



SMOKE SIGNALS

September 2024

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Tzow Yub-I- Not, Good September. As we do have a very important date coming up on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 7:00am - 7:00pm will be Tribal Council Election Day. We wish each candidate for the upcoming 2024-2026 Tribal Council term good luck.

In August the Tribe had a huge turnout at our Back-To-School Educational Fair. All the kiddos received school supplies and a new backpack. If you couldn't attend, please contact the CAP Department Coordinator Brandi Kelly (559) 374-0066 ext. 206. She will arrange a pickup day for your kids to receive their supplies and backpacks.

Some exciting news Fresno American Indian Health Project (FAIHP) is now offering their services at the tribe's Oak View Terrance property in Auberry. FAIHP offers a variety of services from mental health to traditional healing and well-briety practices. For more information on their programs they provide, you can give them a call at (559) 320-0490.

Lastly our General Council meeting is coming up on September 29th here at the BSR GYM at 11:00 a.m. Please remember that these meetings are for tribal members only and no significant others may attend. As always thank you for your time and energy and have a blessed rest of your month.

Council Meetings		Tribal Office Holiday Schedule	
Tribal Council	General Council	Date	Holiday
Wednesday, September 25, 2024	Sunday, September 29, 2024	Monday, September 2, 2024	Labor Day
Wednesday, October 30, 2024	Sunday, December 15, 2024	Friday, September 27, 2024	California American Indian Day
Wednesday, November 27, 2024		Monday, October 14, 2024	Indigenous Day
Wednesday, December 18, 2024		Monday, November 11, 2024	Veterans Day
		Thursday, November 28, 2024	Thanksgiving Day
		Friday, November 29, 2024	Day after Thanksgiving
		Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve
		Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Christmas

REMINDER: The newsletter is available by email, if you would like to start receiving the newsletter through email rather than mail, please contact the Tribal Office at 559.374.0066.



Tribal Elder's
Monthly Meeting



Second Thursday of the month at 12:00pm

September 12, 2024

- Meetings are here for you to be informed about what is offered to the Tribal Elders
- Must be a Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Elder to attend
- There will be lunch and raffle prizes

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT LEANN ANGUIANO
AT 559-374-0066.**



NEXT FOOD BANK

Thursday, September 19, 2024

10:00am-12:00pm

Big Sandy Rancheria

37387 Auberry Mission Road

Auberry, CA 93602

BSR General Store

6:00am-10:00pm

559-825-6645

**37302 Rancheria Lane
Auberry, CA 93602**

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September Birthdays

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

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Big Sandy Rancheria Elders

Hello Elders, I would like to apologize for canceling the last Elders luncheon I had a training that week, but not to worry we would like to invite all of our Elders to our September monthly Elders luncheon on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 12:00pm we serve a hot meal, raffle prizes and we will inform you on any upcoming Elder activities or events. I hope you all are doing well, I first would like to welcome our new Elders Chrissy Valle and Jessica Lewis to the Elder community. That brings our Elders count up to 69 Elders (ages 55 and up). Our eldest female Elder is Barbara Culwell and eldest male Elder is Loren Baty. Fun fact we have 29 male Elders and 40 female Elders. The BSR Elders will be attending the Acorn Festival on September 13th-15th. The Elder sign up for this trip is FULL!

Save the date September 24, 2024 BSR Social Services and FAIHP will be hosting a special luncheon for the Elders at the new location in Auberry. They are seeking your input for their programs they will have food and prizes for all that attends. The Elder book project should be completed soon I will have a copy for your review hopefully within the next month or so. Next elders luncheon will be October 10, 2024 at noon. If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself Leann Anguiano.

languiano@bsrnation.com or 559-374-0066 x 209

HEADS UP

OVDC Big Sandy Early Head Start September 2024 Newsletter

Accepting Applications for Enrollment! Both TANF and Tribal members now have priority placement with new OHS guidelines! Contact the site for an application!

Applications for the school year continues to be accepted throughout the year. EHS is a comprehensive early learning program for children 6 weeks-36 months old. The EHS program delivers early learning/education, health nutrition, and family support services.

Come Join our Team!

Employment Opportunities

-Teacher

Open Until Filled

**Apply online @
ovcdc.com**

Important Dates

September 2nd: Labor Day

September 3rd: Parent Orientation

September 4th: First Day of 2024-2025 School Year (Half Day)

September 26th: Parent Workshop (2-3 p.m.)

September 27th: California Indian Day (Center Closed)

Reminders

Our center hours are Monday-Friday from 7:45-3:45 P.M.

Breakfast is from 8:30-9:00 A.M.

If you need any assistance, please contact us!



