

Wiyot Tribe

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The Da'luk

Wutw, Dishguk, Rra'dutwuk

Hearts, Love and Affirmations

Wutw, Dishguk, Rra'dutwuk (hearts, love and affirmations), an exhibit by the Wiyot Tribe, is scheduled to take place during the month of February at the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center at 417 2nd Street in Eureka. The opening reception of the exhibit is scheduled to take place during Arts Alive on February 3rd, 2024, from 6-9 pm.

The exhibit will showcase Soulatluk (aka Wiyot language) and teach visitors various ways to express love in Soulatluk. Guests will learn how to express love to people in their lives, how to say places they love, things found in Wiyot ancestral lands, and how to say the words for foods we love to eat. There will also be an affirmations section which will teach us how to speak kind words to ourselves and others in Soulatluk.



Displays will be interactive and there will be opportunities to interact with the exhibit online through the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DGRLCC>

Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: Zack Erickson

How Will the Wiyot Tribe Continue to Adapt to Climate Change and Sea Level Rise?



Ha'wa'lou out there in the Wiyot winter-land!!! As we look out on our saturated bottom lands and bank-full rivers, we can give thanks for the life- giving water that feeds all things from the fish and animal relatives to our plant foods and medicines. We have seen with climate change global temperatures rise, allowing for warmer ocean water to be evaporated and held longer in clouds in the form of water vapor. As the storms travel across a warming Pacific Ocean, they pull in more water vapor and heat. That means stronger wind, heavier rainfall and more flooding when the storms hit land. Climate change driven storms, along with sea level rise (SLR) and King Tides (our largest tides of the year) can even further exacerbate coastal flooding and related impacts to critical infrastructure like roads, wastewater systems, drinking water, and electrical lines, not to mention the potential erosion of sensitive Wiyot cultural sites, like Tuluwat.



Figure 1. NRD Technician Stacy Giraldo at the flooded boat ramp at McNulty slough by the Old Rez on the January 12, 2024, King Tide, Eel River estuary

Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: Marisa McGrew

The Wiyot have been adapting to climate change and thriving in the Wigi region since time immemorial and hold traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) about the cycles of nature and how to work with those cycles in harmony. Indigenous TEK has received much attention recently as a means for helping the world address the climate crisis without placing the burden further on Environmental Justice communities. With the history of knowledge extraction from tribes, this year as part of Phase 1 of the Wiyot Climate Adaptation Plan funded by the Ocean Protection Council, we will soon be seeking dedicated and appointed citizens to participate in a Wiyot TEK Committee to guide a TK-use protocol and community outreach efforts; where the TK use protocol will be approved and maintained by the Tribal Council. Do you have family stories about storms and flooding you'd like to share? Be on the lookout for more information about committee responsibilities and how to apply and be involved. Also check out thy February 9th King Tide and post your pictures on the King Tide Photo Initiative site at <https://humboldtslri.org/king-tide-photo-initiative-2/>. Additionally, stay abreast to weather trends and rainfall at the Table Bluff Reservation on our live weather station link by going to the graphs tab at <https://www.hobolink.com/p/97d25c0de20b16c152e82ce330f70d67>

For example, we received over 3 inches in 24 hours during the January 13, 2024 event! Reach out to the WNRD if you're interested in learning more about these climate change and SLR research opportunities! Rra'dutwas, adam@wiyot.us



Figure 2. Other signs of climate change are noted variations in the flowering times of plants, like this culturally important food relative, vou'gul, the evergreen huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*), shown here flowering on January 17, 2024, at Mouralherwaqh, extremely early based on Wiyot TEK. Will these flowers hang on in time to make fruit this summer, or abort after several more months of wet winter storms? Are you in tune with the cycles and patterns of nature? Start today!

Dishgamu Community Land Trust

Submitted By: Carrie Tully



Farewell, David!

On behalf of the Dishgamu Team, we wish our co-founder, and long-time department Advancement Manager, David Cobb, a very bittersweet farewell. David was instrumental in the development of Dishgamu, as he and Tribal Administrator, Michelle Vassel, took great time, care, and *love* in creating a one-of-a-kind program to support LandBack to the Wiyot Tribe.

David recently left our team, but not our hearts. We know that he will continue to advocate for the Tribe and for the return of all Tribal lands. We appreciate all that he has done for us!

Dishgamu Housing Programs

Guduwalhat Elder's Housing

On the Winter Solstice just before the close of 2023, the Tribe acquired a 9-unit complex in Loleta, which we aim to house low-income Tribal elders. Aptly called the Guduwalhat Elder's Housing project, Dishgamu's staff will be overseeing the property management for the tenants at this property as we develop our long-term goals for this beautiful site.

With every project Dishgamu takes on, we aim to reinfuse *love* back into these sites. This project is no different ~ and love is just what it needs. Our team plans on conducting renovations at this location to give our elders comfortable, happy spaces to call home. We will continue to keep you updated as to when renovations will take place, and – most importantly – when these units will become available to the elders in our community!

