



# The Da'luk

## Chwanuchguk Returned



March 20, 2025, the Wiyot Tribe closed on the land back transfer of 99.72 acres of Elk River Access property near Humboldt Hill to the Tribe. This land acquisition paid for by the State Coastal Conservancy was facilitated by Caltrot, who received funding for environmental restoration work in partnership with the Wiyot Tribe. Traditionally Chwanuchguk was a fishing village where salmon, caught in the river, was dried.

The Wiyot Tribe, partnered with Caltrot will be assisting in tidal marsh enhancements to restore the river and assist with the restoration project which will include sediment remediation, salmon habitat rehabilitation, riparian habitat expansion, and tributary restoration. The project will also protect, expand and enhance habitat, including native plant populations.

News of this land return is not yet public. More information will come as plans for public press releases unfold with Caltrot and Coastal Conservancy. The Tribe will be focused on an ecocultural restoration plan for the property that will include access for Tribal members for traditional cultural practices.



# **Gock Wuck "Knowledge"**

Submitted by: Ben Brown

## **Do you have any information?**

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is looking for relatives of human remains found in 1998. On 01-21-1998 the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) responded to a call of found human skeletal remains. Deputies met with a citizen who had been horseback riding in the area. The citizen led the deputies to the remains located on Clam Beach near the mouth of Little River. The remains were collected and later examined by an Anthropologist who confirmed they were human. The remains were sent to the California Department of Justice where a DNA sample was obtained. The sex of the remains was determined to be male. The DNA sample was entered into CODIS (Combined DNA index System) and compared to reported missing persons. No match was ever made. The case was also entered into NAMUS (National missing and unidentified persons system) under case number UP55179. The remains showed signs of being well-worn from either water or sand erosion. It was reported that there had been heavy rain prior to the discovery. It is possible that these remains are from an ancient burial site located near the beach or nearby rivers.

With the advance of technology HCSO has partnered with Othram Inc to complete Forensic Genetic Genealogy. A sample was sent to Othram Inc and later determined to be Native American. The most recent common ancestor was Catherine Prince born in 1843. Research shows Catherine was one of the sole survivors of a Native American massacre along the Van Duzen River near Alton. Catherine may have later been adopted by the Francis family of California. The Wiyot Tribe was contacted and noted the Prince family is documented within the tribe, but no relatives could be located.

The Sheriff's Office is looking for family members of the following people:

Catherine "Kitty" Frances Prince 1843-1940

Married to James Napoleon Prince 1843-1910

Possible children: Dan Prince, Theodore Prince, and Edith Anderson

Anyone with information is asked to contact:

Missing person/cold homicide Investigator Mike Fridley at 707-441-3024



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

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

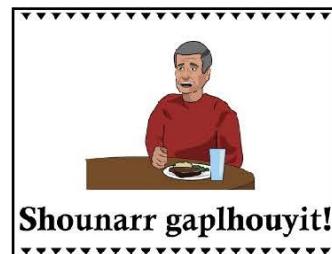
## **Soulatluk Hou Gou Gou'wurruwisuqu'l**

the language of the Wiyot people its again coming to life

**Ya Ga Boukva'r, 2025**

April ("the one that is never counted")

### **ANA SOULATLUK CURRICULUM AND LESSONS**



In March, Lynnika and Nina continued Soulatluk lessons at Loleta Elementary, and completed Unit 6: **Gaplhouyit!** (*Let's eat!*), in which students learned the names of several traditional foods like **malhuk/valhuk** (salmon), **ga'muk** (acorns), **hapay** (berries), and more; along with questions and phrases about being hungry, eating, cooking, and liking foods. We also taught Unit 7: **Lhatsik** (traditional story), in

which students learned core vocabulary from the **lhatsik** "Fortuna" and listened to Della Prince's telling of it. At **Tsek Houdaqh**, participants are currently learning Unit 6 (foods).



**NOTE:** Email [lynnika@wiyot.us](mailto:lynnika@wiyot.us) if you would like copies/links to content from previous units.

In April, we will teach Unit 8, which focuses on language about family. We continue making progress in preparing the Da Da'louy (2<sup>nd</sup> year) Soulatluk curriculum with help from our pedagogical consultants.



Also in March, we held our first hybrid (in-person and virtual) community language classes! We practiced language from the Rou Soulatlouy conversation book about feelings and health. It has been a fun way to connect with the tribal community wherever they are, and we hope you will join us in April! Check the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center section of

the newsletter for April times and dates, and **wi vudawi'muduk ku wulasuk waw** (we will be glad to see you all).

### **BIA LANGUAGE VIDEO GRANT**

Don't forget to check your social media for the latest Soulatluk video release from our project that wrapped up in 2024! (Scan the code at right and navigate to the **Harouklhamu'n** playlist to see the latest releases.) We hope you will enjoy (and learn from) these videos, and that they will help build your interest in Soulatluk. We also hope to inspire you to make your own language video this year: we have the cameras, iPads, and knowledge gained from this project to help you create videos for whatever aspect of Soulatluk you'd like to share with each other.



