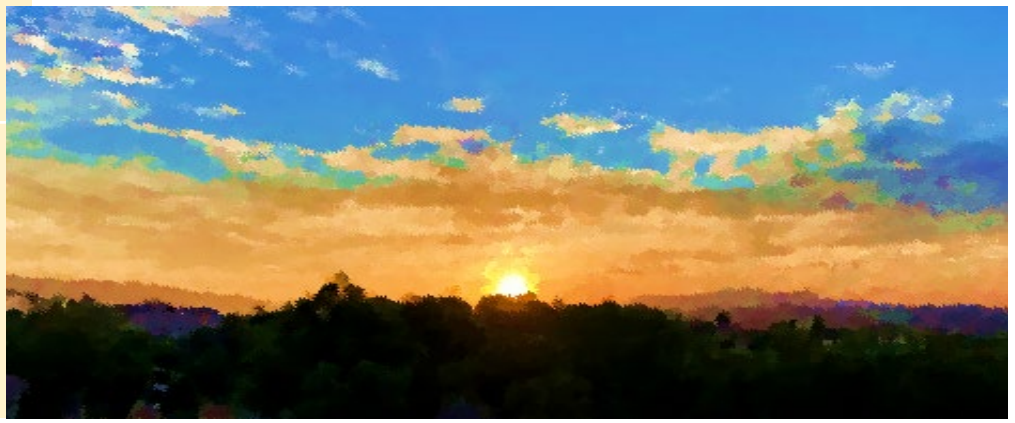


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Our Mission

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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,

Fall is knocking on the door! Kids are back in school, the weather is cooling down, and pumpkin spice is all around! Tribal Youth Court kicks off the Fall season with a new series of courses for youth court peer jurors. In developing the court, we chose the peer court model to capitalize on the influence of positive peer pressure to divert at-risk youth away from further misconduct. We refer to our jury of peers as Peer Decision Makers (PDMs). Our advanced training option for interested youth is offered through collaboration with American Indian Recruitment Programs (AIR). This enhanced training option, known as the *Honors Project*, provides academic enrichment with university (SDSU & UCSD) level credit, native content-based courses on tribal restorative justice principles and governance. Fall courses begin September 9th with *Intro to the Legal System* course. The second course, *Intro to Tribal Legal Studies*, will begin on October 7th. If you are interested in PDM training courses, please reach out to Tribal Youth Court for information on how to enroll. We hope to see many new faces in our Fall courses!



Here's what to look for in August:

August 7th: National Sister Day If you are lucky enough to have a sister, take this day to celebrate and appreciate her. Let her know how grateful you are that the two of you have each other. Sisters come to us in different ways, through family or through choice, and if you are lucky, you have both! This is the day to honor them all!

August 9th: International Day of the World's Indigenous People August 9th, 1995 marked the first day of commemoration that pays tribute to all of the Indigenous communities across the world. This day is designated to honor the many unique languages, traditions, cultures and distinctive qualities of each indigenous community.

August 14th: Navajo Code Talkers Day Celebrated annually, this day holds great importance in U.S. history. It commemorates the contributions of Native American code talkers who served in World War II. They encoded and transmitted messages using complex Navajo language-based codes during a time when secret communication was essential. By the end of the war, over 400 Navajo men served as code talkers.



August 26th: National Dog Day: Do we really need a day set aside to honor our pups? Yes, we do! National Dog Day is a day dedicated to honoring our loyal canine companions. This special day raises awareness about the importance of adoption and the many dogs in need of loving homes, and encourage people to show a little extra love to our furry friends.

Month of August: National Back to School Month August is recognized as National Back to School Month. This month, students, parents, and educators are getting ready for new classes, gathering school supplies, and feeling the excitement of reuniting for a new year. Let this month bring enthusiasm and a positive mindset for the new academic year!



Coordinator's Corner

This month, the TYC was invited to attend the Pauma Tribal Police Department's National Night Out. National Night Out is an annual event that promote police-community partnerships. The hope is to enhance the relationship between law enforcement and the community, and bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. It is celebrated all over the country to promote community-police awareness.

Pauma's National Night Out was held on August 6th. The department had fun activities, including a rock climbing wall, face painting, and a chance to explore police vehicles and gadgets. Families were able to meet with the officers, fire fighters, and local agencies at the event. The Tribal Youth Court was able to speak with those who came out. The Pauma Fire Department was there supporting the event. It was a fun, community event and we were happy to attend!



Current Events>>> Law in the News

★ The original Navajo Code Talkers consisted of 29 Navajo men who joined the U.S. Marines in 1942. Many of these young men had never left their reservation, making the transition into military life even more difficult. In May of 1942, the men arrived at the Recruit Depot in San Diego for basic training. Intensive courses for transmitting messages and radio operation followed in which linguistic requirements of both English and Navajo had to be met.

Between 1942 and 1945, these men conveyed messages by telephone and radio in their Native language. The code was comprised of words selected from the Navajo language and applied to military phrases. Most of the code was developed and instilled with military meaning, since the Navajo language has no military terminology. The code was never broken by the Japanese. Historians argue that the Navajo Code Talkers helped expedite the end of the war and, undoubtedly, saved thousands of lives.

The Navajo Code Talker program was classified and remained that way until 1968. In 2001, the original code talkers were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and all other code talkers, Congressional Silver Medals.

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What's Happening in August

See below for some important dates!

- Calendar Events for August:

- August 6th- TYC will attend Pauma's National Night Out
- August 7th- TYC will attend the Tobacco Prevention Youth Summit



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 is a juvenile?

Answer: A juvenile is a youth at, or below, the upper age of original jurisdiction in a State. Therefore, a juvenile age range may vary from state to state. In California, a juvenile is a youth aged 17 and under. But, in the state of Texas, for example, a juvenile is defined as a youth aged 16 and under. There are only four states in the country in which a youth is considered a juvenile at 16 and under.

Final thoughts...

Fun Law Fact: It is illegal for drivers to pump their gas in Oregon. The law states that only the owner, pump operator or employee is allowed to pump gas, with the intent to reduce fire accidents. Anyone violating this law is liable for a \$500 fine. In 2015, a bill was enacted to allow citizens living in less populated areas to pump their own gas.

Court Humor:

A dog on trial for murder:

The lawyer asks: "Who's a good boy?"

Dog: "I am."

Lawyer: "Your honor, I rest my case."

Announcements:

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



Coming Soon >>>

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