the Kitchen
10	11	12	13	14
<b>Spring Break: Tsek Houdagh will be open to enrolled club members from 8 AM—4 PM</b> <b>Activities T.B.A.</b>				
17  Recycled Flowers	18  Stained Glass Earth Project	19  Culture: It's in the Family Beading	20  Seed Bombs	21  Soulatluk & Kids in the Kitchen
24  STEM: Seed Germination	25  Balloon Bowls	26  Culture: It's in the Family Beading	27  Mindfulness: DIY Fidget Rings	28  Soulatluk & Kids in the Kitchen





# YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Learn leadership skills and build  
relationships with other  
youth members

**At the Wiyot Community Tribal Center**

**1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA**

*Snacks and Drinks will be provided*

**Contact Ingrid @ (707) 986-8881 or Rose @ (707) 273-1065 for more info.**



# Da'luk Youth Groups

Live via Zoom

Join the Da'luk Youth Groups to learn skills  
that will help you be a leader in your community  
through a culturally centered program focused on wellness.  
For Tribal youth residing in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.

Weekly Snack  
Boxes!

Incentives:  
Bluetooth Speakers  
Headphones  
Gift Cards  
More!

Guest  
Speakers!

**Weekly Groups for 7th–9th Graders: Wednesdays, 4–5:30 pm**

**Weekly Groups for 10th–12th Graders: Tuesdays, 4–5:30 pm**

Groups scheduled to begin **September 2022**.

First 10 youth to sign up for either the Tuesday or Wednesday group  
and attend at least 2 meetings, will earn \$50.00 gift card.

## Interested?

For more information contact:

**Vincent Feliz, Da'luk Coordinator**  
(707) 445-8451  
vincentf@ncidc.org

To sign up and join, please complete the  
online registration (with parent/guardian)

**Link: <http://dalukintake.ncidc.org>**



**Northern  
California  
Indian  
Development  
Council**

241 F Street, Eureka, CA 95501  
(707) 445-8451 ♦ [ncidc.org](http://ncidc.org)

DA'LUK  
YOUTH PROGRAM



Da'luk Youth Program is  
funded by ElevateYouth  
California.

This project is supported by Elevate Youth California, which is managed by The Center  
at Sierra Health Foundation under contract with the State of California's Department  
of Health Care Services through Proposition 64.

# **Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'**

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

## **Health & Human Service Groups** **Table Bluff Reservation Community Center**

Held with COVID-19 precautions, no more than 10 persons in the Conference Room at one time, with masking, and 6-feet social distancing. CALL BRIAN AT THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT AT 707-733-5055 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SIGNUPS.

### **GROUP COUNSELING**

- Motherhood is Sacred/Fatherhood is Sacred—ON HOLD
- Women's Talking Circle
- Children's Talking Circle at the Tsek Houdaah program—ON HOLD



### **EXERCISE GROUP**

- Yil da lal, gouts gou lalh ("I am walking, I feel good again")  
Fridays, 1 –1:30 PM, With community garbage pick-up every 3rd Friday.



Contact Brian at HHS Dept at (707) 733-5055 for more information about any of these activities and to sign-up.

## **Tribal Citizen Services**

HHS Department offers a variety of services to Wiyot Citizens:

1. Burial Assistance up to \$500.00 (Tribal Citizens)
2. Hunting/ Fishing license reimbursement (one per Wiyot household or for an Wiyot Elder, every 12 months)
3. RSTF loan up to \$200.00 (Tribal Citizens, one every 12 months)
4. Large garbage dump reimbursement (outside Table Bluff Reservation Tribal Citizens, once every 12 months)
5. Chimney Cleaning reimbursement (one per Wiyot household every 12 months)
6. Elders/Disabled wood: Elders/disabled Citizens get one cord per year from Men's Camp

Contact Brian at the HHS Dept at (707) 733-5055 or go to [www.wiyot.us](http://www.wiyot.us) for application forms.