### **IMLS PLACE NAME MAPPING GRANT**

Lynnika submitted the first portion of the place name documentation to the Culture and Language Committee in late March, and continues compiling the remainder of the documentation for the Committee's review.

**Rra'dutwasuduk waw** ('We respect/think highly of you all' = respectfully),

**Lynnika Butler** (Gutsviyaqhulilh / Linguist) [lynnika@wiyot.us](mailto:lynnika@wiyot.us) | (707) 798-1949 x302

**Nina Lorence-Ganong** (Curriculum Development & Language Data Specialist)

# WIYOT TRIBE IS HIRING

Wanna join our team?

- Forestry Technician
- Solid Waste Technician
- Forest Specialist
- Green Energy Specialist
- Eel River Valley Tutor



*For application, job description and additional information contact Wiyot Tribe Human Resources at online at:*

*<https://www.wiyot.us/Jobs.aspx>  
or email  
humanresources@wiyot.us*

*Resume's and CV's are not accepted without a signed application. Positions are open until filled*

*Native preference applies to Native American applicants under section 7(b) of Public Law 93-638.*

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

Submitted By: Jazzmin Fontenot

## **Ha'wa'lou DGLCC Visitors!**

Spring is officially upon us, and the land is starting to transform. We're excited to share some upcoming events, exhibits, and new offerings from the Cultural Center. Read on for all the details!

### **Museum Exhibit: *Transformer Stories***

Stop by the Cultural Center to explore our current exhibit: Transformer Lhatsiks! This exhibit was curated by our youth docents. Prominent throughout the Northwest Coast, Transformer stories depict dramatic transformations in the world. These include transformations of gou'wil (people), jechach (animals), and lughurruk (land).

In Soulatluk, these stories feature monster-slaying adventures of tricksters and teach important cultural values rooted deeply in the land and place.

### **Summer Hours**

Our business hours have transformed for the season! You can now visit us **Tuesday – Saturday from 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM**.

### **New in the Gift Shop!**

We're excited about welcoming **Emma Sundberg** to our gift shop! Be sure to drop by and check out her beautiful creations, available now in the shop.



### **April Events:**

#### **April 5th, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM: California Big Time**

Location: Cal Poly Humboldt, Forbes Complex, West Gym, Arcata, CA

Celebrate and honor California Native traditions through songs, games, resources, and arts and crafts. Be sure to stop by our table and say hello!

#### **April 5th, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Arts Alive!**

Location: Old Town Eureka

Don't let the celebration end after the Big Time! Join us for Arts Alive and celebrate local artists.

The Cultural Center will be open late for this event.

#### **April 19th, 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Eel River Expo**

Location: Fortuna River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Dr, Fortuna, CA

This free community event will feature family activities, presentations from keynote speakers, and informal talks by local scientists and watershed experts. You can register for the event at: <https://caltROUT.org/eel-river-watershed-program/eel-river-expo/register> .

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

Submitted By: Jazzmin Fontenot

## **Weekend Cultural Class Schedule**

These classes are for **Wiyot Tribal Members** and have limited seating. Please call the Cultural Center at **707-798-1949** to reserve your spot. If you need a ride, contact the main office at **707-733-5055** to arrange transportation with the Health and Human Services Department.

- **Reading Hour: Saturday, April 12th, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM** This month, we'll continue reading and discussing selections from the book *Ka'm-t'em*.
- **Soulatluk Language Class: Saturday, April 19th, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM** Hybrid class: In-person at the Cultural Center or via Zoom.

**Weaving Wellness: Saturday, April 26th, 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM** Learn how to weave with wellness! Food will be provided for participants.

## **Now Accepting Lhatsik Harutkshi 2025 Film Submissions!**

Plans for this year's Lhatsik Harutkshi "Moving Stories" Wiyot Tribe Film Festival is officially underway! This year we are expanding the festival over two nights, **November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** at the historic Eureka Theater! We are currently **accepting film submissions via Film Freeway** from local and international indigenous filmmakers, so tell all your friends! **Early submissions: April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>, regular submissions: June 2<sup>nd</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Late submissions: August 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>.** **Submission fees are waived for Wiyot Tribal Members** using a special discount code. Please call the cultural center to receive the discount code. You can submit your films at this link: <https://filmfreeway.com/LhatsikHarutkshi>

## **Rules and Guidelines:**

All films must be Native, First Peoples, and Indigenous made. Key members of the creative team must have significant artistic and administrative contributions to the project and be from recognized Indigenous nations. Within the United States, all filmmakers must share their affiliated tribal nation. International Indigenous filmmakers from Canada, New Zealand, Australia, the Pacific Islands, and other regions, must identify from an Indigenous nation within their respective communities.