37190 Jose Basin Road, Auberry, CA 93602

Phone (559) 855-7511, Fax (559) 855-7515

Blossom Garcia, Family/Child Service Specialist, bgarcia@ovcdc.com

Nikita Henderson, Site Supervisor, nhenderson@ovcdc.com



BSR Head Start

Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Head Start Program

The 2024-2025 school year will begin on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024!

The BSR Head Start program is very excited to welcome our families, both new and returning.

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

Head Start has an attendance requirement of 85% a month. Please call if your child will be absent.

Our Head Start program schedules health and developmental screenings for all children within the 45 days of school. It is essential that your child is present.

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

We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

If you have any questions please feel free to call the center at
374 0066 ext. 216

Special Day

Reminders

Closed: Labor Day

September 1st, 2024

1st Day of Head Start

September 3rd ,
2024

Community Food

Bank

September 19th,
2024

Closed: Staff

Development Day

September 20th,
2024

Closed: California

American Indian Day

September 27th,
2024

BSR Environmental Department September 2024

What happens to Abandoned Vehicles

Abandoned vehicles can have a negative impact on the environment in several ways:

Leaks: Leaking fluids like oil, brake fluid, antifreeze, gasoline, diesel, transmission fluid, can pollute the soil and waterways. These toxins can also contaminate or ground water and surface water supplies, which can be harmful to people and animals.

Batteries: Batteries contain lead and acid, which can pose additional environmental risks.

Air conditioning systems: Air conditioning systems may release harmful refrigerants.

Pests: Abandoned vehicles can provide a harborage for pests like rats and mice, which can spread disease.

Visual blight: Abandoned vehicles can be unsightly and affect the visual amenity of the area

The Environmental Department partnered with CAP for the last field trip of the summer at Shaver Lake. The kids got to use microscopes to view objects and specimen that made up the sand and water. The kids took home there own Water Filtration Kit.



BSR Community Swap Meet

When: September 21, 2024

8am—12pm

Where: 33041 Oakview Terrace

Complex

Auberry Ca. 93602

For information or questions:

Contact: Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext.226

What is surface water

Streams, rivers, lakes and reservoirs collectively referred to as surface water, are important natural resources for irrigation, public supply, wetlands and wildlife. Surface water is also measured as annual runoff, which is the amount of rain and snowmelt drainage left after the demands of nature, evaporation from land, and transpiration from vegetation have been supplied. It supplies most of our basic water needs.



For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 226—lbeecher@bsrnation.com





Social Services



Social Services Department Update- We are very excited that Jazmine Garcia has joined the Social Services Department as a Case Worker on August 19th. She comes to BSR with a background of five years of case management and supportive services work with non-profit organizations. She will be working with Stephanie Casillas our BSR's Social Services Coordinator on programs like ICWA, Tribally Approved Homes (TAH), Flexible Family Supports (FFS), Excellence in Family Finding and Engagement and Support (EFFES), victim advocacy services, and helping with referrals and connections to other supportive services. Jazmine's phone number is 559-374-0066- ext. 215 and her email address of ssbsr1@bsrnation.com. If you have questions about a particular program or event you can also reach out to our Social Services Coordinator, Stephanie Casillas, at sscoord@bsrnation.com or

559-374-0066, ext. 242 or 559-787-4115 or Kip Bowmar, Director of Planning and Development at pddirector@bsrnation.com or 559-374-0066 ext. 225 or 559-955-1163. The Social Services Department works to support BSR's Tribal families and individuals by ensuring they have services, assistance, and support. By working with each individual and family we can identify their unique needs and help access resources to address them. Specific programs include:

ICWA- BSR will intervene in eligible child dependency cases involving Tribal Members and their children. This includes Tribal representation in court, case management, and service referrals.

Victim Advocacy- This includes connecting people with resources and helping them connect with culturally appropriate services available through BSR as part of the healing process.

Educational Outreach- Presenting information at BSR and other community events to let BSR members know of services available to them.

Tribally Approved Homes- Federal law allows Tribes to approve or license their own foster homes. BSR has been active in advocating for child welfare and recognizes the need for appropriate tribal foster and adoptive homes.

Flexible Family Supports- For families and individuals that are already approved as foster care homes, there are additional resources available to cover expenses like respite care, participation costs for children in enrichment activities including sports and arts that benefit the child's development, and activities that are designed to support a successful placement.

