

Kashia Tribal Office Newsletter

January 2024




Kashia Band of
Pomo Indians of
Stewarts Point
Rancheria



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Announcements and Events



SONOMA COUNTY INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT, INC.

NATIVE YOUTH TALKING CIRCLE

FOR AGES 12-24



EVERY 1ST & 3RD MONDAY
6:00PM-7:00PM
ON ZOOM
BEGINNING JANUARY 16, 2023

To sign-up please contact the Aunties & Uncles Program:
Email: AUPEVENTS@SCIHP.org or call Carolyn at (707) 521-4559



SONOMA COUNTY INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT, INC.

Family Fun Night

DINNER - RAFFLES - CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024
5:30PM-7:30PM

SCIHP COMMUNITY ROOM
144 STONY POINT ROAD
SANTA ROSA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE AUNTIES & UNCLES PROGRAM:
EMAIL: AUPEVENTS@SCIHP.ORG
OR CALL CAROLYN AT (707) 521-4559



These events are shared for all tribal members to attend!

Announcements and Events

The Ocean Manifesto 2024 International Ocean Calendar is ready for sale!

Calendars are \$20 (additional \$1.96 for mailed calendars)
All proceeds go to the Kashia Youth Cultural Fund that is
aimed at strengthening relations and promoting
intergenerational knowledge among Kashia youth, Kashia
elders, and cultural knowledge holders.

To Purchase:

Contact the Tribal Office to put in an order

OR

send your payment to the Kashia Band Venmo;
@Kashia-Band
Make sure to put "Calendar" in the payment note

Calendar 2024

Manifesto
Ocean



"ʔAma't'i bak'e ʔacaʔ ahq'a" "Water Is Life"

Kashia Youth Art Contest

A winner will be
selected from
each category:

K - 2nd
3rd - 5th
6th - 8th
9th - 12th

Winning art-
work may appear
in KDEP:
newsletters, edu-
cational outreach
materials, etc.

THEME

Create a work of art
that shows how water
is vital to us based on
the theme "Water Is
Life." Submissions can
explore water use,
conservation, pollu-
tion, etc. Include a sen-
tence describing your
work.

ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE:

- Student's Name
- Student's Grade
- Student's School
- Contact Info
-Address and
phone/email

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF MEDIA

Drawing, Painting,
Photograph, collage.
No larger than 8.5 x
11 or 12 x 18 in.

Winners will
receive a \$50
Gift Card

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
March 20th, 2024

All artwork submissions can be mailed, or hand delivered to:
1420 Guerneville Rd Suite 1
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Scanned submissions can also be emailed to helen@stewartpoint.org

Announcements and Events



ATTENTION

**Stewarts Point
Rancheria**

Tribal Members:

SPECIAL CHAIRMAN ONLY ELECTION

Date: Saturday March 16, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Voting Locations:

**Stewarts Point Rancheria Tribal office
1420 Guerneville Road, Ste. 1
Santa Rosa, CA**

and

**Stewarts Point Rancheria Kashia Community Center. Skaggs
Spring Rd**



Department Announcements

Tribal Office Department Services

Housing Authority Department:

BIA Housing Improvement Program, Rental Assistance, Temporary Housing & Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

For information please contact the Housing Authority at:
707-591-0580 x 106

Cultural Resources Department:

Every two weeks The Cultural Resources Department holds a Kashia Language learning class from 6pm-8pm.

For more information please contact Anthony Macias at:
anthony@stewartspoint.org or 707.591.0580 x 105

Tribal Administration Department Services

Member Services:

NEW! We are pleased to announce the Tribal Assistance Nutrition Program (TNAP) for low-income tribal members age 18 and over, in the Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino and Napa County service area. Applications can be accessed on the website, picked up at the tribal office or emailed.

Open Enrollment is **January 1 to March 31, 2024**. Applications can be accessed on the website, picked up at the tribal office or emailed.

For a full description of what is available under our Member Services Program, or more information on services, please contact Naomi Atchley at:
naomi@stewartspoint.org or 707-591-0580 x 124



Department Announcements

Tribal Administration Department Services

Education:

Kashia Youth School Uniforms/ Grade Incentives & Sports Registration.
Higher Education / Vocational Training & Direct Employment.

For more information please contact the front desk reception at:
reception@stewartspoint.org or 707-591-0580 x 101

Tribal Broadband Connectivity:

NEW! The Tribe has received the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Grant Commerce to address the needs during the COVID 19 pandemic. The Federal Government has allocated funds to increase broadband connectivity in all communities including rural and underserved.

The Kashia Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program will address the digital divide on Tribal Lands, assist members with Internet access including broadband and digital inclusion planning, training, and providing technical support and capacity building for Tribal institutions.