All genres, narratives, story forms, are accepted and encouraged. This is a family-friendly event, all content should be acceptable for general audiences. Non-English films must have English subtitles.

We have limited programming time and space. Submissions must be within 1min-25min. Significant care and consideration will be taken for all films submitted through our open submission to ensure an equitable and fair experience.

## **ENTRY FORMATS**

1. All entries - Formats accepted for festival exhibition:

Digital Files

-1920x1080p

-MPEG-4 (H.264) in an mp4 container

-M4V and MOV (Mp4 is preferred)

3. Films should be presented in their original language with English language subtitles.

4. Please specify sound mix on your application. Left/Right Mix preferred

This is a drug and alcohol-free event. Any person in violation of this policy will be removed from the premises.

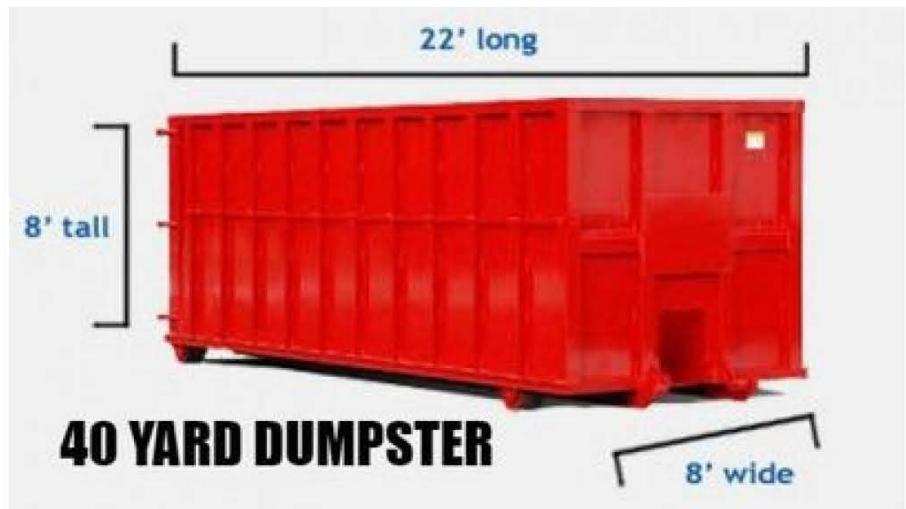
# **Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”**

Submitted By; NRD staff

## **April Wiyot NRD NEWS FLASH! TBR Residents Don't miss out!**

**SPRING IS HERE!** Do you have bulky discarded items in your yard or trash that's been piling up all winter that you'd like to get rid of for spring cleaning? If so, the Wiyot Natural Resources Department (WNRD) is **providing a 40 yard dumpster the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>** for Table Bluff Reservation (TBR) residents to dispose of items for free at 1000 Wiyot Dr.

**PLEASE NO hazardous waste, toxic materials, explosives, oil, auto parts, chemicals, serpentine rock, paints, solvents, fuel, asbestos, tires, or TVs and other electronic waste.** Also if you have **Electronic-Waste** and want the WNRD to pick it up curbside at **TBR the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>** please fill in the sign-up sheet at the TBR front office with your address, date, and desired time during business hours for curbside pickup or contact the WNRD to schedule or with questions about items that can be disposed of or processes for disposing of hazardous items, and lets “Keep the Rez Clean!” Adam Canter, NRD Director [adam@wiyat.us](mailto:adam@wiyat.us) 707-733-5055 x105





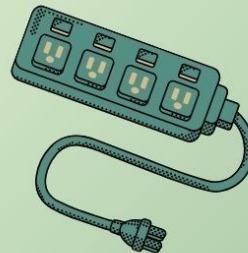
# Wiyot NRD is Now Accepting E-Waste!



Are old phones, computers, or cords taking up space in your life? Bring your unwanted electronic products over to WNRD and we will take it to a local waste center for you!

## We Can Accept:

- hand-held devices (phones, iPods, tablets)
- TVs
- VCRs and DVD players
- batteries
- stereos, digital clocks
- fluorescent light bulbs
- computers, monitors, fax machines, copiers
- cords, keyboards and mice
- small household appliances (toaster ovens, microwaves, etc.)



Please contact WNRD with questions about other items that can be disposed of or about disposal of hazardous items, at [marisa@wiyot.us](mailto:marisa@wiyot.us) or 707-733-5055 x106

## **Sacramento Pikeminnow in Wiya’t...What Did They Eat in Summer 2024?**

Over the last two years, WNRD staff have been looking at stomach contents from pikeminnow caught during suppression efforts in the summers of 2023 and 2024. From October to February, we looked at around 200 stomachs from the 2024 season and tried to identify what organisms pikeminnow have been eating in the Lower Mainstem Eel, South Fork Eel, and North Fork Eel.