# **Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'**

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

## **Higher Education and Vocational Training Scholarships**



### **Important Dates:**

FAFSA deadline for 2023-24 School Year: **June 30, 2023**

Wiyot Tribe Scholarship: **August 1, 2023**

BIA Higher Education Scholarship: **CLOSED**

BIA Job Training Program Scholarship: **CLOSED**

**Note:** You can all application forms on the Tribe's website at [www.wiyot.us](http://www.wiyot.us), or for more information, contact Brian at the HHS Dept at 707-733-5055.

## **Gutswurak da rou da'louy ("There Are a Lot of People Gathered There and They Are Talking") Domestic Violence Advisory Board**



We are looking for interested Wiyot Citizens to be a part of a DV Advisory Board. The goal of the committee is to bring forth ideas and solutions to the Health & Human Services Department to increase and improve safety for victim's of domestic violence in your communities

Meetings will be held at the Community Center at Table Bluff Reservation, 1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA 95551 once a month on a Thursday from 5 PM to 6 PM. The first meeting date will be determined by interest.

Interested participants will go through an application and background check to ensure the intent of the board and safety of the members.

For more information and to apply, call Brian at the HHS Department at 707-733-5055.

## **Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'**

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

**Chromebooks available for  
school-aged children &  
college/vocational students**

**18 left!**

For more information and application contact  
Brian at (707) 733-5055.

---

### **HEALTH EDUCATION—Influenza (The Flu), COVID-19, RSV**

Talk with your medical provider or local pharmacy about getting vaccines against the triple-demic.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.
- Know your health history & status. If immunocompromised:
  - Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.
  - Stay 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you.
  - Avoid crowds.
  - Avoid poorly ventilated spaces.

For more information on COVID, please visit CDC at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

CASES ARE RISING.  
**ACT NOW!**



WEAR A MASK



STAY 6 FEET APART



AVOID CROWDS

## **Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'**

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

### **JOB OPENINGS AT Health & Human Services Department**

- ♦ **Mental Health Advocate**—We are looking for a licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (MFT) or Professional Counselor (LPC) to bring counseling services to support Wiyot Citizens and their families. FT position, starting at \$35/hr, & benefits

Contact Heather Blevins, HR Coordinator, for more information and job application at 707-733-5055 or [heather@wiyot.us](mailto:heather@wiyot.us)

---

### **—Reminders—**

#### **SSI 2023 Notice Reminder**

For Wiyot Tribal Citizens who wish to receive LIHEAP this coming year that receive SSI, your 2023 letters will be coming in the mail. Please send a copy to the Health & Human Services Department to add to your file for services in 2023.

#### **Tax season is here**

Don't forget to file your taxes, even if you don't owe anything. Filing a tax return helps and your family receive funds from special state-run programs, such as in California. In the past 2 years, those who filed a tax return received COVID/pandemic stimulus monies.

If you need support filing taxes, call Brian at the Health & Human Services Department at 707-733-5055 so that he can find the right program for you.



# **Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'**

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

## April 2023 Elder Meal Menu

Dagagawi' (Sunday)	Dagoushipga'w (Monday)	Darritvewi'gurr (Tuesday)	Darrikvewi'gurr (Wednesday)	Darra'vewi'gurr (Thursday)	We'sagh dahuluwewi'gurr (Friday)	Dagaseghurr (Saturday)
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Beef stew Pan bread Fruit	Turkey wrap Fruit	Cajun garlic buttered cod Rice	Pork chops Mashed pota- toes	Apple walnut cranberry salad	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Honey garlic pork Rice	Shepards pie Pan bread	Veggie lasagna Fruit	Chicken enchilada Rice	Ham wrap Fruit	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Stuffed cabbage rolls Fruit	Chicken sandwich Potato wedg- es	Salmon Rice Veggie/fruit	Beef burritos Fruit	Chef salad	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	BBQ Chicken veggie pasta salad Fruit	Spinach Salad	Spaghetti Salad Pan bread	Beef and broccoli Rice	Egg salad sandwich Fruit	
30						

**Laqilh Haluni' (Valued Elders) Meal Program for enrolled Native Americans, age 55+**

For a Monday through Friday meal delivery within 25 miles from Table Bluff Reservation, please call Vanessa at the HHS Dept. for more information at (707) 733-5055.