Jaroujiji' Youth Housing

We have so many exciting things happening with the Jaroujiji' Youth Housing project. We have construction contracts; we are hosting listening feedback circles with community members and youth to inform our design features, services, and programming; we are gearing up for accepting youth applications for the stunning Sarah Carson House! With so much happening, we can barely contain our excitement. STAY TUNED! Housing applications may just be included in the next newsletter!

Eureka Parking Lots to Affordable Housing

In late 2023, Dishgamu was awarded a \$4M Regional Early Action Program (REAP) grant. Some of these funds will support the development of our Parking Lots to Affordable Housing

Dishgamu Community Land Trust

Submitted By: Carrie Tully

sites in downtown Eureka. Additionally, Dishgamu Humboldt CLT applied for our second grant to fund this project, and we have three more applications in the works! Our team has been hard at work coordinating this project and we anticipate having some good news coming our way in the near future.

Dishgamu LandBack Projects

Dandy Bills Avenue

Over the summer, we completed the purchase of nine lots on Dandy Bills Avenue in Loleta. The Tribe has been in relationship with this important environmental, cultural, and historical site since time immemorial, and we are looking forward to restoring its health once again. We plan to convert the cabin on site to an interpretive center, with information about the Tribe and the history of the relationship that has lasted for generations.

Dishgamu Community Engagement

Seeking Mural Artist!

Jaroujiji' ~ a place to sit and rest. This is precisely the goal of Dishgamu CLT's Youth Housing Project. We are seeking mural artists to demonstrate the importance of Jaroujiji' and its interconnection between land return, people, the environment, health, and housing. The mural will be painted at one of the Jaroujiji' Youth Housing Project sites.

This is a paid opportunity to showcase what the Jaroujiji' Youth Housing Project means to you. Mural Artists must have prior mural/large-scale art project experience. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please contact Carrie, ctully@wiyot.us for more details.



JOB OPENINGS

Health and Human Services Director

DOE

Marriage & Family Therapist

DOE

Wiyot Talent Pool

Don't see a position that suits you? Send us a resume and job application to be added to our database of candidates.

To apply, email your resume with a completed job application found at wiyot.us/jobs to humanresources@wiyot.us or find us on Indeed.

The Wiyot Tribe provides a comprehensive benefits package for full-time employees including employer-paid medical, dental, and life insurance, a 401(k) plan with a 7% match, and a generous paid leave policy along with 16 paid holidays.

Dishgamu Community Land Trust

Submitted By: Carrie Tully

SHARE YOUR VOICE!

YOUTH HOUSING IN HUMBOLDT



**Wednesday
February 7, 2024
5-8pm**

virtual or in-person TBD

RSVP HERE:

tinyurl.com/WiyotYouthEngage



or scan the QR code to
participate!

The Wiyot Tribe's Dishgamu Humboldt Community Land Trust is developing the **Jaroujiji' Youth Housing** Project in Eureka, California that will be home to 39 youth, **ages 16-24**.

We want to know what is important to you!
Join us on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 from 5 to 8pm to share your experiences and feedback.

We're putting out the call for young people:

- Ages 16-24 years old
- Who have experience with housing insecurity
- Who have diverse identities – including Tribal youth, youth who have had experience in the foster system, and youth who identify as gou'mel or LGBTQIA2S+

All participants will receive a \$50 gift card. For an in-person event, dinner will be provided.

\$50
gift card

DISHGAMU  **HUMBOLDT**

Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

The Wiyot Tribe Homeowner Assistance Fund is now open!

Assists specific households that have had hardship since the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic to pay for their mortgage, home or other insurance related to their home, property taxes, utility bills for their home, home repairs to ensure the habitability of the home, homeowner's association fees, and assistance in mortgage reduction.

Max \$2,600.00 per household. Ends 9/30/2026 or until funds are expended.

Must meet certain requirements. Find the application on the Tribe's website.

Call the HHS Dept Social Work Advocates for more information at 707-733-5055.



Tax Filing 2024

The New Year means a new opportunity to file your tax return!

Filing a tax return helps and your family receive funds from special federal and state stimulus programs, including COVID/pandemic stimulus monies. Incentives are held for those who did not yet file, including previous years.



You can even file late, even if you don't owe anything.

If you need support filing taxes, call the HHS Dept Social Work Advocates at 707-733-5055 so that they can find the right tax filing program for you.

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

CALL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT AT 707-733-5055 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SIGNUPS.

GROUP COUNSELING

- Motherhood is Sacred/Fatherhood is Sacred
- Men's & Women's Talking Circle
- Children's Talking Circle at the Tsek Houdaah program



EXERCISE GROUP

- Yil da lah, gouts gou lah ("I am walking, I feel good again")
Mon & Wed, 1 –1:30 PM with Liz Edwards

Contact HHS Dept Social Work Advocates 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:

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

Contact HHS Dept Social Work Advocates at (707) 733-5055 or go to **www.wiyot.us** for the application forms.

Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

Laqilh Haluni' (Valued Elders program)

(Native American, age 55+)



- ♦ Lunch meal delivery, Monday through Friday (except holidays)
- ♦ Light chores at your home (vacuuming, sweeping, sanitizing)

Within our service area, 30-mile radius from Table Bluff Reservation.

**For application or more information contact
the Health & Human Services Department 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. A Social Work Advocate will be overseeing the meetings. 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 the
HHS Department Social Work Advocates 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**

Just 9 left!

**For more information and application contact
HHS Dept Social Work Advocates 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 viruses this winter —Influenza, RSV, & COVID.

- State of California still mandates that COVID vaccine and boosters are provided for free (may require a reimbursement request through your insurance for some).
- 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.
 - Wash hands often.

For more information on COVID, please visit CDC at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or
contact the Social Work Advocates at 707-733-5055.

February 2024 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 | |
| | | | | Meatloaf | Tuna Wrap Fruit | |
| | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | |
| | Beef Stew Pan Bread Fruit | Cajun Garlic Cod Rice Veggie/Fruit | BBQ Chicken Potatoes Veggie/Fruit | Salisbury Steak Potatoes Veggie/Fruit | Chef Salad | |
| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | |
| | MLK Jr Day HOLIDAY | Pork Scalloped Potato Veggie/Fruit | Spaghetti Salad Pan bread | Cabbage Turkey Roll Fruit | Ham Wrap Fruit | |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | |
| | Beef Stroganoff Salad Pan bread | Parmesan Chicken Pasta Veggie/Fruit | Cajun Garlic Cod Rice, Green Beans, Fruit | Hamburger Fries Fruit | Vegetable Soup & Egg Salad Sand- wich | |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | |
| | Frito Pie | Tomato Soup & Tuna Sand- wich | Shepards pie Pan bread Fruit | Pork Loin with Apple Cranberry | | |

Laqilh Haluni' "Valued Elders (age 55+)" Meal Program (enrolled Native Americans)

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

Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center

Submitted By: Michelle Vassel

Little Lending Library

We have a new addition to the DGRGCC, a little lending library! Courtesy of Blue Lake Rancheria Pathmakers, this library was made by the Native American Club at Arcata High School. The library is modeled after a traditional redwood plank house – fire not included! To start we have five titles:

California Through Native Eyes: Reclaiming History by William J. Bauer Jr.

Berry Song by Michaela Goade

My Sisters by Change Lowry & Weshyot Alvitre

Fire Keeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley

A Native American Thought of it: Amazing Inventions and Innovations by Rocky Landon

Help our little library grow by bringing your used books down to the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center, open Monday – Saturday 11am-5:30pm!

“Pathmakers is a 4-year demonstration grant-funded program developed by the Center for Tribal Innovation and Entrepreneurship (C-TIE), a consortium of the Blue Lake Rancheria, the Northern Humboldt Union High School District, the Humboldt County Office of Education, College of the Redwoods, and Eureka City Schools. The program provides multi-tiered curricular and financial resources to Native students, families, and educators. As a part of that support, Pathmakers provides Culturally and Linguistically Responsive (CLR) MakerSpace programming for Native and non-Native youth in grades K-12 in Humboldt County.”



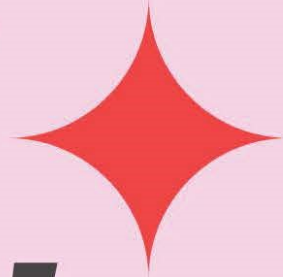
WUTW, **DISGUK**, RRA'DUWUK

(HEARTS, **LOVE** & AFFIRMATIONS)

DA GOU ROU LOUWI' CULTURAL CENTER

417 2ND STREET IN EUREKA.

ART'S ALIVE!



FEB 3RD, 6-9PM *open exhibit*



SHOWCASING 'SOULATLUK' (WIYOT LANGUAGE)

GUESTS WILL LEARN HOW EXPRESS LOVE TO

PEOPLE IN THEIR LIVES AND THEMSELVES, HOW TO

SAY PLACES THEY LOVE, DESCRIBE LOVE OF FOOD

AND THINGS FOUND IN WIYOT ANCESTRAL LANDS.

INTERACT WITH THE EXHIBIT ONLINE THROUGH
THE FACEBOOK PAGE OR IN PERSON!

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/DGRLCC

Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: Adam Canter

Wiyot Tribe Natural Resources (WNRD) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Good Neighbor Authority

At the end of 2023, the WNRD finalized a Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) agreement with the Bureau of Land Management. Totalling approximately \$4.9 million dollars, this agreement opens the door for restoration work to be initiated at Headwaters Forest Reserve (HWFR) (Figure 1) until 2028. Under the agreement, the WNRD will propose projects in collaboration with BLM staff to target areas for restoration. The agreement is broken up into two types of work, Fisheries and Forestry. While the projects are considered separate, the WNRD maintains that the forest and the rivers are deeply connected and the restoration of one will create benefits for the other.

