



# T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

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## The Annual Salinan Tribe BBQ and Trap Shoot Fundraiser



Bruce



Josh



Oscar



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George



We would like to thank John for leading our fundraiser and the BBQ crew, George, Josh and Jake. Bruce our oyster cook, and Oscar for the awesome peppers, as well as the ladies who worked all day long, and all volunteers for the wonderful and delicious meal. We would also like to thank the event leaders, Bingo, Trap Shoot and Drawings. All other volunteers and the Tribal community that helped make the fundraiser a day of enjoyment, although the day was enjoyable and fun, we were lacking many members and would encourage everyone to make a point to attend this event every year and other future events throughout the year.



# Peace and Dignity Journey



Jessica Rodgers, Blanca Fisher, Shaunie Briggs



Kanyon Sayers-Roods (Ohlone) & Jessica Rodgers led the PDJ runners into welcoming ceremony,



Blanca Fisher (Taíno). Art Experience and bandanas for the runners.

Ed Pierce cooked the Wild Boar harvested and offered by Teddie McCormack



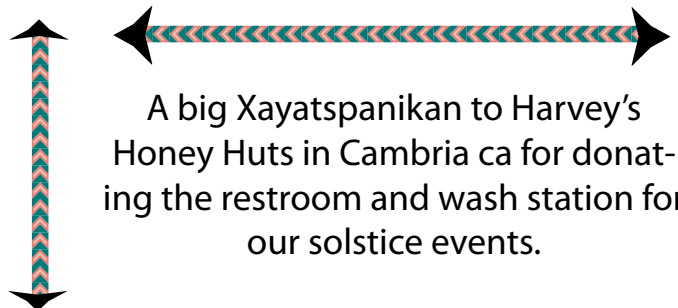
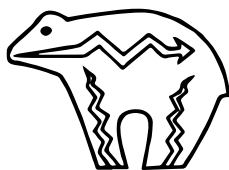
Jessica Rodgers gathered and crafted and gifted beautiful prayer offerings.

Inspired by the prophecy of the Eagle and the Condor, the Peace and Dignity Journey is a 6,000-mile, seven-month spiritual relay run held every four years. This year, runners start in Fairbanks, Alaska, in May heading south, and in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, heading north, converging in El Cuaca, Colombia in November. The Peace and Dignity Journeys unite indigenous nations across the Americas, reclaiming dignity for their families and communities.

Jessica Rodgers and Kanyon Sayers-Roods lead the runners into a Salinan Tribe welcoming at Franklin Hot Springs in Paso Robles where we shared ceremony, art, and an evening feast featuring wild boar and 3 sisters stew and breakfast before send off the next day. In closing prayers Mary Rodgers honored Beverly Radke and Gertrude Beach with an eagle feather she found over 20 years ago.

So many Salinans came together to welcome the PDJ, we are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed their hard work, food, and presence to host the journey.

Submitted By: Shaunie Briggs



A big Xayatspanikan to Harvey's Honey Huts in Cambria ca for donating the restroom and wash station for our solstice events.

**Quotes from Native Elders**



**Red Road Ethic 8**  
Reject Materialism

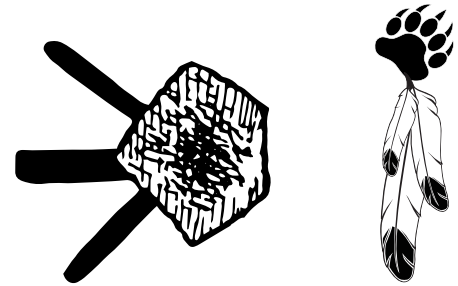
When one is materialistic, one is not right with the Red Road. To value and appreciate what you have and know that you are loved and safe under the limbs of the Tree of Life is to reject materialism and to love a life of virtue and appreciation. Materialism only fills your heart with envy and greed, while appreciation breeds contentment, balance, and true happiness.

*...These are my young men. I am their Chief. Look among them and see if you can find among them who are rich. They are all poor because they are all honest.*

\_\_\_Red Dog,  
Oglala Sioux, 1870

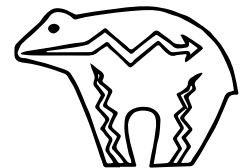
Tribal Member John McCormack would like to invite members to join him for his 80th Birthday Potluck Sept 21 2024 at noon.

Location: Lester Patterson Ranch, Jolon Rd , hope to see you there.