To save the stomach samples from the summer, field crews removed the stomachs, put them in alcohol to preserve the stomach contents, and froze them for later dissection. When the staff was ready to identify the stomachs, we thawed the samples out, cut the stomachs open, and used a microscope to look at smaller insects and fish bones.

We found all sorts of stuff! Turns out pikeminnow will eat just about anything they can get their mouth around. Here are some examples:



Pacific Lamprey / Eel (gou’daw)



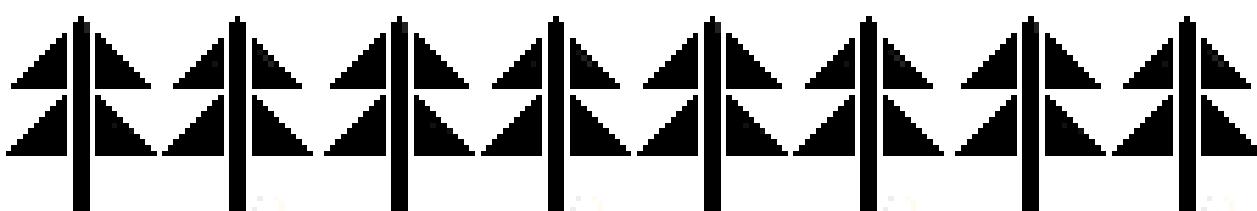
Coho Salmon (valhuk)



Western Pond Turtle



California Vole



# EEL RIVER EXPO

A FREE Source to Sea Community Event

**April 19th, 2025**  
**Fortuna River Lodge**  
**12:00pm - 4:00pm**

LIVE  
MUSIC

PHOTO  
CONTEST

FOOD  
VENDORS

- Get hands-on with soil textures and Casterlin High School
- Explore Eel River science with CDFW experts
- Learn about Wiyot culture with the Da Gou Rou Louw' Cultural Center
- Try a pikeminnow board game with BLM
- Practice screen printing with TRIB
- Explore salmon through art with Friends of the Eel River
- Master local tree ID with the Trees Foundation



**Rotary**  
Club of Eureka





DRAFT

## **WORLD RENEWAL CEREMONY**

**Place:** Tuluwat

**Dates:** May 24, Saturday, Evening Dance

May 25, Sunday, Morning, Afternoon, Evening Dances

May 26, Monday, Morning Dance

(Dance schedules will be provided in the next Newsletter)

**Weather:** Dress accordingly

**Transportation:** Will ONLY be provided for Dancers and their families

(more information on parking and walking in next Newsletter)

**Seating:** Please bring your own chairs or something to sit on

**Food:** Sunday meals will be for Lunch and Evening, which will consist of:

Sandwich, dessert, water

### **What to Bring:**

- Extra food for you and your family
- Chair
- Blanket
- Beverage

**Bring good thoughts and prayers**



## Tsek Houdaqh '*where the children are'*

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

# Tsek Houdaqh

## Spring Fling

Friday,  
April 11,  
2025

4:00 PM–  
6:00 PM

Wiyot  
Community  
Center  
1000 Wiyot Drive,  
Loleta, CA

• Easter Bunny Meet & Greet •  
Community BBQ • Bouncy House •  
Lawn Games • Sack Race • Face  
Painting • Fun for All Ages! •



# **Tsek Houdaqh “Where the Children Are At”**

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

## **Girl's Regalia Workshop: Necklace Making**

Native American Students in grades 6th to 12th are invited to participate in a necklace making workshops throughout the months of April and May. Students will work together to create ceremonial necklace sets that will be used for educational presentations and demonstrations. A light dinner will be provided!

**Dates:** April 9th/April 23rd/May 7th

**Time:** 4:30 PM– 6:00 PM

**Location:** Wiyot Tribe Community Center, 1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA

## **Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program Spring Break**

The Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program will be open Monday, April 7th to Thursday, April 10th for Spring Break, from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM. We will be CLOSED on Friday, April 11th.

# **Tsek Houdaqh 'where the children are'**

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

## **A Letter From the Eel River Team**

Dear Families,

As I meet with more students in Fortuna and East High Schools, I'm getting to know how I can best support them. Every student has a different amount of work that's needed from them, and they also have to think about putting in extra time in for their future goals like going to university or getting a job right after graduation. Managing the amount of homework that students get on top of schoolwork and then asking them to put in extra time to focus on their goals can be difficult, it's like a job; it is their job, in fact. Because this particular issue differs from student to student, some having a harder time than others, there are options that we must have available for them to succeed. Some students need a lot of help with homework, I can tell. Some others know they need help but will have a difficult time asking for or accepting help. I am slowly getting to know all the students and seeing where they land on this.

These past few weeks I've had appointments with students to apply to universities and scholarships. This is a great opportunity to get the ball rolling on their higher education as they don't generally have time specifically for that; I get to share resources with them as they need.