The HWFR is a ~7,500-acre property located at the headwaters of Hiksha’ri (Elk River) and Dukdoughugu’w (Salmon Creek). The property manages the largest remaining contiguous stand of old growth voupul (coast redwood). Management objectives of the BLM in the forest include promoting and expanding old growth conditions while focusing on improving wildlife habitat and water quality. The Wiyot Tribe has had limited, to no, involvement in the management of this forest since its creation in 1999.

Forestry

Forestry work will focus first on a 10-acre pilot project located at the northeast corner of the HWFR. During early field visits, WNRD staff were shown a section of stream that would eventually have large wood structures installed. While assessing the stream, WNRD staff identified an abundance of the culturally important dubulush (California beaked hazelnut, *Corylus cornuta*). After conversations about the plant, the group decided that the first forest restoration activity should be focused on enhancing habitat for the hazel.

Currently, the WNRD is conducting preliminary site visits to map the project area and gain an understanding of the forest composition and structure. With a better understanding of tree density, species composition, spacing, and size, the WNRD will develop a restoration thinning prescription. This thinning will focus on enhancing culturally important plants, reducing wildfire risk, improving wildlife



Figure 1 Location of Headwaters Forest Reserve in Wiyot Tribe Ancestral Lands. Trailhead is located at the end of Elk River Road.

habitat, and promoting old growth conditions. There are strict rules on thinning within the HWFR, these include the retention of old growth trees, not operating ground-based equipment within 150 feet of fish bearing streams, and only using existing roads. The WNRD will operate within the rules laid out by the HWFR Management Plan to achieve mutually beneficial objectives.

As always, the WNRD seeks input and guidance from Wiyot Tribe citizens on the enhancement of this pilot project, please reach out to the WNRD. Please direct communication to zerickson@wiyot.us.



Figure 2 The WNRD at the forest restoration unit. Large old growth remnants are scattered among dense stands of Douglas-fir and redwood saplings.

Fisheries

Hiksha'ri is one of the most productive tributaries that feed into Wigi with Goumayughurru'Daqh (Freshwater Creek) not far behind. Almost exactly a year ago today, I helped conduct an adult salmonid spawner survey where I walked the lower South Fork Elk looking for live and dead fish and their redds (nests). Eight hours later we had walked only half of our planned reach and counted 80 live adult coho and 112 redds.

This creek is one of the best local places for people to observe spawning salmon up close, as well as watch restoration take place. BLM started falling some nearby redwoods along the SF Elk in 2022 to enhance habitat and stream complexity. The GNA has allowed WNRD to play a pivotal role in continuing and leading that effort. With the help of the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and the Watershed Stewards Program (WSP) we started moving those logs into the river.

How does one 'move' a log? The CCC have a supply of grip hoists, like the one Stacy is working in the photo, that move a cable through the grip hoist and the cable has a hook on one end that is attached to a choker that is looped around the log you're focused on moving. The grip hoist increases our mechanical advantage and can move up to four tons of weight, and if you add additional blocks into your grip hoist set up, you're able to pull even more weight. WNRD and the CCC spent a week moving logs into the creek, and we plan to be back out there again at the end of January. This work will continue for many years working our way up the creek!

For questions about instream work, please contact marisa@wiyot.us



Figure 3 and 4. CCC crew leader, Brian Starks (left) and WNRD Fisheries Technician, Stacy Giraldo (right), move trees from the bank into Hiksha'ri. The trees will provide habitat for salmon that spawn in the south fork of Hiksha'ri. Stacy is using a "grip hoist" which allows for a single person to move a large tree into the river. Slow and

Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Michelle Vassel



Honoring Wiyot Graduates

The Wiyot Cultural and Education Department would like to honor Wiyot Graduates graduating College (honor sash), high school (honor sash), junior high/middle school (two strand necklace), and kindergarten/preschool (one strand necklace). To be eligible you must be a Wiyot citizen. Students are eligible for a graduation honor once per lifetime per graduation type.

Honor cords are provided to recognize Wiyot citizens at graduation ceremonies. Students may submit a complete application to enrollment@wiyot.us.

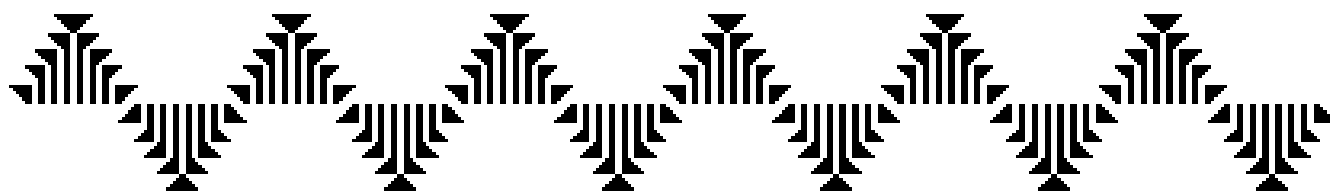
Students applying for this program need to meet the guidelines below.