Substance Use Disorder Services- Counseling, both one-on-one and in group sessions from a certified counselor for substance use disorder is now available at the Auberry Community Center located at 33041 Auberry Road. The program is operated in partnership between Fresno American Indian Health Project (FAIHP) and BSR. Call 559-320-0490 ext. 605

Partnership with Community Allies- In addition to partnering with FAIHP, BSR is also partnering with FAIHP in the Medicine Wheel 12 Step Classes that are held every other Tuesday from 12-1 and the Sacred Circle every other Tuesday from 2:00 to 5:00. Both classes are offered at the Community Resource Center 33041 Auberry Road. There is additional information about each program in the newsletter.



BSR Hosts Tribally Approved Homes Seminar

On August 22nd, Big Sandy Rancheria hosted a Tribally Approved Homes (TAH) seminar for approximately a dozen people at the Community Resource Center in Auberry that BSR operates in partnership with the Fresno American Indian Health Project (FAIHP).



The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 ICWA established placement preferences for Native children, requiring that placements are made according to the prevailing social and cultural standards of the Native community. The Tribally Approved Homes program supports BSR by providing resources to create a process to recruit, review, and vet Tribal homes so they can be a suitable placement option for Tribal children. TAH can also provide resources for furniture like beds and dressers that are necessary to make a placement happen as well as health & safety items like car seats, fire extinguishers, and smoke detectors for the home. If you are interested in becoming a Tribally Approved Home or learning more, email Stephanie Casillas, BSR's Social Services Coordinator at sscoord@bsrnation.com



MEDICINE WHEEL 12 STEP CLASSES

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY 12:00-1:00PM

Join us for a meeting of W.H.E.N: Wellbriety Healing Every Nation. Come put the well into sobriety with this bi-weekly meeting.

**BSR COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER
33041 AUBERRY ROAD**

Questions:
559-320-0490 Ext. 501
mjimenez@faihp.org



Led by Michael Jimenez
FAIHP Peer Support Specialist, CDC



WELCOME STUDENTS TO THE
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

START CLASSES IN AUGUST 2024



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR THE ADULT EDUCATION/STATE CENTER ADULT EDUCATION CONSORTIUM.

- (SCAEC will continue to have a representative on campus monthly to provide transition assistance and to give information to students. Appointments can be made with the SCAEC transitional specialist for individualized help.)
- Enrollment Procedures: High School Diploma, Workforce Development, Professional Development
- Students must sign into their Google account to fill out all forms.
- (Must be completed every school year)
- <https://tinyurl.com/STATE-CENTER-REG-FORM>
- (Note: Providing your social security number is NOT required but encouraged.)
- Contact the teacher or registrar to update your information as needed or to make an appointment to complete enrollment.

Carolyn Mayes: Adult Education Teacher, Email:cmayes@sierrausd.org Office Big Sandy Rancheria:(559)374-0066 ext. 241, Office Alt Ed:(559)855-3020

Big Sandy Rancheria Computer Lab

- High school diploma completion and support
- Professional development support
- Workforce development services
- Drivers license education
- Career development support

For any questions or additional information contact Rebecca Riley:
Education Coordinator, Email: rriley@bsrnation.com, Phone: (559) 374-0066 ext. 240



PRINCIPAL: ANTHONY ABRAMS, REGISTRAR: JACKIE BADONI.
SIERRA ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CENTER:
33280 LODGE ROAD, TOLLHOUSE, CA, 93667 PHONE: (559) 855-3020




September
2024

Big Sandy
**COMMUNITY
BEADING WORKSHOP**
Mental wellness activity



4-6pm Tuesday the 10th and 24th
Workshop held at the BSR Computer Lab

Materials and Supplies provided by BSR CAP department cannot be sold, they are provided for you to learn different beading techniques, so you can proceed with your personal beading journey and endeavors.

For additional questions
contact the CAP department at
559-374-0066 ext. 206



SACRED CIRCLE

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY 2:00PM-5:00PM

Join us at the BSR Community Resource Center for Sacred Circle, an ongoing weekly community recovery event where traditional practices like smudge, song, drumming, and crafting will be used as medicine for the people. Heal with us!

Gathering of Men & Women staying connected to the circle of life, spiritual, mental, physical. The healing within we all need to self heal to live a focused life to the Red Road of recovery day by day.

