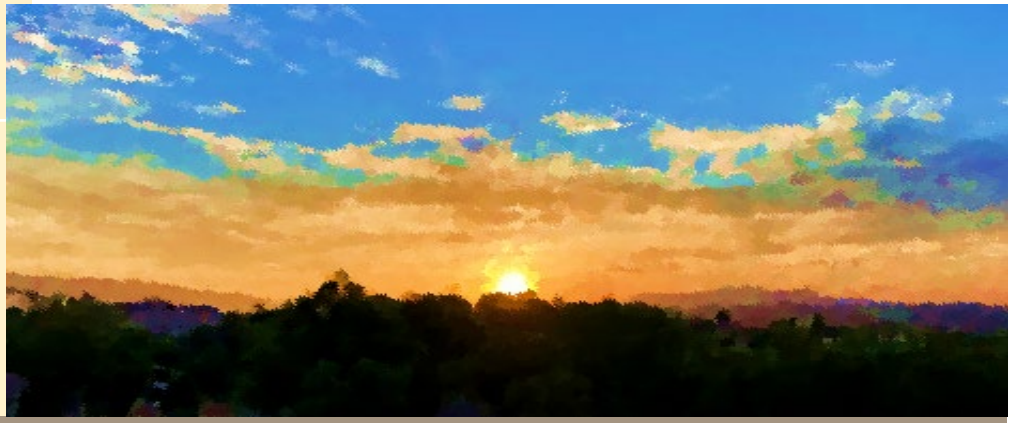


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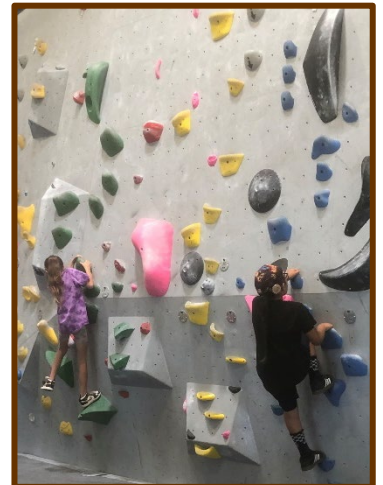
Tribal Youth Court, TYC, aims to cultivate wellness-based responses to low status offenses. The TYC centers on educating tribal youth about tribal restorative justice practices and empowers them to engage in these practices in service of their communities.

Greetings,

Happy Summer! July marks the official start of summer and provides opportunities for indoor and outdoor activities. Though it tends to warm up this month, there are still plenty of ways to safely enjoy the outdoors this summer.

During July, we continue to assist our partners at American Indian Recruitment (AIR) Programs with their youth summer program for another fantastic summer. Activities this month include kayaking, visiting the Wild Animal Park, and a fun appreciation day for all participants at a surprise location. The program also features weekly visits to San Diego State University, where lectures and guest speakers will teach about Native ideologies and values, current news in Indian Country, and the importance of pursuing higher education. Participants will get a brief glimpse of college life and expectations.

The summer program is a great way to connect with Native peers, visit local college campuses, and have some outdoor fun in the San Diego area. We hope to see you there this summer!



Here's what to look for in July:



July 4th: Independence Day

We celebrate the birthday of American independence. On July 2, 1776, Congress voted in favor of independence. The Declaration of Independence was adopted two days. The tradition of setting off fireworks began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during Independence Day's first organized celebration.

July 7th: International Peace and Love Day

This day is dedicated to promoting peace and love around the world. The day encourages individuals and communities to engage in activities that foster compassion and in fundamental values that can unite people across different cultures and backgrounds.

July 14th: National Mac and Cheese Day

The king of all comfort foods earns a place of honor on July 14th. It is a favorite dish all over the country, with the first known recipe tracing back to the 1300s. Whether you like it out of the box, or freshly made, enjoy this rich, cheesy dish today!

July 24th: Amelia Earhart Day

Amelia Earhart is one of the most beloved pioneers in aviation. On this day, we celebrate her life. While many remember her for her mysterious disappearance on her flight around the world, she contributed so much to the world of aviation.

July 26th: Auntie's Day

This day is dedicated to honoring and appreciating aunts and godmothers. Auntie's Day acknowledges the significant role that aunts play in the lives of their nieces and nephews. Take this day as an opportunity to recognize and appreciate aunts' unique contributions to their families, celebrating the cherished memories they help make.

Month of July: National Park and Recreation Month

Parks across the country exist to protect, preserve and share the history of our country, including that of native peoples. Take some time this summer to visit one of our national parks that celebrate and honor the beauty of our land and all of its history, culture and heritage.



Coordinator's Corner

Last month, ICSC staff was invited for a private viewing of the movie *Fancy Dance* at the UCSD Park & Market building in downtown San Diego. We were thrilled to take this opportunity to watch this film.

Fancy Dance follows Jax, played by Lily Gladstone, a Cayuga woman, living on a reservation in Oklahoma. She has taken on the responsibility of caring for her niece, Roki, since her sister, Roki's mother, Wadatawi, has gone missing. Tribal police and the FBI provide little assistance in the search for "Tawi." When child protective services come for Roki, they discover that Jax has a criminal record and she risks losing Roki to the care of her estranged father, whom Jax has a complicated relationship with since he left the family and reservation years ago. Acting on instinct, Jax takes Roki, and the two make their way to Oklahoma City, hoping to find Tawi at an upcoming Powwow, knowing Tawi would never miss it.

Fancy Dance is a heartfelt exploration of family, resilience, and cultural identity. The performances are powerful and I found it to be a deeply moving film that stays with you long after the credits roll.



Current Events>>> Law in the News

★ It was announced this month that President Joe Biden will end his presidential re-election campaign. The decision to exit the race a month before his party's convention is unprecedented in this modern political era. The last sitting president to abandon his re-election bid was Lyndon Johnson, in 1968.

Biden's decision to exit the race came at the upsurge of calls for the President to bow out of the race after concerns about his age and physical and mental capabilities arose. Combined with his waning poll numbers and his listless performance at the debate with Trump in June, rumors circled that there was panic among his party that he would not win the November election.

"I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term," Biden said in the statement. He has since backed Vice President, Kamala Harris, to replace him as the Democratic nominee.

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What's Happening in July



The Tribal Youth Court has a full schedule coming up! See below for some important dates!

- Upcoming Calendar Events for July:

- The court will be closed from July 4th- July 5th, in observance of Independence Day



Intertribal Court of Southern California

The Tribal Youth Court is a division of the Intertribal Court of Southern California (ICSC). Please refer to this section to find current news and updates about the court.

About the Court...

The ICSC serves as a consortium of tribes from across Southern California. ICSC currently serves the thirteen of its member tribes hearing cases on public safety issues, tort claims, family law, conservatorships and more. We highlight one of our member tribes below.

Please visit www.intertribalcourt.org to learn more.

Frequently Asked Questions *Ask the court >>>*

Question: What are some examples of status offenses?

Answer: A status offense is an action that is prohibited only to a certain class of people, most often applied to offenses committed by minors. Some examples of status offenses in California would be truancy (not attending school), curfew violations, possession or consumption of alcohol, and habitual refusal to obey parents or guardians.



Final thoughts...

Fun Law Fact: In some areas of San Diego county, homeowners who have Christmas lights on their houses past February 2 may be subject to a fine of up to \$250.

Court Humor:

A lawyer went to a restaurant to wind down after a complicated trial.

- *"What would you like with your orange juice?" the waiter asked.
"Just ice", he replied.*

Announcements:

- **Our Fall Honors Project courses at UCSD begin on September 9th. Registration is now open.**



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