Guidelines

The following items need to be included together to be considered:

1. Completed Wiyot Graduation Honor application form.
2. A copy of the student's most recent high school transcript (official or unofficial)
3. Student must be a registered citizen of the Wiyot Tribe
4. Student must be attending presently attending school.
5. Students are eligible for one graduation type Event PER LIFETIME.
6. Students must be classified as graduating.

Application deadline for honor cords is March 30th. Any applications received after this date may not receive an honor cord in time for graduation. Honor cords will be mailed out by April 15, if the application is received by late applications will not be accepted.



Honoring Wiyot Graduates Form

Application must be received by March 30th to ensure processing time.

Section I. Applicant Information:

Date: _____ Wiyot citizenship ID # _____

Student Name: _____ Birth date: _____
First Middle Last Suffix

Mailing address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Home phone: () _____ Cell phone: () _____ Pickup at: Tribal office ____ or Mail: ____

Student (parent if minor) email: _____

Student (parent/guardian if minor) signature: _____

Parent or legal guardian name (if minor): _____
First Middle Last Suffix

Section II. Event Type: (Each event available once per lifetime):

- ☐ Preschool/Kindergarten
- ☐ Junior high school/middle school
- ☐ High school
- ☐ College

Section III. Graduate Verification: (counselor or school administrator Section)

By signing below, you are verifying the above student is graduating and in good standing to graduate:

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| _____ Signature and title of counselor or school administrator | _____ Date |
| _____ Print Name of counselor or school administrator | _____ Phone |
| | _____ Email address |

School name: _____ School district: _____

Student expected graduation date: _____

Required Document: The most recent school transcript is required, including homeschooled students. Transcript can be unofficial and must accompany this application

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*Application will be completed in its entirety. The student's most recent transcript is required for processing of the application. Incomplete applications will not be processed. *NOTE: Submission of this application is not a guarantee.*

Tsek Houdagh “Where the Children Are At”

Educational Services:

After-School ChildCare

Our after-school childcare program, strives to provide Native American children with a high-quality learning environment through the implementation of developmentally appropriate and culturally inclusive teaching strategies.

Eligibility: Native American families, who work or are enrolled in post-secondary/job training courses and have children between the ages of 4-12 years old.

Johnson O’Malley (JOM)

Our Johnson O’Malley program aims to promote student success through academic and cultural supports.

Eligibility: Wiyot tribal members in grades K-12th.

Youth Activity Program (YAP)

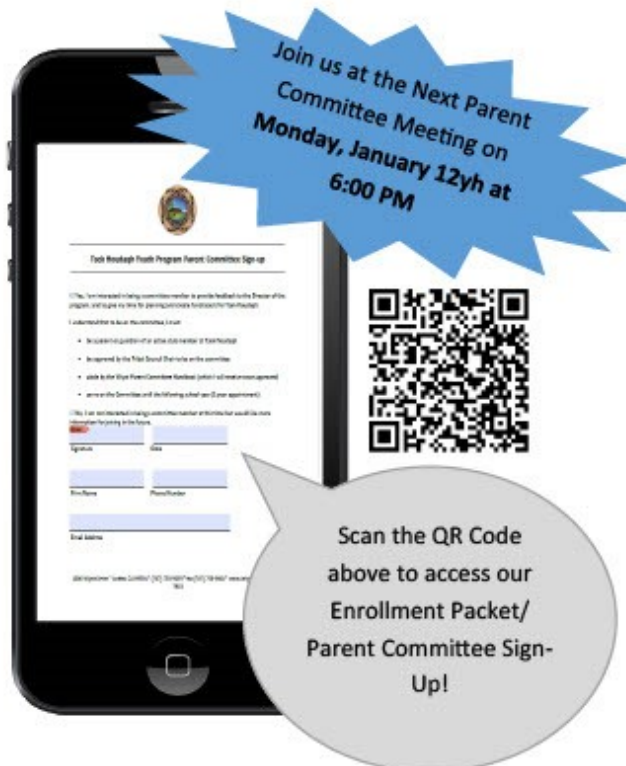
Our Youth Activity Program plans and implements fun and engaging activities for local youth during our after-school hours.

Eligibility: Native American Youth who live on or within 5-miles of the Wiyot Reservation or are children of Wiyot Tribe Employees.

To enroll in educational services, call the Wiyot Tribe’s Education Department at (707) 733-5055.

Tsek Houdagh Parent Committee

Are you interested in participating in the Tsek Houdagh Parent Committee? The role of the Parent Committee is to help guide Tsek Houdagh 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 Houdagh Youth Program. The Parent Committee will also guide the program’s eligibility requirements, program rules, and volunteer requirements.



Join us at the Next Parent Committee Meeting on Monday, January 12th at 6:00 PM

Scan the QR Code above to access our Enrollment Packet/ Parent Committee Sign-Up!