I've also had one on one time with some students to

help with classes and from what I can tell, it's usually the math classes they struggle with the most as it can be difficult to focus on. I'm finding out the most successful way of helping them is to just be present with them so they have less distractions and more affirmations in their work. I encourage everyone who is family to a student to sit with them for a small period of time and just be present with them during their hard work.

Sincerely,

*Alfredo Calderon*

Eel River Valley High School Site Lead



## **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 quarterly 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.



# **Tsek Houdaqh 'where the children are'**

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

## **2024/2025 Scholarship Awardee Spotlight: Tammie Nichols**

*Native American students everywhere continue to pursue their higher education and job training. Whether you are working to achieve a personal goal, earn higher wages, or advance in your career, the Wiyot Tribe may have a scholarship/grant right for you. This month the Education Department spoke with, Tammie Nichols, a 2024/2025 scholarship awardee, about her higher education journey and experience applying for Wiyot scholarships and grants. Tammie currently attends Cal Polytechnic Humboldt and is working towards her Bachelors of Art degree in Social Work.*

### **What inspired you to pursue your higher education?**

I decided to pursue higher education in 2018. Initially I was pursuing a degree in nursing, but because of my experience working in Tribal social services I changed my major to social work.

### **What has the higher education experience been like for you?**

My experience in higher education has not been easy considering I had never written an essay and really never imagined that someone with my life experiences can accomplish what seemed impossible. I pushed myself through every assignment (even when I wanted to quit). In 2024 I accomplished my Associate's degree

in social work and now pursuing my BASW. I am on track to graduate in spring of 2026.

### **What is one piece of advice you would give a Native American student who is considering pursuing a higher education?**

If I had to give advice to native students, it would be this; you can do hard things if you just push yourself. Your education is something that nobody can take from you. You got this

### **What has your experience been applying to the Tribe's higher education scholarships/grants?**

My experience in applying for higher education funds through the Wiyot Tribe has been positive thus far. I find that Elizabeth is super helpful and very supportive through the process.



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

### **2025/2026 School Year Deadlines:**

Wiyot Tribe Scholarship: **August 1, 2025**

BIA Higher Education Scholarship: **August 1, 2025**

BIA Job Training Program Scholarship: **August 1, 2025**

Mary, Bill & Goldie Scholarship (SRCF): **August 1, 2025**

All application forms can be found at [www.wiyot.us](http://www.wiyot.us).

For more information about scholarships, please contact the Education Department at (707) 733-5055 or [scholarship@wiyat.us](mailto:scholarship@wiyat.us).

# **Tsek Houdaqh “Where the Children Are At”**

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

## **SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**



Are you a Native Youth looking to develop leadership skills? Do you envision yourself working with and for your community? This summer, the Wiyot Tribe's Education Department will be hosting a six-week internship for 12 Native American High School students. Throughout the internship, students will participate in interest based learning, collaborate with their peers, and develop leadership skills. Students who successfully participate in the Summer Youth Leadership Program, will be invited to attend the Summer Youth Leadership College Tour.

*Applications open April 7th/Deadline to apply May 5, 2025.*

### **Internship Placement:**

- Early Childhood Education
- Food Sovereignty
- Elder Care & Nutrition
- Cultural Stewardship

### **Internship Duration**

- Six Weeks
- Start Date: June 16, 2025
- End Date: July 25, 2025
- Stipend Upon Completion

### **Qualifications**

- Completion of 3-day Youth Leadership Orientation (Dates to be Announced)
- Native American High School Student Enrolled in a Partnering School District (FUHS, NHUHSD, ECS)  
OR
- Wiyot Student enrolled in the Wiyot Tribe's JOM Program.
- Complete Application
- 1 Letter of Recommendation

For more information, contact Elizabeth Hernandez at (707) 733-5055.



# Taek Houdaqh "Where the Children Are At"

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez



## Wiyot Tribe's Education Department Summer Youth Leadership Development Program Participation Form



### Student Information (Please Print)

1) Student First Name:	2) M/I:	3) Last Name:	4) Preferred Name:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5) Home Address (Street):	6) City:	7) State:	8) Zip Code:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
9) Date of Birth	10) Trial Affiliation	11) Student's Phone Number	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

### Student's School Information

1) School District Select One	2) Name of School
<input type="checkbox"/> Fortuna Union High School District <input type="checkbox"/> Eureka City Unified School District <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Humboldt Union High School District	<input type="text"/>
3) Grade Level	<input type="text"/>
4) Does your student receive Title VI/Indian Education services through their school district or JOM services through the Wiyot Tribe?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Title VI/Indian Education Services. <input type="checkbox"/> JOM Services <input type="checkbox"/> None of the Above	

### Legal Parent/Guardian's Information:

1) a) Parent's/Guardian's First Name:	b) Parent's/Guardian's Last Name:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
c) Home Phone:	d) Work Phone & Ext:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
e) Parent/Guardian Email Address:	
<input type="text"/>	

### Youth Leadership Development Program To be Completed by Participant

1) Number each Youth Leadership Development topic from 1-4, with 1 being the most desired and 4 being the least desired. This selection does not guarantee placement in desired cohort.