## 2022/23 Winter Natural Disaster Support Application

*provide from a Humboldt Area Foundation grant*

In response to the December 2022 Rio Dell earthquake and the California cyclone in January 2023, the Wiyot Tribe is pleased to provide support to our Citizens and their families that are not otherwise eligible to receive support from other low income based programs. Most programs (NCIDC, county, state) available in our area are doing great work assisting vulnerable persons in the area. At the same time, we understand that others may need a little help to get through these difficult times.

Through the generous grant we received from HAF, we can help 40 Wiyot households who do not qualify for other low-income assistance, offering them a household total of \$125.00 to help with any impact from the December 2022 Rio Dell earthquake and/or the California cyclone in January 2023. Program ends when funds are depleted. To be eligible:

- 1) Be an enrolled Wiyot Citizen living in the household (only 1 application per household),
- 2) Have been impacted by the December 2022 Rio Dell earthquake and/or the California cyclone in January 2023;
- 3) Would not qualify for any low income based program.

Applicant Name:  DOB:  Enrollment #:

Address:

City:  State:  Zipcode:

Phone # 1:

Phone #2:

Email:

Number of People in Household:

Adults (age 18 - 54) -   
Elders (age 55+) -   
Children (age 17 & under)

Housing Type (check one) - OWN ☐ RENT ☐ OTHER PERMANENT HOUSING ☐ HOMELESS ☐

Is your assistance request due to the December 2022 Rio Dell earthquake and/or the California cyclone in January 2023? Please describe:

Applicant Signature:  Application Date:

Return to Peggy Orcutt or Brian Bolden at 1000 Wiyot Dr, Loleta, CA 95551 or fax 707-733-5601.  
Call at 707 733 5055 for assistance.

# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez



## **Wiyot Tribal Council Meetings**


2nd Monday of the month at 4 pm Pacific time

Any Tribal Member can attend live from wherever you are

To receive the link to register email: [councilsupport@wiyot.us](mailto:councilsupport@wiyot.us) by Monday @ 12 pm.

All meeting minutes and videos are available to watch on the Wiyot Tribe's website: <http://www.wiyot.us/AgendaCenter>. A recap of the meeting is available in every newsletter.

Tribal Citizens are welcome to submit public comments: You can request to be on the agenda to speak during the public comment section of the agenda by emailing [councilsupport@wiyot.us](mailto:councilsupport@wiyot.us) by Monday @ 12 pm. Tribal Members can submit public comments of any length to Tribal Council in writing by mail Attn: Tribal Council, 1000 Wiyot Dr, Loleta, CA 95551 or by email to [Councilsupport@wiyot.us](mailto:Councilsupport@wiyot.us). We love to hear from you.



*Wiyot Tribal Council meeting scheduled for 04/10/2023 will be held by Tele/video conference or both. To submit public comments for this meeting prior to meeting, please email comments to [councilsupport@wiyot.us](mailto:councilsupport@wiyot.us) by 12pm Monday 04/10/2023. All public comments received by 12pm will be read into the record during the regular meeting, also to receive a link for the meeting please request the link before 12pm 04/10/2023. Public comments received after 12pm will not be read into the record but will be Included in the official minutes.*



## **Tribal Council meeting March 17th, 2023**



**Council present:** Ted Hernandez, Marnie Atkins, Hazel Garcia, Aaron Stephenson, Vanessa Rios and Brian Mead

**Staff Present:** Michelle Vassel, Adam Canter and Robert Pitts Jr. and Marnie Atkins

- The agenda was approved
- The consent calendar was approved
- Guest Speaker Jessica Hall, Landscape Architect to discuss City of Eureka Land Acknowledgement Landscape Project Description and Update
- Council authorized Resolution 23– 02 authorizing Submission of application to NPS for THG program to phone vote due to no budget attached
- Council approved Wiyot Community Engagement Day at Mouralherwaqh, including enrolled citizens and descendants, for May 6, 2023
- Council tabled WNRD to apply to the CALFIRE California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) and contract with a registered professional forester (RPF) to next Tribal Council Meeting
- Council approved Jacobson Engineering
- Council approved 2023 Child Care and Development Block Grant, Award # 23QQCACCCDD
- Council approved 2023 Child Care Mandatory, Child Care and Development Fund, Award # 23QQCACCCDF
- Council approved One Fiscal Staff Travel to Payroll Certification Las Vegas April 24-28, 2023
- Council approved to amend resolution 22-26
- Council approved Tribal Citizens Catalela Miller and Melinda Ramirez
- Council approved Whitchurch Engineering
- Council authorized Resolution 23-03 to phone vote due to no budget attached
- Council approved resolution 22-04



# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

**Tribal Council Meeting February 13, 2023**

**Council present:** Ted Hernandez, Marnie Atkins, Hazel Garcia, Aaron Stephenson and Brian Mead

**Staff Present:** Michelle Vassel, Adam Canter and Robert Pitts Jr. and Marnie Atkins

- The agenda was approved
- The consent calendar was approved
- Guest speaker: United Health Indian Services
- Council Directive to send out to Community members to see if interested to sit on the Friends of the Arcata Marsh Board.
- Council approved Tribal Administrator to enter into contracts with Humboldt Bay Youth Project partners Loleta Union Elementary School District, South Bay Union Elementary School District, Eureka City School District, and North Bay Union High School District
- Council approved California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Fisheries Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the harvest of culturally important species.
- Council approved Resolution 23-01 Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIWAP) Benefit Matrix for the Wiyot Tribe
- Directive to bring back next Tribal Council meeting for more information on Sorrel Leaf Advisory Council
- Directive to send out to Community members to see if interested to sit on the Friends of the Arcata Marsh Board.
- Motion approved HHS Department staff to attend Title VI Conference in Washington DC from April 10th through the 15th.
- Council approved 2023 Business License Lopez Landscaping & Oceanside Jams
- Council approved to construct shed 272 Wiyot Dr.
- Council approved Candidates for Tsek Houdaqh Parent Committee Lisa Stephenson, Hazel Garcia and Rose Hernandez
- Council approved Homekey Grant and Adopt Budget
- Council approved Architect Services and authorize Tribal Administrator to Execute contract
- Council approved Reis Foundation Award and adopt budget
- Council approved Award from the California Endowment, adopt budget and authorize Tribal Administrator to execute contract
- Council approved Engineering Services and authorize Tribal Administrator to execute contract.

# Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

## APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 General Council meeting Polls open 10am- 1pm
2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Good Friday</i>	8
9 	10 BCM Meeting @ 4pm Held by zoom/phone	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 
23	24	25	26	27	28 	29 Rhododen- dron Parade 10am
30						



# Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

## BIG SANDY RANCHERIA 22ND ANNUAL *POW WOW* & GATHERING



**BIG SANDY  
RANCHERIA**

"HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS"