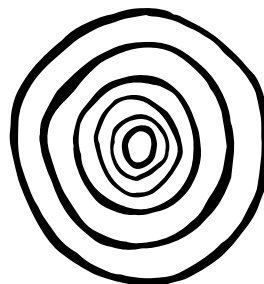
We have a new T-Shirt design and it will be available at the general meetings it will also be on the website soon for viewing.

The following sizes are available,  
Women's – Sm, Med, Lg  
Men's – Sm, Med Lg, xLg, xxLg, xxxLg  
We also have hooded sweatshirts



**HOLD SEPTEMBER OPEN FOR THE GENERAL MEET-**

We will be having a general meeting in September, Date and Time will be announced in the September Newsletter.



## Quotes from Native Elders

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*John Two-Hawks*

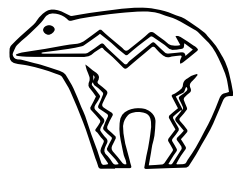
### OF EARTH AND SKY

The old ones know this truth – no two spirit roads are the same. It is not our place to see the way for others, only to see the way for ourselves. There is great wisdom in the understanding that each of us has a personal walk with Spirit. And that walk is indeed, personal. It is unique for each of us. And yet, we are not alone in our journey. We have each other to share with, and to learn from. For if we only see the world from our own perspective and close out all others, we will become narrow and shallow in our thinking and in our spirit. We will lose our connection to the greater good, and the oneness that exists in us all. This doesn't mean we will always understand the view from the eyes of another. In fact, many times we won't! What it does mean is that we have a responsibility to open our hearts and our ears and listen, that we may strengthen our humility through learning, and grow our wisdom through exploring the unknown. It is in that spirit that I share with you now....



In the Lakota way of life, we honor the seven directions of the Sacred Hoop. The seven directions are: 1. The East, 2. The South, 3 The West, 4. The North, 5. Mother/Grandmother Earth, 6. Father Sky, and 7. The Center. There are more details to each of these; I have kept to the basics to keep this discussion simple. These seven sacred winds are the sacred points on the spiritual journey of the good red road of life. They teach us how to live in each phase, how to look back and learn, how to look forward and seek, how to look down and grow, and how to look up and reach. There is an irony in the seven directions of the sacred hoop that I want to share with you. It is this: You cannot fully grasp the 7th direction until you experience the other 6. And yet, you cannot fully fathom all the lessons of the other 6 directions until you understand the 7th! Seems a bit like a dog chasing its tail doesn't it? This is what it means to touch the spirit with your feet on the ground....

We walk on this earth. Our feet, our bodies and our rhythms are connected to the ground. We must remember this when we reach for the sky. For if, in that reaching, we lose our grounding, our sense of who and what we are, we will find ourselves adrift, rolling about in the spiritual ether like tumbleweed, with no root and of no use to anyone. We will bounce about from this to that, from here to there, unable to make deep connections and learn deep truths. We will tumble along with every strong wind that blows, chasing the swirling dust only to find that it vanishes like an apparition before us when we try to catch it. And so we must return to the earth. We must plant ourselves in its truth. We must seek not the quick and fleeting fanfare of a passing cloud, but rather commit to the long wait of deep roots and profound wisdom found only in the ground of our sacred path; the quiet, unassuming trail of respect, honor, humility and sacrifice. And so it is that we can really only touch the spirit and connect to its great power if we are planted with firm roots in the soil of humility, balance and love. Such is the way of the sacred hoop. We can only touch the 7th direction if we are planted in the other 6.



# August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Tribal Business meeting 6:00pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Tribal business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month						

**THERE ARE NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT ANY TRIBAL EVENT.**

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REMEMBER TO PRAY TO kensha:nel (CREATOR) TO keeheak (PROTECT) ALL lu wa' (MEN) AND lets'e (WOMAN) WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY. AND BRING THEM Ta'ma (HOME) SAFE.

## Vision of the Salinan Tribe

We, as the Salinan Tribe, follow the way of our ancestors as we walk the path of our heritage toward becoming complete individuals. We exercise our rights as a sovereign entity. We continue to reawaken our culture. Each and every tribal member has an equal voice.

We, as the Salinan Tribe, commit to honoring the rights of each and every tribal member to practice our spiritual, individual, or religious beliefs. We remember and honor our ancestors, elders, and children now and for all generations to come.

We as the Salinan Tribe, continue to gather as a tribal family.



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