<input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Sovereignty	<input type="checkbox"/> Elder Care/Nutrition
<input type="checkbox"/> Culture/Language Revitalization		

2) In one or two sentences, please describe why you would like to participate in the Youth Leadership Development Program/what you hope to gain from your participation.

<input type="text"/>

# **Tsek Houdach "Where the Children Are At"**

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

## **Youth Leadership Development Program (Continued) To be Completed by Participant**

3) In one or two sentences, please describe why you would like to be placed in your first choice Youth Leadership Development topic.

---

---

---

2) In one or two sentences, please describe how you think being placed in your first choice Youth Leadership Development topic would be beneficial to your education.

---

---

---

### **Media Release Select One**

- I give my consent for my child to be photographed by the Wiyot Tribe's Education Department and for photographs, in which my child may appear, to be used by the Wiyot Tribe's Education Department.
- I DO NOT give my consent for my child to be photographed by the Wiyot Tribe's Education Department or for photographs, in which my child may appear, to be used by the Wiyot Tribe's Education Department.

By signing below, you give your child permission to participate in the Wiyot Tribe's Summer Youth Leadership Development Program activities and to be transported by the Wiyot Tribe's Education Department staff or other contracted transportation to pre-planned outings. By signing below, you give the Wiyot Tribe's Education Department staff consent to survey your child for reports and general knowledge. The information gathered and used by the Wiyot Tribe's Education Department staff will be gathered with the strictest confidence. By signing below, you give your consent to the Wiyot Tribe's staff to provide your child with basic first aid and/or seek out medical treatment in the event of a medical emergency. Should an emergency arise, the Wiyot Tribe's staff will make a conscientious effort to locate/contact you before action is taken. If it is not possible to locate you or an emergency contact, you agree to be responsible for any/all expense associated with such emergency. By signing below, you agree that the Wiyot Tribe will not be held responsible for any accident, injury, or death that may result from participating in activities hosted by the Wiyot Tribe's Education Department. By signing below you agree to the following statement, "I hereby, for myself, my child, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waiver and release ~~any and all~~ rights and claims for damages you or your child may have against the Wiyot Tribe's Education Department.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*End of Application\*\***

# **Gou' wil Da Laloluwuk 'taking care of people'**

Submitted By: Valerie Reed



Attention Wiyot Elders,  
Now offering **WEEKLY**  
**GROCERY**  
**SHOPPING!!!**

**When: Mondays in APRIL**

**3/7, 3/14, 3/21 and 3/28**

**Where: Grocery Shopping**

**11:00 am -2:00 pm**

**3/7-WINCO—Eureka**

**3/14—Costco—Eureka**

**3/21—Grocery Outlet—Fortuna**

**3/28—Safeway—Fortuna**

**If you are interested we are providing  
transportation and lunch will be  
provided. Please call Elders Advocate,  
HHS Dept. @ 707-733-5055.**



## **Gou' wil Da Lalouluwuk 'taking care of people'**

Submitted By: Valerie Reed

**CALL HHS TO SEE IF WE CAN HELP!!**

# **How can the Homeowner's Assistance Fund work for you?**

The Wiyot Tribe Homeowner Assistance Fund program can help qualified households that have had hardship because of and since the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic to assist with the following: (applicants must meet certain requirements):

## **Payment Assistance for Homeowners:**

**Mortgage Payments**

**Utilities**

**Principal Reduction**

**Internet**

**Insurance**

**Taxes**

**Down Payments**

**Loans**

Find the application on the Tribe's website <[www.wiyot.us](http://www.wiyot.us)> or call the HHS Dept Social Work Advocate for more info at 707-733-5055.

## **ATTENTION!!!!!!**

Free Tax Preparation  
Services Available!



**Eligibility:** Individuals and families in Humboldt County with an annual income less than \$73,000. The service is designed for basic tax returns and **excludes** returns involving rental property or digital currency, farms and returns with "married filing separately" status.