**SAT, MAY 20TH      SUN, MAY 21ST**

GOURD DANCING 11AM

GRAND ENTRY 12PM

GOURD DANCING 6PM

GRAND ENTRY 7PM

HAND GAME TOURNAMENT 2PM

**REGISTER SATURDAY AT 1PM  
\$3,000 IN PRIZE CASH**

GOURD DANCING 11AM

GRAND ENTRY 12PM

**ALL DRUMS WELCOME**

**HAND DRUM CONTEST  
SATURDAY DURING  
DINNER BREAK - 5PM**

**Dance Competitions - 1st, 2nd, 3rd place**  
*Cash Prizes for each Category*

**MEN:**  
FANCY, GRASS,  
NORTHERN,  
SOUTHERN,  
GOLDEN AGE

**WOMEN:**  
FANCY SHAWL,  
JINGLE,  
NORTHERN,  
SOUTHERN,  
GOLDEN AGE

**TEEN & JUNIOR BOYS:**  
FANCY & GRASS  
(COMBINED)  
NORTHERN &  
SOUTHERN  
(COMBINED)

**TEEN & JUNIOR GIRLS:**  
FANCY SHAWL &  
JINGLE  
(COMBINED)  
NORTHERN &  
SOUTHERN  
(COMBINED)

### **2023 HEAD STAFF**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES- FRANKIE WILLIAMS, ARENA DIRECTOR- JR MANUEL,  
LEAD GOURD- RON SIX BEARS ALEC, HEAD MAN- MICHAEL ROBLES, HEAD WOMEN- ERIKA MUNOZ, HEAD TEEN  
BOY- MURPHY BEAR MCCLOUD, HEAD TEEN GIRL- JENESIS DURAN, HEAD JUNIOR BOY- MICHAEL WOODS, HEAD  
JUNIOR GIRL, RAELYNN WALKER, HEAD TINY TOT BOY- BRAXTON WESLEY, HEAD TINY TOT GIRL- BELLA PEYRON  
NORTHERN HOST DRUM- INDIAN HILL SINGERS, SOUTHERN HOST DRUM- RED BUFFALO DRUM  
COLOR GUARD- AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION

**FREE EVENT  
OPEN TO PUBLIC**

**VENDOR BOOTHS  
ARTS / CRAFTS**

CONTACT JOEL MARVIN EXT 234

**DRUG & ALCOHOL  
FREE EVENT**

**WWW.BIG-SANDY-RANCHERIA.COM**  
37802 JOSE BASIN RD., AUBERRY CA 93602  
FOR MORE INFORMATION 559-374-0066, LIZ KIPP EXT. 212  
MATTHEW MUNOZ EXT 213, JOEL MARVIN EXT 234



IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

# REDWOOD VALLEY RANCHERIA ICWA PROGRAM PRESENTS:



REGISTRATION  
FOR THE  
RUN/WALKERS  
BEGINS  
AT  
\*8:30 AM

## SPIRIT RUN AND WALK

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023**

**RUN AND WALK STARTS AT 9:00AM**

REDWOOD VALLEY RANCHERIA CARLA GUTIERREZ VILLAGE LEARNING CENTER,  
3250 ROAD I, REDWOOD VALLEY, CA

-LUNCH AND SNACKS  
AVAILABLE

-TRADITIONAL DANCERS

-T-SHIRTS FOR RUNNERS  
AND WALKERS

-Raffles and Prizes



**JOIN US FOR A BLESSING RUN AND  
WALK THROUGH PART OF THE VALLEY.**

**COME HONOR YOUR CHILDREN  
AND THOSE WHO CANNOT WALK FOR  
THEMSELVES ANYMORE.**

**Local Artists, Agencies and Vendors are  
invited to participate**

Please call to reserve a booth space. You must bring your  
own table & chairs

**Booths open at 9:30 am**

**\*\*Volunteers needed for set up, food preparation, driving & clean-up**

**\*\*Bring your lawn chairs and water bottles!**

**For more Information Contact**

Chris Piekarski, ICWA Coordinator  
Redwood Valley Little River  
Band of Pomo Indians  
3250 Road I, Redwood Valley, CA  
(707) 391-1389  
Email: [icwa@rvrpomo.net](mailto:icwa@rvrpomo.net)



**This is an Alcohol &  
Drug Free Event**

**Thank you for your continued support!**

# Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

Anderson, Datrianna  
Angell, Elaine  
Atkins, Nakayla I.  
Atkins, Marnie  
Atwell, Justin  
Beach, James  
Beauchamp, William  
Betzold, Caleb T.  
Brown, Ramona  
Brunner, Jesus  
Chapman, Lucinda  
Claire, Rita  
Cox, Andrew  
Cox, Guy  
Crummett, Kasen  
Cyphers, Joyce  
Durazo, Kolton A.  
Dutra, Cynthia  
Earhart, John  
Espinoza, Rochelle  
Evenson, Austin  
Evenson, Maddison  
Farmer, Violet  
Friend, Catrina  
Guyer, Avery  
Hefte, Cassandra  
Hernandez, Theodore  
Holdner, James  
Ingle, Vickie