Tsek Houdaqh “Where the Children Are At”

Higher Education and Vocational Training Scholarships

Important Dates:

FAFSA deadline for 2024-25 School Year: **June 30, 2024**

Wiyot Tribe Scholarship: **August 1, 2024**

BIA Higher Education Scholarship: **August 1, 2024**

BIA Job Training Program Scholarship: **August 1, 2024**

Mary, Bill & Goldie Scholarship (SRCF): **August 1, 2024**

All application forms are on the Tribe’s website at www.wiyot.us, or for more information contact the Education Department at (707) 733-5055.

Tsek Houdaqh Youth Center After-School CACFP Meal Program

Throughout the school year, the Tsek Houdaqh Youth Center will be serving after-school snack and supper to all children, up to the age of 18 years old.

Meals are served Monday through Friday (except on holidays).

Daily Meal Times:

- ◇ **Snack 2:30 PM– 3:00 PM**
- ◇ **Supper: 5:30 PM– 6:00 PM**

All meals are served with 1% or Fat-Free Milk

For more information, call (707) 733-5055

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Tsek Houdaqh “Where the Children Are At”

| Tsek Houdaqh's Youth Center Weekly Schedule | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| | Dagoushipga'w (Monday) | Darritvewi'gurr (Tuesday) | Darrikvewi'gurr (Wednesday) | Darra'vewi'gurr (Thursday) | We'sagh da- hulu'vewi'gurr (Friday) |
| 1:30 PM | CLOSED | | | | After School Open |
| 2:00 PM | | | | | |
| 2:30 PM | After-School Open/Snack | After-School Open/Snack | After-School Open/Snack | After-School Open/Snack | Snack |
| 3:00 PM | Snack | Snack | Snack | Snack | Snack |
| 3:30 PM | JOM Tutoring/ STEM Activity | JOM Tutoring/ Art Activity | JOM Tutoring/ Culture Activity | JOM Tutoring/ Activity | Soulatluk Language |
| 4:30 PM | Triple Play | Triple Play | Triple Play | Triple Play | Triple Play |
| 5:30 | Supper | Supper | Supper | Supper | Supper |
| 6:00 | Closed | Closed | Closed | Closed | Closed |

| Tsek Houdaqh's Youth Center Activity Calendar | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| February 2024 | | | | | |
| Dagoushipga'w (Monday) | Darritvewi'gurr (Tuesday) | Darrikvewi'gurr (Wednesday) | Darra'vewi'gurr (Thursday) | We'sagh da- hulu'vewi'gurr (Friday) | |
| | | | 1 Valentine's Day Picture Frames | 2 Soulatluk Language Lesson | |
| 5 Clouds & Rain Experiment | 6 Valentine's Day Crystals | 7 Cultural Activity: Beading | 8 Dancing Rice | 9 Soulatluk Language Lesson | |
| 12 Valentine's Day | 13 Valentine's Day | 14 Cultural Activity: | 15 Belong Circle | 16 CLOSED | |
| 19 CLOSED | 20 Canvas Painting | 21 Cultural Activity: Beading | 22 DIY Kinetic Sand | 23 Soulatluk Language Lesson | |
| 26 Hovering Balloon Game | 27 Tissue Paper Painting | 28 Cultural Activity: Beading | 29 Lava Lamo in a Bag | | |
| To participate in youth program activities, children must have a current and complete Tsek Houdaqh Membership Packet on file for the 2023-2024 program year. | | | | | |

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*

Ve Rridutgudaluqh, 2024
February ("the 2nd month")

ANA SOULATLUK LESSONS AT LOLETA SCHOOL

In January, staff linguists Lynnika and Nina began teaching twice-weekly Soulatluk classes at Loleta Elementary School as an elective for 5th-8th grade students, as part of our ANA-funded Wi Soulatlouy ("we will speak Soulatluk") curriculum development grant. Over the past year and a half, we have developed a one-year Ship Da'louy ("we begin to speak" = introductory) curriculum which we have been "pre-piloting" with the Tsek Houdaah program at Table Bluff and are now teaching in the Loleta School classroom.

In Unit 1, we practiced introductions: saying hello and goodbye, telling our own name and asking the names of others, and telling where we come from (a culturally important part of self-introductions). Here are the key phrases we used in Unit 1 (click the links to hear audio):

| Ship Da'louy | Unit 1 Key Phrases | Audio links |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| <i>Ha'wa'lou!</i> | <i>Hello!</i> | qrco.de/bcgYXE |
| <i>Soulatluk</i> | <i>the language of the Wiyot people</i> | qrco.de/bcwYkf |
| <i>Rri'nuk ____.</i> | <i>My name is ____.</i> | qrco.de/bcgYZk |
| <i>Shouwa rri'num?</i> | <i>What's your name?</i> | qrco.de/bcgYcS |
| <i>darrudalilh</i> | <i>person/people from a place, who belong at a place</i> | qrco.de/bcwZY0 |
| <i>Yil ____ darrudalilh.</i> | <i>I come from/belong at ____.</i> | |
| <i>Guduwalha't</i> | <i>Loleta</i> | qrco.de/bclUsW |
| <i>Rraloughugu'w</i> | <i>Table Bluff</i> | qrco.de/bd0ztZ |
| <i>Wiya't</i> | <i>"Eel" River</i> | qrco.de/bcgY9a |
| <i>Gilha'!</i> | <i>That's enough!</i> | qrco.de/bcghjj |
| <i>Jouwaksh!</i> | <i>Goodbye!</i> | qrco.de/bcghoI |

According to one teacher, **Gilha'!** was an especially popular phrase 😊 We also practiced pronunciation with a set of short "a" words, which you can listen to and/or download at <https://www.wiyot.us/277/a-words>.