All My Relations Are
Welcome
to the Sacred Circle

**BSR COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER
33041 AUBERRY ROAD**



Facilitated by Delaine Bill
FAIHP Cultural Support Specialist





CAP



AFTER SCHOOL

**PROGRAM BEGINS THE
14TH OF AUGUST 2024**

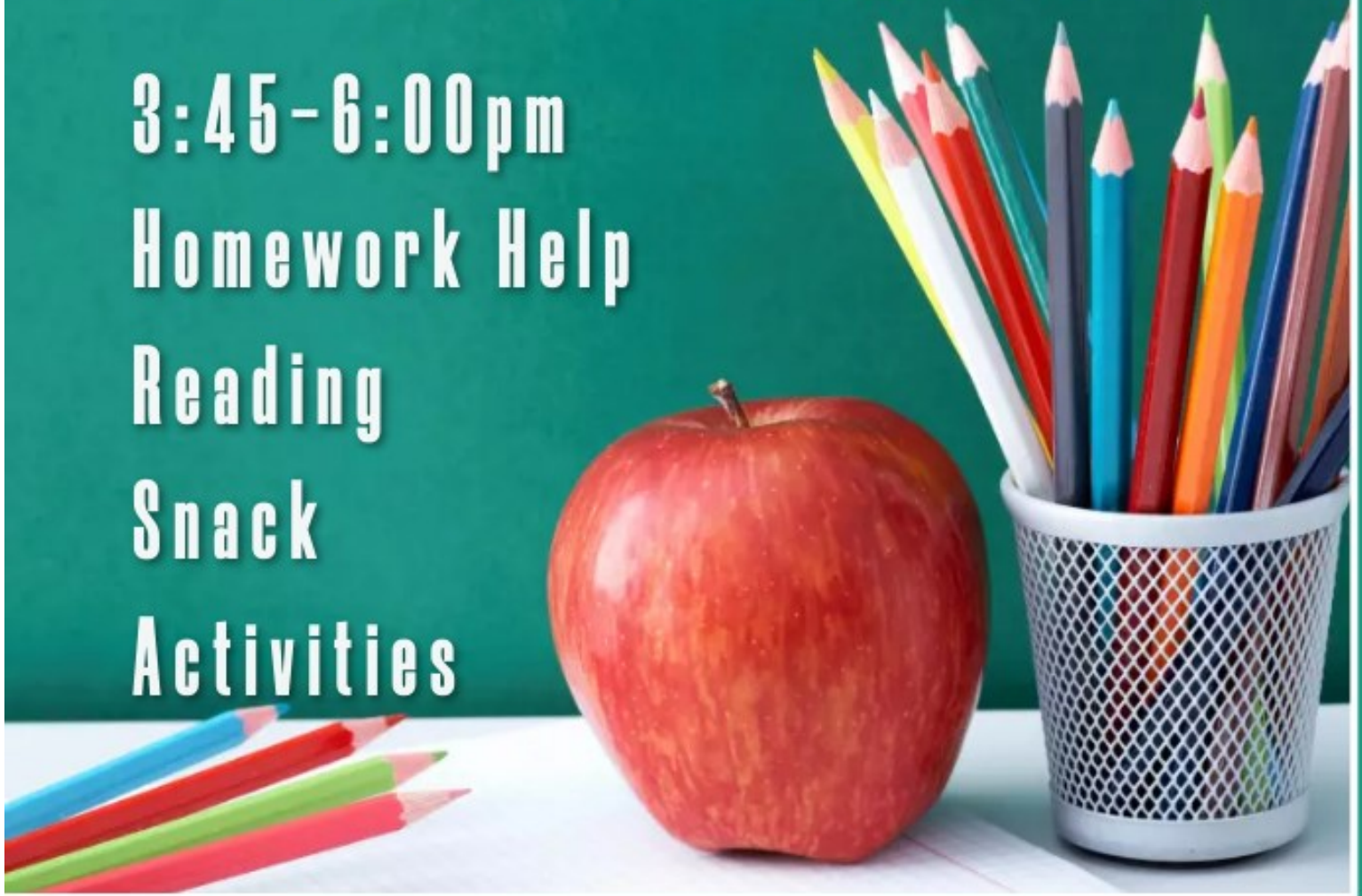
3:45-6:00pm

Homework Help

Reading

Snack

Activities



APPLICATION MUST BE UPDATED CONTACT BRANDI KELLEY

bkelly@bsrnation.com 559-374-0066 EXT.206



BSR CAP Department



kitchen Safety Tips
please join us to learn
about:

WOOD BURNING

11 and under must have a parent present

Mondays
September
16th, 23rd, and 30th

6:00pm - 8:00pm

For more information contact: Aurelia Rios
bsrcap3@bsrnation.com 559 374-0066 x 207

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September

Please join the BSR CAP
to promote creative
minds for

Garden Pots Appreciation

Please come join us at the BSR
gym every Tuesday 6:00-8:00
pm

Day



For more info please contact Valery Burt
bsrcap2@bsrnation.com
(559) 374-0066 x 228

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BSR CAP DEPARTMENT RESPECTING YOUR PEERS



