

**The Cahuilla Cultural Dept. Presents:
The November (2023) News Letter**

**It's a Good
Month to be...**

INDIGENOUS

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 25, 2016, as Native American Heritage Day." (Barack Obama, 2016)

**HAPPY
NATIONAL
INDIGENOUS
MONTH**

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[HTTPS://CAHUILLA-NSN.GOV/](https://cahuilla-nsn.gov/)

Out In the Field

Newsletter

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Above is Native Monitor
Natasha Hurtado monitoring at
Oberon Solar Project located in
Desert Center, CA. 10/16/23

Cahuilla Tribal Monitors have been out in the Desert for the past season on large scale solar projects such as the Oberon, Arica Victory, and Desert Quartzite Solar. As these projects are coming to a close, contracts are underway for more to come this Fall and Winter season. We have a total of 9 Tribal Monitors, majority from the Cahuilla Reservation. They all work hard to preserve and protect any cultural resources unearthed!

'The Protectors of Cahuilla Cultural Resources'

Cultural Interviews

The Cahuilla Cultural Department is looking for 5 Cahuilla families elder/senior adults and youth to participate in Cultural Knowledge interviews!



<https://cahuilla-nsn.gov/about/history/>

- ✓ The interviews will cover the history of reservation and general traditions/customs
- ✓ Families that participate will be asked to share any photos or artifacts that would be duplicated for the inclusion in the Cahuilla Tribal archives

**Families that participate will be given a stipend*

New Team Member: Cultural Resource Coordinator, Lorrie Gregory

Lorrie, was recently welcomed into the Cultural Department this past July as the Cultural Resource Coordinator. She works with Tribal Monitors and coordinating monitoring opportunities in local Traditional Cahuilla land use. Lorrie has grown up in the neighboring area, Warner Springs in close proximity to the Los Coyotes Reservation, and is currently working on her bachelors degree in Archaeology!



Cahuilla Cultural Classes?!

Language Classes

Cahuilla Language classes are in discussion. OPEN TO **AGES 5 and Up** (Kids under **12** must be accompanied by adult)/ @ Tribal hall/ dates and times are TBA. ***Please contact Cultural Dep. if interested!!**

TBA

Bird Singing

Bird Singing classes are currently in discussion. OPEN TO **AGES 5 AND UP**, Kids under **12** must be accompanied by **adult**. ***Please contact Cultural Dept.** for more details

TBA

Cahuilla Phrases provided by Tribal member, *Elizabeth Rios*:



Good morning:
'Achama' mú' túleka'.

What are you doing?:
Hícha'i' pekúkulqa?

I love you:
Etné'áyaw'a'.



TO SIGN UP FOR THESE CLASSES/INTERVIEW CONTACT THE CULTURAL DEPT. :

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