



T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

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Summer Solstice



What an amazing turn out and beautiful day for Summer Solstice! Thank you to all those who helped prep, set up, take down, made delicious food and all donations!

Special thank you to Anthony of "The Prancing Chef" for bringing his trailer BBQ, prepping the meat and cooking it to perfect tenderness. Thank you to tribal member Marina Gutierre for teaching basket weaving, to Redrum bikers for manning the gate, Cherokee member Josh Smallwood for wonderful storytelling of the 7 Indian boys,

Harvey's Honey Huts for always coming through, and everyone who helped make this a wonderful celebration.

Submitted By: Council Member Yvonne Davis

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Story Teller, Josh Smallwood



Climbers; Patrick McCormack, Melanie (Pierce) Ritcheson, Silver & Dean Pierce and accession guide Josh Cody.

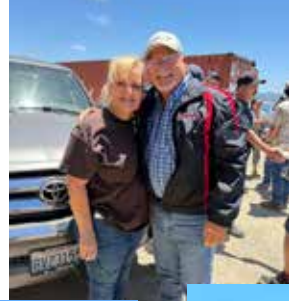
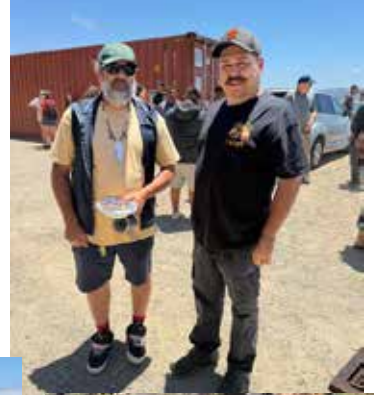


Basket weaving with Marina Gutierrez



Pam Flood & BBQ Cook
Anthony of
"The Prancing Chef"





Indian Cemetery Work Day

At Mission San Antonio

Next work day at San Antonio Mission, on Indian cemetery Adobe walls is Saturday, **July 11 th**, 8 am. To 11 am. Golden Eagle soars in the morning sun, Coyote is up early looking for breakfast, Elk graze in open fields, One little Indian added Adobe mud to the cemetery wall continuing restoration to improve the structure. The warmth of the morning turned into baked at 350 degrees by 11am. Wip tail lizards roamed the ground at the base of the cemetery wall eating bugs on their patrol. Sharp smell of buck brush from the heat announce summer.

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.

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.

Gathering 2026

Will be October 10th at San Miguel

Maritime Family Fun Day October 25th 2026

Social Services

At this time the Salinan Tribe has no Social Service program, if you are in need of help regarding health, Food, or any other issues related to social service needs you can access California Dept of Social Services (CSSD); housing, Elder/Parent /Child Abuse/ Neglect and/or family law?

There is a link to the Food Bank and all other TANF opportunities and events are on the Tribal website.



Tribal Elders

The Corner-Stone of our Tribal Families

Traditional Elder Community "All My Relatives" This project partnership between our tribe's Education Department and our Elder Council's Representatives-to increase ***Communication*** and ***Connection*** between all General Council members. WE are receiving back Elder input which includes a survey-'***WHAT STRONG COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS*** are important to our Elders.

As a Native sovereign entity, Salinan Elders serve as Cultural Connections to our community's General Council. Elder Knowledge strengthens our Cultural community inside our tribe. Elders are our Wisdom Keepers of Salinan Ancient/history & Tradition; and as Cultural Leaders ensures our Tribal community continues for our future generations (The Seven Generation Principal). Reviewing the various 'Elder Family Group Charts' returned I saw a =there are some General Council Family Groups that may not have an Elder (65+ Salinan member) living today. A Fix is in the works!

A CALL OUT TO ANY ADULT MEMBER up to 65 years old who may NOT HAVE A Family Group chart listing an Elder within our tribe?

The Education Department & Elder Council Representatives want to ensure all Salinan members have access to a Tribal Elder.

The Goal is to **CONNECT 'Salinan Cousins'**. If you do not have a Salinan living Elder (65+ years with a membership folder on file with our tribe) please contact me? Elder volunteers can work with you to complete YOUR FAMILY GROUP chart. Our hope is to have the chart DRAFTS ready by our Tribe's Fall's Gathering (October 10, 2026)-even if you cannot come in person. Thank you in advance,

Elder Bonnie Pierce-Education Department lead, 907-394-1362



Salinan Tribe
OF MONTEREY & SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTIES





Kine'K

"Good Bye"

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
e get
i beat.
o hope
u due

ay pie
ow mow
oy toy



Pya'amo he'K

"I see"

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



Quotes from Native Elders

Each one must learn for himself the highest wisdom. It cannot be taught in words.

Smowhala, Wanapum

We must truly honor what is past, when we seek in our changed conditions to attain the same proficiency that our fathers showed in their day and in their lives.

Every struggle, whether won or lost, strengthens us for the next to come. It is not good for people to have an easy life. They become weak and inefficient when they cease to struggle. Some need a series of defeats before developing the strength and courage to win a victory.

Victorio,
Mimbres Apache, 1820-1880

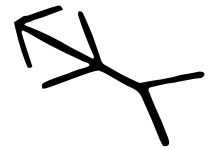
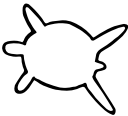
"Old Keyam" (Edward Ahenakew,
Plains Cree



Notice !!!

Remember the Newsletter will be ONLINE ONLY.

Contact Kenneth Pierce at editor@salinantribe.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.

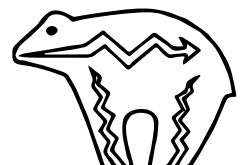
The following sizes are available,

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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July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Cemetery WorkDay at Mission San Antonio 8 am - 11 am
12	13	14	15 Tribal Business meeting 6:00pm	16	17	18
19	20 Tribal Maritime Kids Day 10am to 12pm & 1 to 3pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

Tribal business meeting is on the 3rd 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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