**When:** Feb. 6 through April 15, 2025, by appointment only

Contact: **707-443-9747**, x1241 for the following locations

- Eureka—Humboldt Senior Resource Center (1910 California St.) on Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Salvation Army (2123 Tydd St.) on Saturdays.
- Willow Creek
- Southern Humboldt
- Rio Dell
- McKinleyville

**Fortuna location and contact:** **707-726-9203**

- Fortuna Senior Center on Mondays throughout tax season

# **Gou' wil Da Lalouluwuk 'taking care of people'**

Submitted By: Valerie Reed



**The NCIDC Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) program**

**for eligible Wiyot Citizens in California is Now Open!**

**Assistance for your energy bills, including:**

- Electricity/gas AND/OR Propane
- Firewood\*\* OR Pellets

**\*\*must follow Men's Camp pricing & reside in the Tribe's service area for delivery)**

## **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

Household Size	Maximum Income Eligibility Guideline	100-75% maximum income	75-50% income	50-0% income	Categorically eligible participants receive
1	\$84,040	\$28,530	\$19,020	\$0	
2	\$49,745	\$37,309	\$24,873	\$0	
3	\$61,450	\$46,088	\$30,725	\$0	
4	\$78,155	\$54,866	\$36,578	\$0	
5	\$84,859	\$63,644	\$42,430	\$0	
6	\$90,564	\$72,423	\$48,282	\$0	
7	\$96,269	\$74,069	\$49,380	\$0	
8	\$102,953	\$75,715	\$50,477	\$0	
9	\$108,148	\$77,361	\$51,574	\$0	
10	\$105,343	\$79,007	\$52,672	\$0	
11	\$107,537	\$80,653	\$53,769	\$0	
12	\$109,732	\$82,299	\$54,866	\$0	

Benefit Amount      \$300      \$400      \$500

**Contact the HHS Department Social Work Advocate  
at 707-733-5055 to complete an Intake Form  
or if you have any questions.**

## April 2025 Laqilh Haluni' (Valued Elder) Lunch Menu

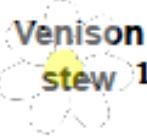
Dagoushipga'w  
(Monday)

Darritvewi'gurr  
(Tuesday)

Darrikvewi'gurr  
(Wednesday)

Darra'vewi'gurr  
(Thursday)

We'sagh  
dahuluvewi'gurr  
(Friday)



Chicken  
dumpling 7

Meatballs 8

Tamale  
pie 9

BBQ pork  
sand 10

Spinach  
salad 11

Pork chops 14

Salmon 15

Spaghetti 16

BBQ  
chicken 17

Breakfast 18  
sandwich

Elk 21  
stroganoff

Bok  
Choy Stir  
-fry 22

Chicken  
parm.  
pasta 23

Salisbury  
steak 24

Tuna  
wrap 25

Philly 28  
cheesesteak  
sand.

Veggie 29  
lasagna

Meatloaf 30

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

For a Monday through Friday (excluding Holidays) meal delivery within 25 miles from Table Bluff

Reservation,  
please call the HHS Dept. for more information at (707) 733-5055.



# **"Walking For Wellness in Wiyot Country"**

is a powerful phrase that invites us to appreciate the history, culture, and environmental significance of the traditional territory while walking.

In efforts to promote health and wellness for you and the Community, walking can provide strength, support and opportunity to connect culture to a path for a healthier life.

**Every Tues/Thurs Starting April 3rd  
from 11:00am-12pm**

**Meet in Tribal Office parking lot**

**Make sure to wear comfortable shoes!!!**



# **Gou' wil Da Lalouluwuk 'taking care of people'**

Submitted By: Valerie Reed



## **A Day for You at the Zoo!!!**

We will be visiting the  
Sequoia Park Zoo on  
Friday April 25, 2025,  
from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Lunch and transportation will  
be provided for Elders.

A day of fun and hopefully sun!

Contact Elder Advocate in the HHS  
Dept. for more info @ 707-733-5055

# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez



Wiyot Tribe  
General Council Meeting  
April 5, 2025  
Polls open 10 am-1pm  
**Agenda**

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Election**
- 3. Treasurer (2023-2027)**

Vanessa Rios

- 4. Minutes**

Approve October 2024 General Council Minutes

- 5. Amendments**

Constitutional Amendment-Proposed New Language to Article III. Citizenship Section 1 Citizenship Criteria d) Strike “All other persons with a minimum 1/8 degree Wiyot Indian blood, provided they are not enrolled in another tribe, reservation, band or rancheria, and replace with “All other persons with a Certificate Degree of Wiyot Indian Blood, provided they are not enrolled in another tribe, reservation, band or rancheria.