For a full description of what is available under the Broadband Connectivity Grant or to request an application, please contact Aaron Want at:
aaron@stewartspoint.org or 707-591-0580 x 136



Tribal Administration Department

On Saturday January 20th 2024, The Hopland Band of Pomo Indians Rancheria hosted a Youth Empowerment Summit with Kashia youth in attendance.

The event included breakout sessions, cultural workshops including basket weaving, motivational speaker presentations and a magician show. Attendees were able to participate in raffles and other activities throughout the workshop.

The event was a huge success and a great opportunity for tribal youth to interact and share cultural experiences together.



Kashia youth Serina Azbill, Nanessa Azbill, Sage Oakes, Ericka Chavez, Cedric Maruffo and Natasha Azbill pose for a group picture at the event!



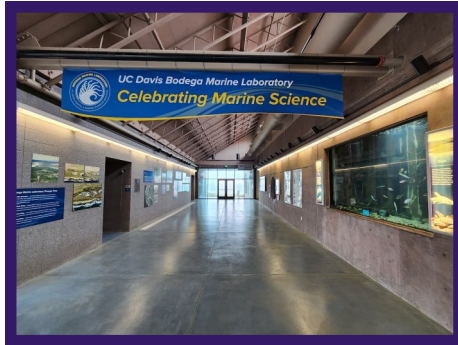
Youth enjoying a dance performance.



Melinda Scott and Arella LaRose enjoy a basket-weaving activity.

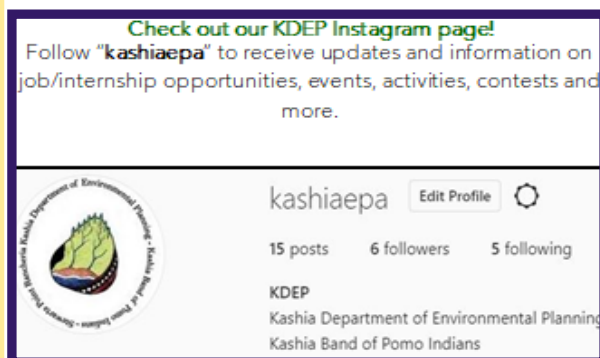


Environmental Planning Department



From January 12th—21st 2024, Environmental Planning Staff members attended a California Coastal Naturalist certification training. The training was held at the UC Davis Bodega Marine Lab and involved lectures from geologists, marine biologists, educators, conservationists and more! The training will be useful to staff in becoming more familiar with the unique terrain of the Northern California coast and in turn support environmental projects we carry out in the future.

Participants learned how to identify animal tracks and habitat signs, coastal geology, marine mammal conservation, phytoplankton, native & invasive plant species, and learned about kelp and tidepool creatures.



Geology lesson at Bodega Head State Beach.



Kashia Environmental Director Nina Hapner discussing the work being done on the Kashia Coastal Reserve with the CalNat cohort.



2024 California Coastal Naturalist cohort at Bodega Head State Reserve.



Environmental Planning Department

Abalone Aquaculture Update

Now that we have the Abalone Aquaculture research project underway at the UC Davis Bodega Marine Lab, here is the first round of updates for the project! Brian Wall has shared some updates on the beginning stages of this project, see below:



The abalone in the yellow trays are placed into a large tank with running seawater. From there, they are split into 2 groups.

Once all 465 abalone are acclimated and statistically randomized, all of them will follow this standard for different experimental feed trials!



Red Abalone used for the Aquaculture experiments



Juvenile Red Abalone with a hand comparison for scale

Photo Courtesy: Brian Wall,
Abalone Aquaculture Technician



Emergency Planning Department

Floods are the most common natural hazard in the United States, and recent fires make this storm season of particular risk for landslides and debris flows. Storms, floods and slides can cause property damage, loss of utilities, and loss of life, so plan now and be prepared to act. Review your emergency supply kit, make a plan for the whole family, help your neighbors get ready, and make sure you can stay informed and be alerted to hazards in your area.

If You are Under a Flood Warning, Find Safe Shelter Right Away

- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. *Turn Around, Don't Drown!*
- Stay off of bridges over fast-moving water.

- Determine how best to protect yourself based on the type of flooding.
- Evacuate if told to do so.
- Move to higher ground or a higher floor.
- Stay where you are.

During a Flood

- Depending on where you are, as well as the impact and the warning time of flooding, go to the safe location that you previously identified.
- Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions.
- If your vehicle is trapped in rapidly moving water, then stay inside. If water is rising inside the vehicle, then seek refuge on the roof.
- If trapped in a building, then go to its highest level. Do not climb into a closed attic. You may become trapped by rising floodwater. Go on the roof only if necessary.