VIRTUAL SOULATLUK LESSONS IN FEBRUARY



We enjoyed our January virtual lessons on the topic of food! In February, virtual Soulatluk practice will be **Wednesday, February 7 & Wednesday, February 21** from 4-5 p.m. Please check the calendar at <http://www.wiyot.us/Calendar.aspx> (or scan the QR code) for the Zoom link (please email lynnika@wiyot.us if you don't see it on the February calendar!).

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DO YOU HAVE FAMILY PHOTOS OF SOULATLUK SPEAKERS?

Hou' to Tribal community members who have shared family photos of Soulatluk speakers!

It has been very helpful to show pictures of the elders (so far, Della Prince & Nettie Rossig) whose voices we listen to in Soulatluk classes at Loleta School & Tsek Houdaqh. It really helps connect the language to real Wiyot people and families, and we would like to do the same whenever we showcase Soulatluk at the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center, online, in print, or anywhere else in the world.



To get a sense of why we want to do this, try scanning the QR code below with your smartphone. What you will hear is a 111-year-old phonograph recording of "Yachwou'nuwach," which is the Soulatluk name of the land where the Wiyot man known as Dandy Bill, along with many other Wiyot people, lived for nearly a century after the arrival of white settlers, and which the Wiyot Tribe has just bought back from its most recent owners (there was also a Wiyot village on this land likely dating back centuries or even longer). The voice you are hearing (we know it's hard to hear the word—it's 1913 audio technology!) belongs to Dandy Bill himself, as pictured in the photo at left (from the book *Two Peoples, One Place* by Ray Raphael and Freeman House, <https://shorturl.at/bjMNR>). We think



that seeing the face of the speaker brings his voice to life in a very powerful way; **Shouwa rrutwi'yum?** (What do you think?)

If you have a family photo of a Soulatluk speaker that you would like to share, we would love to scan it and use it in our language classes, events, and materials; we will be sure to credit you!

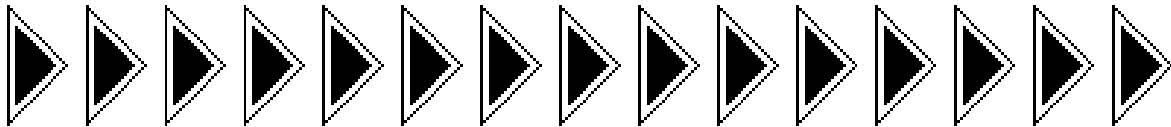
The speakers whose words or voices we have a record of are:

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| • Aleck Sam | • Elsie Barto | • Sarah McGuire |
| • Amos Riley | • Jane Searson | • Tom Brown |
| • Bill / William Brennard & his wife | • Jerry James | • Winnie Buckley: Hou' to George for sharing! |
| • Birdie James | • John Sherman | • Warren Brainard |
| • Cy Thomas | • Miranda Berry | • Weaver Denman |
| • Dandy Bill | • Nettie Rossig: Hou' to Cindy for sharing! | |
| • Della Prince | • Nora Koonskin (Miller) | |

NOTE: We don't know who spoke with linguist Jeremiah Curtin in 1889; or with anthropologist Alfred Kroeber in the early 1900s. If you have old family stories about an ancestor/relative speaking with one of these men, we would love to know who they were so that we can give a more complete picture of the recent history of Soulatluk. Please contact Lynnika if you have photos of any of these elder speakers that you would like to share, or any other information about them!

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

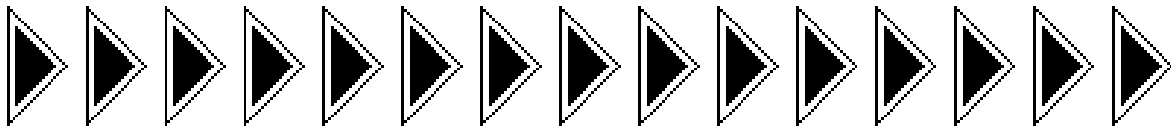
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February 2024

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Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Michelle Vassel



What is the Voters Choice Act?

Starting in 2024, Humboldt County will have a new and modern voting experience. All registered voters in the county will continue to automatically receive their ballots by mail. However, now voters will have three options for casting their votes and will have in-person early voting options available to them up to 10 days before the election.



VOTE-BY-MAIL

You can mail your ballot as soon as you receive it. No postage necessary.



