



# **Cahuilla Band of Indians**

## **Cahuilla Tribal Environmental Protection Office**

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## **CTEPO Updates!**

### **Reminder!**

**Cahuilla Earth Day is June 21st !**

May was an absolute whirlwind of a month! CTEPO certainly kept busy with a multitude of meetings, tons of planning, and climbing literal mountains!

At the very beginning of the month, most of the team (Jake, Jason & Alyssa) trekked Cahuilla Mountain in an effort to conduct a biodiversity survey. It was certainly a challenge; however, it was well worth the effort because we are so very excited about the project to come from it. It was a truly splendid day!

Dive deeper into this newsletter to see some fun pictures taken throughout the day!

The majority of the month of May consisted of finalizing everything in preparation for the three-day RCAC Solid Waste Management Workshop hosted by CTEPO from May 21st-May 23rd.

We would especially like to thank Jacqueline Shirley with RCAC for her consideration of the Cahuilla Band of Indians for the opportunity to host this event and learn from the depths of her knowledge on the subject matter. This project has been a long time coming and we were so glad to have Jacqueline here with us again on the Reservation.

Thank you to everyone who attended the workshop! We hope you enjoyed your time at the workshop and left feeling you had gained some useful knowledge.



# Cahuilla Earth Day



## SAVE THE DATE!

June 21st, 2024  
11:00am-2:00pm

Please join the  
Cahuilla Band of  
Indians in our 2024  
celebration of Earth  
Day!

## Cahuilla Softball Field

2000 Cahuilla Rd.  
Aguanga, CA 92536  
Look for the Sign!

Come celebrate Cahuilla Earth Day  
with us!

We'll have the opportunity to learn  
about current environmental topics  
and spend the day enjoying the  
company of one another in the  
beautiful expanse that is Cahuilla!

We're excited to see you there!

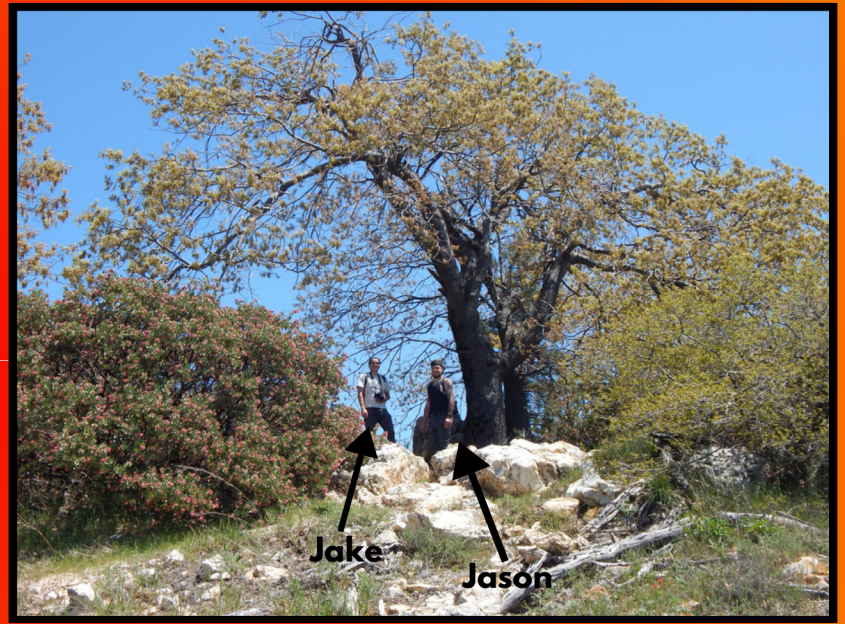
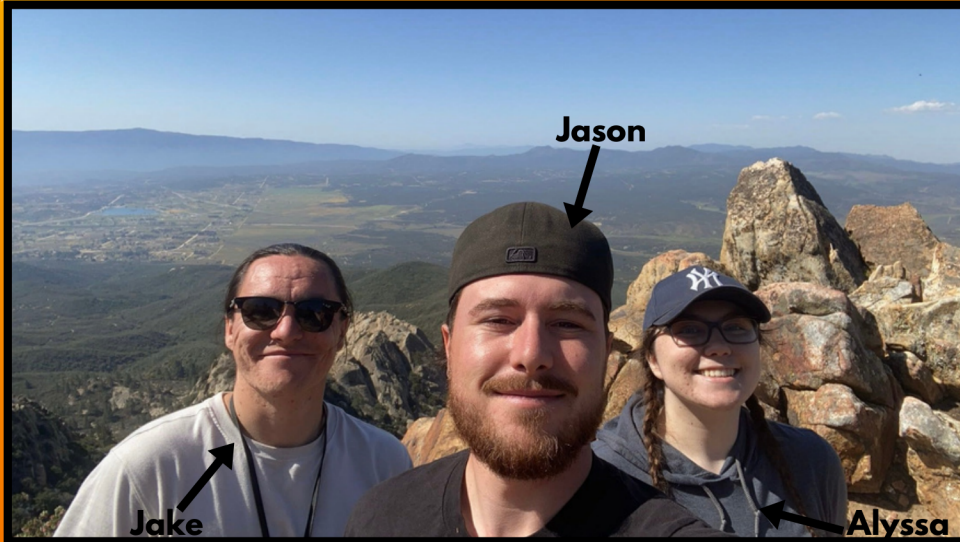
**This event is for all ages and is open  
to the public!**

