

T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

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Indian Cemetery Work Day

At Mission San Antonio



Next work day at San Antonio Mission, on Indian cemetery Adobe walls is Saturday, **MARCH 7TH**. 9 am. To 3 pm. Adding mud to the Adobe cemetery wall at mission San Antonio that protects over two thousand native ancestors. Adobe wall restoration at mission San Antonio. It was a beautiful day at the Mission as snow capped mountains overlooked our ancestors as they rest in the valley below. I would like to thank those who volunteered.

Contact Bruce Flood @ 805-903-3089 If you have any questions, comments or would like to volunteer contact the Tribal Office and leave a message. @ 805-464-2650

Submitted By: Council Member Bruce Flood



Mark your Calendars for coming Events

More information will be included in future newsletters.

First Annual Equinox Lesa'mo', Climb

Will be March 20th 2026. Climbers will ascend at 11:00 am

Spring and Fall of each year are now set in stone. Come and enjoy the day with us.

We would like to thank Josh Cody for connecting with Chad Jackson Archeologist with California State Parks, to bring about this great seasonal event.

Please contact Josh Cody for information regarding the climb at (805)459-4638

This event is the climb only! Summer and Winter Solstice are the main events!

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Beaver Festival

April 11th 2026

If anyone would like to help with our informational booth or in any other capacity, please contact Council member John Piatti at (805)703-0629

Adobe Springs Interpretive Program

April 14th & 15th if you would like to help or learn about this event, Contact Patti for more information at (805)464-2650



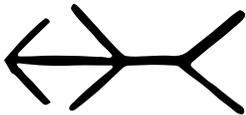
Rio Caledonia Adobe

San Miguel

May 2nd 2026

The Unveiling of the Salinan Panels, with a buffet table if you would like to donate or help in any way, please contact Council member Robert Piatti at (949)677-0549
More information will be given as the day approaches.

Summer Solstice is June 21st 2026



Maritime Explorers

A summer program for Kids Ages 8-12

June 15 through August 10 2026

Mondays 10am to 12pm & 1 to 3pm

Morro Bay Maritime Museum

More information will be posted in future newsletters.



Solstice

With a reduction of the amount of people allowed to climb and the popularity of this event, we will be creating an application process that will be equitable to everyone.

In the future all requests will be forwarded to the Solstice lead which currently is Josh Cody.



Volunteer Opportunity.

The Salinan Tribe of Monterey & San Luis Obispo Counties is looking for members with knowledge of indigenous plants and their traditional cultural uses, or willing to learn. Starting in February, we will be conducting flora surveys at the Willow Creek Conservancy in the Adelaide region of Paso Robles, and planning our reintroduction efforts. Interested?

Please contact Council Member Robert Piatti via email at monitoring@salinatribe.com
Please do so even if you have previously of volunteered. Thank you.





Wisdom of the Elders

Bonnie Pierce has offered to volunteer her time to develop an Education Department to focus, the Elder Council on Elder Educational needs.

For more information call at:
907-394-1362



TO LEAVE THE *World* A
BIT *better* WHETHER BY A *healthy*
child A *garden patch* OR A
REDEEMED SOCIAL CONDITION
TO KNOW EVEN ONE LIFE HAS
breathed easier BECAUSE YOU HAVE
LIVED. THIS IS TO HAVE *succeeded*
EMERSON

A cool sign found at the SLO Adult School
Submitted by: Tribal Member Bonnie Pierce

Short Stories or Articles

If anyone has a story or article to share **Contact Kenneth Pierce** at
editor@salinantribe.com

No later than the 15th of each month.

Anything recieved later than the 15th will appear in the next months newsletter!!!



Salinan Words of the Month

Guide to sounds

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)

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

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

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



K'onxa'no'

It's getting late

Noono'

It's been awhile

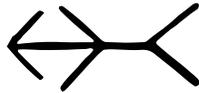


Quotes from Native Elders

"If you talk to the animals they will talk with you and you will know each other. If you do not talk to them you will not know them, and what you do not know, you will fear. What one fears, one destroys."

Each man is good in His sight. It is not necessary for eagles to be crow.

Hunkesni (Sitting Bull),
 Hunkpapa Souix, 1831-1890



Chief Dan George,
 Tseil-Waututh Nation

Civilized people depend too much on man-made printed pages. I turn to the Great Spirit's book which is the whole of his creation.

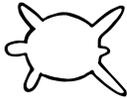
Tatanga Mani,
 1871-1967

O Great Spirit, help me never judge another until I have walked two weeks in his moccasins.

Our bare feet are conscious of the sympathetic touch of our ancestors as we walk over this earth.

Edwin Laughing Fox

Chief Seattle (Seathl)
 Duwamish-Soquamish, 1785-1866



Notice !!!

Remember the Newsletter will be ONLINE ONLY.

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



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.**

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March 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|---------|--|----------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Cemetery WorkDay at Mission San Antonio 8 am -11 am |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Tribal Business meeting 6:00pm | 19 | 20 Equinox Climb 11:00 am | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Tribal business meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month | | | | | | |

**THERE ARE NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT ANY TRIBAL EVENT.
 PLEASE USE INFO@SALINANTRIBE.COM TO EMAIL THE OFFICE**

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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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