BALLOT DROPBOX

You can drop off your ballot at any secure ballot drop box as soon as you receive it. No postage is required at ballot drop boxes.



VOTE CENTER

You can vote in person by visiting any Vote Center in Humboldt County. Select Voter Centers will be open starting 10 days before the election and on Election Day. At a Vote Center you can:

- Vote in person.
- Register and vote the same day, all the way up through Election Day.
- Drop off your completed ballot.
- Vote with an accessible voting machine.
- Get help and voting materials in multiple languages.

Visit www.humboldtgov.org/VotersChoiceAct



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TWO-SPIRIT POWWOW



FEBRUARY 10: FORT MASON PAVILION, SF

HEAD DANCERS

Sky Duncan
Peshawn Bread

HEAD GOURD DANCER

Matthew Reed

DRUMS

All Nation Singers (Northern)
Jeremy Bear (Southern)

ARENA DIRECTOR

Buffalo Barbie

MC'S

Coy McLemore
Dustina Abrahamson



Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

Anderson, Sonja
Angell, Lucius
Atwell, Julieanna
Atwell, Michael
Banks, Summer
Bartow, Jerome
Benitez, Michael
Bigelow, Audrey F.
Black, Dennis
Black, Eaden A.
Brown, Dylan
Buckley, Justin
Carter, Mathilde
Crummett, Vernon
Duncan, Tyler
Durazo, Marilyn
Evenson, Franklin
Goodson, Carol
Guyer, Aryana
Keisner, Craig
Keisner, Glenn Jr.
Kitts, John-Morgan A.
Krauel, Denise
Leady, Brayleigh
Madison, Britt Richard
Mager, Charles
Mallett, Austin
McCall, Illene
Miller, Jonathan
Nicholson, Randy
Nicholson, Serena
Pudnos, Catherine
Reyes, Arlene F.
Robblee, Brent A. Rossig
Rodriguez, April
Shelledy, Addison
Steen, Denise
Thurman, Ralph M. Jr.
Tipton, Joseph
Tompkins, David
Wilson, Linda
Woodhurst, Johnny
Zacha, Zennon
Zacha, Zyris



Did you move and forget to change your address?

Address changes can be faxed (707) 733-5601 or

Emailed:

addresschange@wiyot.us

If your address isn't up to date you may not receive your quarterly Rou Wenoutwilh payments, newsletter and other important Tribal mail. Also, when changing your address make sure to include children who are part of your household.

**HAVE YOU
MOVED?**



Please note there is a \$25.00 charge for a stop payment to replace checks lost in the mail. This is a recovery fee for the bank charge to stop payment on the check. To avoid this fee keep your address up to date wait 90 days from the date the checks were mailed out to reissue another RSTF check.

Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

Da Rou Gawok “Everyone working Together” Administration

Michelle Vassel.....Tribal Administrator
Vacant.....Administrative Analyst
Gary Markussen Jr.....Council Support
Fawn Lopez...Executive Assistant
Heather Blevins.....Administrative Assistant
Hazel Garcia.....Receptionist
Farzad ForouharFinance Manager
Jack Kennard.....Accounting Manager
Katherine Culleeney.....Accounts Payable Specialist

Gou’will da lalouluwuk “Taking care of People” Health And Human Services Department

Robert Pitts Jr.....Health & Human Service Director
Liz Edwards.....Laqilh Haluni (Elders Program)
Peggy Orcutt.....Social Work Advocate
Brian BoldenSocial Work Advocate
Dr. Rita Wafler.....Licensed MFT

Dishgamu Community Land Trust

Carry Tully.....Director
Kristen Crooks.....Project Manager
David Cobb.....Advancement Manager

Lhatsik Houmoulul’l “Cultural Department

Vacant.....Da Gou louwi” Director
Dr. Lynnika ButlerLinguist
Nina Lorence.....Soulatluk curriculum/Data specialist

Ga’muluk Hagu’n Public Works Department

Ted Hernandez.....Public Works Director/THPO
Sebastian Rios Moreno.....Grounds Keeper
George Buckley.....Water Operator
Brian Mead.....Water Operator in Training/Maintenance

Tsek Houdagh Education Department

Elizabeth HernandezDirector
Melinda Ramirez.....Youth Program Assistant

Shawir Darrudaluduk “Natural Resources Department”

Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Director
Stacy Giraldo.....Fisheries Technician
Marissa McGrew.....Natural Resources Technician
Zack Erickson.....Forest Resources Specialist
Mariah Buckley....Intern Gardener
Vacant.....Nursery Manager

Wiyot Tribal Council

Ted HernandezTribal Chairman (2020-2024)
Brian Mead.....Vice Chairman (2023-2026)
Marnie Atkins.....Secretary (2021-2025)
Michelle Hernandez.....Treasurer (2024-2027)
Vanessa Rios.....Council Member (2021-2025)
Hazel Garcia.....Council Member (2024-2027)
VacantCouncil Member (2020-2024)



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

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Email: _____ Telephone: () _____

Previous Names Used: _____

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

Signature: _____

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