



T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

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Winter Solstice 2024



Salinan tribal members gathered at the base of Lesamo, blessing our ascenders for their journey in celebrating our historical lineage and remembering our ancestors. A quite hush in a moment of silence fell upon us, a rich and loving peace encircled our large group as we gathered in celebration of our rich history.

Jessica Rodgers smudged with sage and shared of the importance of Solstice the shortest day of the year, with the exciting new year in front of us and the potential of new beginnings and prosperity, the best is yet to come!

Submitted By; Bruce Flood



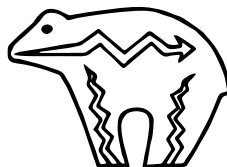
Guide: Ed Pierce, Climbers; Noland Freeman, James Henry, Derek Viles, Adam Freeman



Jessica Rodgers & Ed Pierce



Food Giveaway



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Help Protect our Ancestors

Saturday, January 4th 9:am to 1:pm. Indian Cemetery at Mission San Antonio work day includes; weed eating, general clean up and restoration on the adobe walls. We will be having the Blessing at 9:am. This is a call out to all tribes and native people. Contact Bruce Flood @ 805-903-3089 If you have any questions or comments contact the Tribal Office and leave a message. @ 805-464-2650



BLM Presentation



The Salinan Tribal Council was visited by Zachary Day from the Bureau of Land Management of Bakersfield. Zachary is in the process of putting together a state of the art digital presentation of the Indian Painted Rocks located at Carrizo Plains.

By taking thousands of high resolution photographs, he has been able to put together a presentation where someone can put on a Virtual Reality Headset and “walk through and around” the Painted Rock virtually. The technology is very cutting edge and will help preserve the indigenous heritage for generations to come.

About 3,000 - 4,000 years ago, Native Americans began to paint their sacred images with the alcove of the rock. Not surprisingly, the power of this place continues to enthrall, and it still receives many visitors today. Spiritual leaders and other tribal members created the rock paintings as an expression of their cultural and religious beliefs. The Painted Rock, a cultural resource of the American Indians of California and a special place for future generations of people to enjoy and benefit.

Submitted By: Michael Woody



**NEW
ADDITIONS**

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



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

Christmas Window Display



Salinan Artist, Destiny Wilson designed and painted the window display on Main St, in Morro Bay. She also wishes all of our tribal members a Happy Holiday Season.

Salinan Words of the Month

Guide to sounds

Kyaxlo' mom'!
Welcome (to a group)

Ts'epk'esh a'y!
Good Morning!

ts – sound at the end of cats
tr – make a t but curl your tongue (almost sounds like a ch)
' – sound in the middle of uh-oh (glottal stop)

P' t' k' ts' ch'
consonants said at the same time as a glottal stop ('); they make a strong, emphasized pop!
x – guttural throaty h sound

a	father	ay	pie
e	get	ow	mow
l	beat.	oy	toy
o	hope		
u	due		

double vowels (**aa**, **ae**) are the same sound but longer in length

Quotes from Native Elders

Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children.

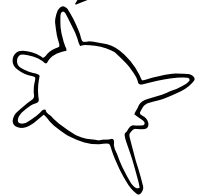
Ancient Indian Proverb

We also have a religion which was given to our forefathers, and has been handed down to us, their children. It teaches us to be thankful, to be united, and to love one another! We never quarrel about religion.

Red Jacket (Sagoyewatha), Seneca, C. 1752-1830



Notice !!!



Remember the Newsletter will be ONLINE ONLY.

Due to the excessive cost of printing and mailing the newsletter, we are forced to provide it in a different format. There will be 50 printed newsletters in the Tribal Office for your convenience. In extreme cases we can text it to your phone, you would need to provide your phone number for that service.

Contact Kenneth Pierce at editor@salinantribe.com with your email address to receive a Newsletter online or pick one up at the Tribal Office.

January 2025

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

Tribal business meeting is on 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.