If you have any questions about the event,  
please contact the Environmental  
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# ADVENTURES WITH CTEPO!





# Summer Calendar

## JUNE 2024

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Juneteenth Summer **Cahuilla**  
Begins **Earth Day**



## JULY 2024

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Independence Day



## AUGUST 2024



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## WHEN SUMMER IS FINALLY HERE



## Sunny Sillies

What do you call someone who doesn't believe it is June yet?

**A May-Sayer.**

Where did the ghost go for summer vacation?

**He went to Maliboo.**

What do sheep do on nice summer days?

**Go to a baa-baa-cue**



## Feverishly Fun Facts

**June 2023 was the hottest June ever recorded on Earth.**

**Juneteenth has been a holiday celebrated since 1865; however, it was not until 2021 that it was recognized as a federal holiday.**

**Summer Solstice (June 20th) is the longest day of the year and has been celebrated by many cultures since ancient times.**

## SEPTEMBER 2024

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Labor Day

End of Summer

American Indian Day





# Let's Talk About Bees



## Pollinators of the Earth

**80%** of all flowering plants are pollinated by bees.

In fact, bees are responsible for pollinating an estimated **75%** of all US grown **fruits, nuts and vegetables**.

Globally, bees are responsible for the pollination of **\$577 billion-**worth of crops.

## What is a pollinator?

Pollinators, such as bees, are animals that carry pollen from one plant's anther to another plant's stigma, catalyzing the fertilization process. This creates the seeds or fruit.

## Types of Bees

Globally, there are **5** types of bees with over **20,000** different species.

**Honey Bees**  
**Bumblebees**  
**Carpenter Bees**  
**Sweat Bees**  
**Mason Bees**

## Threats to Bees

### Climate Change

Changing weather patterns impact where and when bees can find viable food sources.

### Air Pollution

Pollutants make it difficult for bees to find the scent of nearby food.

### Pesticides

A significant loss of bees is attributed to the collateral damage of using pesticides for protecting crops.

### Dwindling Habitats

More buildings and invasive plant species = fewer places for bees to exist.

## How can we help?

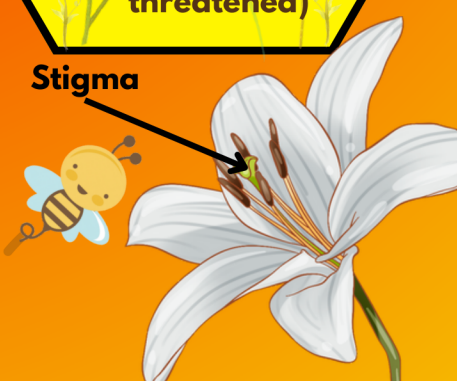
- Plant Native Plants & Flowers!
- Remove Invasive Plants
- Refrain from Using Pesticides
- Don't hurt them! (Bees won't sting unless threatened)

## Fun Facts

- ✧ Not all bees live together in hives. Some bees live alone underground.
- ✧ Honey bees dance to communicate.
- ✧ The US is the home to around 4000 different native bee species.
- ✧ Not all bees are black and yellow.
- ✧ Bumblebees use their smelly footprints to tell if a stranger has been around.

Anther

Stigma



# Word Scramble!

Unscramble these words that are all related to the theme of this newsletter. Then, use the circled letters to uncover the hidden message. The first Tribal Member to call in to CTEPO with the correct phrase will win a special prize.

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## Secret Message

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