



# T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

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## Tribal Gathering

The Tribal Gathering will be held at the San Miguel Mission  
Saturday October 26th 12:00 to 5:00 pm

BBQ Park Area

We will have Raffles

Anyone wishing to donate Raffle Items bring them to the Event.  
Helping to make this a Great Event Fun and Exciting is greatly appreciated.

Bring lounge chairs for your comfort, no chairs are provided.

General information will be shared during the event.

We will also have Educational Cultural Projects,  
Acorn processing and an Acorn Bread booth as well as Craft Booths  
and other activities for the children during the event.

If anyone has ideas or would like to be involved in any way contact:  
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**THIS IS A DRUG, ALCOHOL AND A DRAMA FREE EVENT.**

### NOTICE

The Correctional Facility in Soledad is looking for a Spiritual Lead for native programs at the correctional training facility in Soledad. For more information contact the Tribal Office.

***THERE WILL NO SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING***

Hello tribal members,

This is the beginning of the fall season, even though it has been really hot all over California. There are a few things that are fun to do as a family and tribal member.

If you are near the coast, it is a good time to collect bull kelp heads to make rattles. They don't have to be dry. To dry them, cut it as long as you would like it to be, keeping in mind that you are still going to add a handle to the end.

I wash mine to get the salt off of the outside then fill with dry sand or raw rice, to absorb the moisture inside the bulb. Hang them to dry if you can so that they keep their round shape.

I changed the sand every couple of days to give the sand time to dry out. Then reuse the dry sand. Keep the bulb full while it dries. Once dry they can be stored until you are ready to use them to make rattles.

While at the beach, look for shells and drift wood to use for a handle. Keep in mind how big around the opening will be. They need to be close in size. When dry you can use pebbles, dry corn, rice or other small objects to put inside to make the sound you want. Glue the handle in the hole and wrap with sinew or leather strips where the two meet.

Spend time alone walking on the beach searching for treasures or have your kids or grandkids join in the fun. Shells to decorate the rattle with, work well if they have a small hole in them.

This is also the end of elderberry season, If you are in the cooler climates. Go out and collect berries and make jelly or elderberry syrup before they are all gone.

Enjoy the end of summer  
Submitted by Colleen Brown



Children interested in making a craft can bring collected items. It is a good time to start collecting 1 or 2 Kelp Bulbs, Sticks and Shells, bring them to the gathering to make crafts.



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.

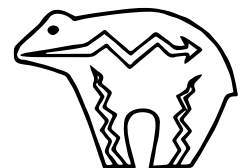
The following sizes are available,

Women's – Sm, to 3xl

sweatshirts size sm to 4xl

Men's – Sm, Med Lg, xLg, xxLg, xxxLg

We also have hooded sweatshirts



**NEW  
ADDITIONS**

**In women's t-shirts we have size small to 3xl.  
And we have have sweatshirts sizes small to 4xl.**

## Federal Recognition Update

The federal recognition application is wrapped up. It covers almost 400 pages before we include any other documentation such as footnotes, Spanish records, family group charts, etc.

We get asked all the time, what makes this different. This time we worked hand in hand with the U. S. Department of the Interior and built a very productive working relation with them. This relationship over the last two years has afforded us the ability to have our questions answered every step of the way. They have been fantastic to work with.

At this point, we will be contacting the Office of Federal Acknowledgement to have them look at how we approached and presented this application. This is something that they are more than happy to do for us.

The biggest problem that we have faced is the misunderstanding of what federal recognition is and what it is not. Most people feel that federal recognition is about explaining to the government that a particular culture of Indians existed in a given region many years ago and to explain how we are related to them through genealogy records. Or that we just have to simply show how many of us have descended from those who appeared on the 1933 Roll that was the result of the 1928 California Indian Jurisdictional Act. Or that many of us received a check for being a part of the California Indian Judgment Roll (the 47 cents per acre settlement).

The best way to understand federal recognition is this: can we explain how we stayed together as an identifiable and continuous group of Indians since 1900 that descended from an identifiable group, by individual names, that existed during the 19th century.

To do this, we took the time to carefully read a few dozen previous applications as well as the government's own Proposed Findings and Final Determinations of those same groups. We have also meticulously reviewed the precedent manuals to understand what they consider to be evidence and what they consider to not be evidence. Most importantly, we took the time to understand the reasoning behind these rules and not approach this as playing the victim.

I would highly recommend to anyone to go to their website and read these documents. Understand how this works.

At this point, we will be asking the Office of Federal Acknowledgment to give us any final thoughts on what we have put together. From this, we will prepare the final documents with redactions and submit this to the Office of Federal Acknowledgment to begin the review process.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out at any time to any of us.

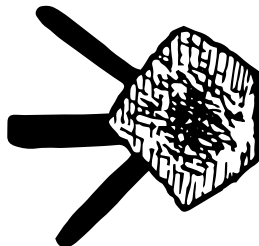
Our best to everyone.

Submitted By: Michael Woody

**Quotes from Native Elders**

**It does not require many words to speak the truth !**

**Chief Joseph**



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.



# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Tribal Business meeting 6:00pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Tribal Member John McCormack 80th Birthday Potluck
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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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