Preparing before Flood

Sign up for SoCo Alert

Know types of flood risk in your area.

- Make sure your Go Bag is ready in case you have to leave immediately, or if water and power services are turned
- Keep in mind each family member's specific needs, including medication. Don't forget the needs of pets.
- Obtain extra batteries and charging devices for phones and other critical equipment in case of power outages.
- Purchase or renew a flood insurance policy. It typically takes up to 30 days for a policy to go into effect and can protect the life you've built. Homeowner's policies do not cover flooding.





Human Resources Department

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January 17th, 2024

IHS announces the observance of January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month. It is a month for all health care providers across Indian Health Service/Tribal/Urban facilities to connect across disciplines, with community partners, and with leaders to focus on prevention efforts and address human trafficking across Indian Country.

Human trafficking (a.k.a. trafficking in persons) is defined as the use of force, fraud, or coercion for a person to provide labor or services (labor trafficking), or to engage in commercial sex acts (sex trafficking). Human trafficking can include forceful participation in criminal activity and can affect individuals of any age, race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, citizen status, education level, or socioeconomic status. It can occur in one's community, without the individual being transported to another location, and traffickers (acting alone or as part of an organized criminal enterprise) can identify as any gender and may be a stranger, acquaintance, partner, or family member. Individuals affected by human trafficking often do not identify as being trafficked.

Due to the immediate and potentially long-term health effects from human trafficking, including physical, psychological, and negative chronic health outcomes,

the IHS views human trafficking as a health care issue,

and establishes policy for providers to practice to a trauma-informed, responsive workforce.

In 2021, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received 10,360 reports of human trafficking situations involving 16,710 individual victims. Of these reports, 160 were listed as American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous American. Many challenges such as lack of resources, fear of reporting to law enforcement, or engaging with the criminal justice system exist within Indian Country, and as it relates to the collection and reporting of data specific to the prevalence of human trafficking of AI/AN individuals.

Federal and tribal partners continue to work diligently at addressing human trafficking and support strengthening prevention efforts. Collaborating across disciplines and with community partners allow a comprehensive, culturally-responsive, and trauma-informed approach with every individual at every encounter, enhancing the ability to develop a trusting relationship and meet the complex, unique needs of individuals affected by human trafficking and other forms of violence.

<https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/ihs-blog/january-2024-blogs/ihs-recognizes-the-importance-of-human-trafficking-prevention-in-indian-country/>



Human Resources Department

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention

Helpful Information:

- If you or someone you know is affected by human trafficking, contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline to report a trafficking tip, for resources to stay safe, and other resources. Confidential 24/7 Help is available by phone: 1-888-373-7888, TTY: 711, Text 233733, Online chat, or email help@humantraffickinghotline.org
- National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC) – training/technical assistance (T/TA) to inform and enhance the public health response to human trafficking.
- HHS 2024 Human Trafficking Prevention Month Toolkit – HHS, Office of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).
- Tribal Law & Policy Institute: Sex Trafficking in Indian Country Advocacy Curriculum
- National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking (NAP) – December 2021.

Provider Resources:

- The IHS Forensic Healthcare webpage houses a provider guidebook, forensic-related health topics, programs and initiatives, provider resources, training, policies, and to sign up for the Forensic Healthcare Listserv.
- The IHS recently awarded a 5-year contract to Texas A&M University Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing to provide education, training, and mentoring resources to boost forensic health care related workforce activities across all I/T/U facilities. Through this contract, training modules specific to human trafficking are being developed by Nurses United Against Human Trafficking (NUAHT) and will also soon be available to I/T/U providers.
- SOAR online training is designed to help those in health care or social services learn to recognize and respond to human trafficking. The SOAR for Indigenous Communities training is for those working with human trafficking in indigenous communities by understanding the issues surrounding human trafficking, how to identify and respond to people who are at risk or have experienced human trafficking in a trauma-informed manner.
- Adult Human Trafficking Screening Tool and Guide – Training Guide for health professionals to use trauma-informed and survivor-informed assessment and care practices.
- Braun, B. (2022). Human trafficking awareness in the emergency care setting [Joint position statement]. Emergency Nurses Association and International Association of Forensic Nurses. Human Trafficking Awareness in the Emergency Care Setting ENA/IAFN Joint Statement.

Calendar



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MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

SUN

			1	2	3	4
			GCM 6pm			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					GCM 6pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Valentine's Day ♥	GCM 6pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
President's Day (closed)						
26	27	28	29			
		GCM 6pm				

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