- 6. Reports:**
  - A. Chairman’s Report**
  - B. Vice Chairman’s Report**
  - C. Secretary’s Report**
  - D. Treasurer Report**
- 7. Adjournment**

# **April 2025**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
		1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5 General Council Mtg Polls open 9am-1pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday	14 BCM 4pm	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

*Don't  
forget!!*

Annual General Council Meeting will be held on April 5th, 2025.  
Polls will open 9am-1pm.  
1000 Wiyot Dr., Loleta, CA 95551

# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez



# **2025 UNLV POWWOW FOR THE PLANET**

**\$15,000 IN PRIZE MONEY**

**LOCATION: COX PAVILLION**

**APRIL 12TH & 13TH 2025**

**GRAND ENTRY:**

SATURDAY - 12PM / 6PM

SUNDAY 12PM

## **DRUM CONTEST**

1ST - \$2000

2ND - \$1500

3RD - \$1,000

## **SPECIALS TBD**

SCAN FOR TICKETS



### **HEAD STAFF:**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - TYSON SHAY

ARENA DIRECTOR - DR. ART MARTINEZ

NORTHERN HOST DRUM: WILDHORSE SINGERS

HEAD MAN: EDWARD BOX

HEAD WOMAN: STAR POSNER

SOUTHERN HOST DRUM: SOUTHERN SOUL SINGERS

### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

\$7 - PER DAY or \$10 - WEEKEND PASS

#SAVEREDROCK #BAHSAHWAHBE #PROTECTEASTLVMONUMENT

# 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  
Creech, Lennox  
Crummett, Kasen  
Dan, Bobbi  
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  
Mead, Michael  
Miller, Desirae  
Moon, Amanda  
Nelson, Jacqueline  
Page, Makiya  
Rasco, Desiree Rose

Reyes, Rhianna  
Rodgers, Sally  
Sheets, Cambria  
Sheets, Jadyn  
Shumard, Melanie  
Silva, Julencia  
Sovereign, Rayvn Marie  
Sperling, Kylie  
Stephenson, Theodore L.  
Thompkins, Douglas  
Thompkins-Neisius,  
Debra  
Tipton, Thomas K.  
Tompkins, Ernest  
Van Eck, Stephanie  
Wade, Liliana  
Wade, Tommy A.  
Womrath, Kristina  
Wright, Patsy



***Did you move and forget to  
change your address?***

***Address changes can be faxed  
(707) 733-5601 or Emailed:  
[addresschange@wiyot.us](mailto:addresschange@wiyot.us)***

***If your address isn't up to date  
you may not receive your quar-  
terly *Rou Wenoutwilh* pay-  
ments, newsletter and other  
important Tribal mail. Also,  
when changing your address  
make sure to include children  
who are part of your household.  
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 reis-  
sue another *Rou Wenoutwilh*  
check.***



# **Gock Wuck "Knowledge"**

## Da Rou Gawok "Everyone working Together" Administration

Michelle Vassel.....Tribal Administrator  
Gary Markussen Jr.....Council Support  
Fawn Lopez...Executive Assistant  
Hazel Garcia.....Administrator Assistant  
Pilar James.....Receptionist  
Larry Wheeler.....Front Desk Clerk  
Farzad Forouhar ....Finance Manager  
Julian Herman....Accounts Payable Specialist

## Gou'will da lalouluwuk "Taking care of People" Health And Human Services Department

Valerie Reed.....Health & Human Service Director  
Robert Pitts Jr.....Social Work Advocate  
Liz Edwards.....Laqilh Haluni (Elders Advocate)  
Brian Bolden .....Transportation Driver  
Vanessa Rios..... Laqilh Haluni (Cook)  
Dr. Rita Wafler.....Licensed MFT

## Dishgamu Community Land Trust

Michelle Vassel.....Director  
Donna Wilson.....Property Manager  
Jack Kennard.....Project Manager

## Lhatsik Houmoulu'l "Cultural Department

Ben Brown.....Da Gou louwi" Director  
Dr. Lynnika Butler .....Linguist  
Nina Lorence.....Soulatluk Curriculum/Data Specialist  
Jazzmin Fontenot.....Da Gou Rou Louwi' Manager  
Sadie Hall.....Da Gou Rou Louwi' Docent  
Josh Rosewolf....Da Gou Rou Louwi' Docent  
Brian Mead Jr.....Da Gou Rou Louwi' Docent

## Ga'muluk Hagu'n Public Works Department

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

## Tsek Houdaqh Education Department

Elizabeth Hernandez .....Director  
Melinda Ramirez.....Youth Program Assistant  
Alfredo Calderon.....Site Lead Fortuna Highschool

## Shawir Darrudaluduk "Natural Resources Department"

Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Director  
Tiffany Douglas.....Fisheries Technician  
Marissa McGrew.....Natural Resources Technician  
Vacant.....Forest Resources Specialist  
Natalie Calderon.....Forestry Technician  
Lindsey Abernathy .....Climate Specialist

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

## Wiyot Tribal Council

Brian Mead ..... Tribal Chairman (2025-2028)  
Hazel Garcia.....Vice Chairman (2023-2026)  
Vacant.....Secretary (2021-2025)  
Vanessa Rios.....Treasurer (2024-2027)  
Vacant.....Council Member ( 2021-2025)  
Vacant.....Council Member (2024-2027)  
Leo James .....Council Member (2025-2028)



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):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Loleta, CA 95551

1000 Wiyot Dr

Wiyot Tribe