Johnson, Alexander  
Johnson, Jared R.  
Keisner, Lauren  
Keisner, Stacia  
Lange, Abigail  
Martin, Jennifer  
McDonald, Calena  
Miller, Desirae  
Moon, Amanda  
Nelson, Jacqueline  
Nez, Stephanie  
Page, Makiya  
Rasco, Desiree Rose  
Reyes, Rhianna  
Rodgers, Sally  
Sheets, Cambria  
Sheets, Jady  
Shumard, Melanie  
Silva, Julencia  
Sovereign, Rayvn Marie  
Sperling, Kylie  
Stephenson, Theodore L.  
Thompkins, Douglas  
Thompkins-Neisius, Debra  
Tipton, Thomas K.  
Tompkins, Ernest  
Wade, Liliana  
Wade, Tommy A.  
Wilson, Bobbi  
Wright, Patsy

happy  
birthday

Wiyot Tribe's General Council Election will be held April 1st, 2023, held at Wiyot Tribe Community Center 1000 Wiyot Dr. Loleta, CA  
**Polls open 10am-1pm**

Just a friendly reminder...

*Did you move and forget to change your address? You can fax 707-733-5601 or email [addresschange@wiyot.us](mailto:addresschange@wiyot.us) This will help in getting your mail to you in a timely manner, if your address isn't up to date then this will slow your RSTF, newsletter and other important Tribal mail in getting to you. Please note there is a \$25.00 charge for a stop payment for RSTF checks, our policy has always been Tribal members need to wait 90 days from the date the checks were mailed out to reissue another RSTF check. It is very important to keep an updated address on file, you can call the Tribal Office to check your address 707-733-5055 80388-7633*





## Wiyot Tribal Council

Ted Hernandez .....Tribal Chairman (2020-2024)  
Brian Mead.....Vice Chairman (2022-2026)  
Marnie Atkins.....Secretary (2021-2025)  
Vacant .....Treasurer  
Vanessa Rios.....Council Member ( 2021-2025)  
Hazel Garcia.....Council Member (2019-2023)  
Aaron Stephenson .....Council Member (2020-2024)

### Da Rou Gawok “Everyone working Together”

Michelle Vassel.....Tribal Administrator  
Fawn Lopez...Executive Assistant to TA/Council Clerk  
Lisa Stephenson.....Enrollment Clerk  
Hazel Garcia.....Receptionist  
Peggy Orcutt.....Receptionist  
Heather Blevins.....Operation Manager  
Vacant....Building Maintenance Assistant  
Sebastian Rios Moreno.....Grounds Keeper

### Hiwechk “Money”

Farzad Forouhar .....Finance Manager  
Jack Kennard.....Accounting Manager

### Gou’will da lalouluwuk “Taking care of People”

Robert Pitts Jr.....Health & Human Service Director  
Vanessa Rios.....Laqilh Haluni Supervisor  
Vacant.....ICWA Advocate  
Vacant.....Transportation Driver  
Vacant.....Social Work Advocate  
Brian Bolden .....Social Work Advocate  
Dr. Rita Wafler.....Licensed MFT  
Vacant.....Counseling Mental Health

### Dishgamu “Love”

Kristen Crooks.....Project Manager  
David Cobb.....Advancement Manager

### Lhatsik Houmoulul’l “House of Tradition”

Marnie Atkins.....Da Gou louwi” Director  
Dr. Lynnika Butler .....Linguist  
Nina Lorence.....Soulatuk curriculum/Data specialist  
Ted Hernandez.....THPO

### Tsek Houdaqh “Where the Children are”

Elizabeth Hernandez .....Youth Program Manager  
Melinda Ramirez...Vacant.....Johnson O’Malley Coordinator  
Vacant.....Youth Program Assistant

### Shawir Darrudaluduk “We belong to the Wilderness”

Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Director  
Vacant .....Fisheries Biologist  
Marissa McGrew.....Natural Resources Technician  
Zack Erickson.....Forest Resources Specialist  
George Buckley.....Water Operator  
Brian Mead.....Water Operator in Training

## Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez



1000 Wiyot Drive  
Loleta, California 95551

Phone:  
707.733.5055/800.388.7633  
Fax: 707.733.5601



# Change of Address Request Form

This is to confirm that my new mailing address is as follows:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Names Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Children who will be effected (legal name and Date of Birth:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Wiyot Tribe  
1000 Wiyot Dr  
Lolita, CA 95551