2024

SEPTEMBER MADNESS

EVERY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER

6:00pm - 8:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
FABIAN RILEY SR
BSRCAP4@BSRNATION.COM OR 559-374-0066 EXT.207



CAP Department Mental Health



6:00PM-8:00PM
DREAM CATCHER

Come join us every Thursday in
September to make a
Dream Catcher

A light meal will be provideid

For more info contact:
Jimmy llewellyn
559-347-0066 X 228



Big Sandy CAP Department Presents

FALL FESTIVAL

Big Sandy Gym 5-7pm

October 25, 2024

**MUSIC | FOOD | DRINKS | GAMES
PUMPKIN PATCH & MORE!**

Contact Brandi Kelley for more information
559-374-0066 ext. 206
Costume Contest for age groups:
0-3 / 4-7 / 8-12 / 13-17 / 18 and up



Big Sandy Rancheria

Community Swap Meet

When: September 21, 2024

8 am—12 pm

**Where: 33041 Oakview Terrace Complex
Auberry Ca 93602**

Reduce - the waste

Recycle - the present

Reuse - the old

BSR Environmental Department would like to invite you to join us for our community Swap Meet at Oakview Terrace complex. The purpose of these events is to educate people on how to prevent unnecessary waste.

For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 226





SEPTEMBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 LABOR DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	3 Computer Lab 11:00am-1:00pm	4 Computer Lab 11:00am-1:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	5 Dreamcatcher Class 4:00pm-6:00pm	6 STAFF DEVELOPMENT ALL CAP PROGRAMS CLOSED	7
8	9 TULE RIVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION 10:30-12:00 Computer Lab 11:00am-1:00pm Fall Craft 4:00 - 6:00pm	10 Computer Lab 11:00am-1:00pm Beading Class 4:00-6:00pm	11 TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION 7:00AM - 7:00PM @BSR GYM Computer Lab 11:00am-1:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	12 ELDERS LUNCHEON 12:00PM Dreamcatcher Class 4:00pm-6:00pm	13 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	14
15	16 Computer Lab 11:00am-1:00pm Fall Craft 4:00 - 6:00pm	17 Computer Lab 11:00am-1:00pm	18 Computer Lab 11:00am-1:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	19 FOOD BANK 10:00-12:00PM Dreamcatcher Class 4:00pm-6:00pm	20 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	21 COMMUNITY SWAP MEET 8:00AM-12:00PM @OAKVIEW
22	23 Computer Lab 11:00am-1:00pm Fall Craft 4:00 - 6:00pm	24 Computer Lab 11:00am-1:00pm Beading Class 4:00-6:00pm	25 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING Computer Lab 11:00am-1:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	26 Dreamcatcher Class 4:00pm-6:00pm	27 CA AMERICAN INDIAN DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	28
29 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 11:00am	30 Computer Lab 11:00am-1:00pm Fall Craft 4:00 - 6:00pm					



OCTOBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Family Fall Craft 6:00-8:00pm	2 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	3 Festive Baking Treats 6:00pm-8:00pm	4 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	5
6	7 DIY Decorative Cups 6:00-8:00pm	8 Family Fall Craft 6:00-8:00pm	9 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	10 ELDERS LUNCHEON 12:00PM Festive Baking Treats 6:00pm-8:00pm	11 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	12
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20	21 DIY Decorative Cups 6:00-8:00pm	22 Family Fall Craft 6:00-8:00pm	23 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	24 Festive Baking Treats 6:00pm-8:00pm	25 FALL FESTIVAL 5:00-7:00PM Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	26
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Big Sandy Rancheria Transportation Services



****Transportation is for Elders only until further notice****
We apologize for the inconvenience.

BSR CAP Department:
Brandi Kelley @ (559)374-0066 ext. 206
You can also stop by the gym in the CAP OFFICE

YOUR APPOINTMENT MUST BE MADE AND VERIFIED WITH THE CAP DEPARTMENT *BEFORE* YOUR SPOT CAN BE RESERVED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS *ONLY WITH BRANDI KELLEY* 24 HOURS PRIOR FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTS AND 1 WEEK IN ADVANCE FOR FRESNO TRANSPORTS.

The transporter will wait 15 minutes after your scheduled departure. If you do not arrive on time, your appointment will be canceled and can be rescheduled *with Brandi Kelley only*. There are new rules for the transportation services, please call the transporter for a copy of revised rules. Transportation services are for Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Members.

The transporter cannot transport kids to school that have missed the bus. All CVIH appointments are to be scheduled with CVIH transporter. If the CVIH transporter is unable to transport you, they will need to reschedule your appointment. This applies to all medical, dental, nutrition & referral appointments.



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