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November Newsletter

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CTEPO Updates!

Oh my! October was a challenging month for CTEPO. Our department has faced a few bumps in the road, including troubles with the trash truck and the federal government shutdown all while wrapping up the last fiscal year while starting up the new year's programs.

You may have seen that our Solid Waste Team have been collecting trash via the truck and trailer method. We are currently in the process of sorting out issues with the trash truck. Until then, please ensure your trash is bagged so that it can still be collected. We hope to have the trash truck up and running soon!

We also would like to begin water testing for this year to monitor the conditions of Cahuilla's waters. This will be especially important to track the impact fires have had on water quality. If you would be interested in testing the water quality at your site, please reach out to our department so that we may schedule it with you.

We loved seeing you all out Trunk or Treat! We hope you liked our fun water-based theme and our completely upcycled decorations! We hope it was a fun reminder of the importance of protecting our waters and reducing our waste. We can't wait to see more of you all soon!

Fall Calendar

NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Candle Night (Half Day)	4 TCHA Conference	5	6	7	8
9	10 Veteran's Day	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Holiday	27	28	29
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DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Eve	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			



Fun Fall Facts

From Thanksgiving to the New Year, the US Postal Service will receive 15 billion pieces of mail and 900 million packages to ship out.

November 21st through the 26th are known to be five of the busiest shopping days of the year.

Expedited shipping increases the consumer's carbon footprint. But standard shipping may actually lead to less emissions than buying an item in a physical store.

THERE ARE 2 TYPES OF PEOPLE ON NOVEMBER 1ST



THERE'S ONLY 365 DAYS LEFT UNTIL NEXT HALLOWEEN.



Unbeleafably Funny

Did you hear about the two turkeys that got married on Thanksgiving?
It was a night to November.

What do you call a turkey who was cooked at Canadian Thanksgiving and comes back to haunt his makers in November?
A poultry-geist!

Did you hear about the star that exploded at the end of autumn?
It made for a super Nova-ember!

National Parks

Fun Facts

- Yellowstone was the first national park. it was established in 1872.
- George Catlin was the first to author the idea of a National Park after visiting the Dakotas and worrying about the impacts of Westward expansion.
- In 1916 the National Park Service was created by President Woodrow Wilson.
- Theodore Roosevelt's Antiquities Act of 1906 bolstered his strong support for the establishment of national parks. He has been honored by six different memorials for his important role in the development of many national parks.
- There are currently 431 "units" managed by the National Parks Services.
- 85 million acres are protected by their status as national parks.
- There are currently no existing national parks in 20 states.
- Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve is the largest of the national parks, sitting at 13.2 million acres in Alaska.
- California has the most parks of any state with eight.
- Top Ten Most Visited Parks in 2023:
 1. Great Smoky Mountains
 2. Grand Canyon
 3. Zion
 4. Yellowstone
 5. Rocky Mountain
 6. Yosemite
 7. Acadia
 8. Grand Teton
 9. Joshua Tree
 10. Olympic National Park

Parks Across the 50 States

There are 63 National Parks in the US:

- Acadia
- Arches
- Badlands
- Big Bend
- Biscayne
- Black Canyon
- Bryce Canyon
- Canyonlands
- Capitol Reef
- Carlsbad Caverns
- Channel Islands
- Congaree
- Crater Lake
- Cuyahoga Valley
- Death Valley
- Denali
- Dry Tortugas
- Everglades
- Gates of the Arctic
- Gateway Arch
- Glacier Bay
- Glacier
- Grand Canyon
- Grand Teton
- Great Basin
- Great Sand Dunes
- Great Smoky Mountains
- Guadalupe Mountains
- Haleakala
- Hawai'i Volcanoes
- Hot Springs
- Indiana Dunes
- Isle Royale
- Joshua Tree
- Katmai
- Kenai Fjords
- Kings Canyon
- Kobuk Valley
- Lake Clark
- Lassen Volcanic
- Mammoth Cave
- Mesa Verde
- Mount Rainier
- American Samoa
- New River Gorge
- North Cascades
- Olympic
- Petrified Forest
- Pinnacles
- Redwood
- Rocky Mountain
- Saguaro
- Sequoia
- Shenandoah
- Theodore Roosevelt
- Virgin Islands
- Voyageurs
- White Sands
- Wind Cave
- Wrangell-St. Elias
- Yellowstone
- Yosemite
- Zion



Why are the parks important?

National Parks protect critical spaces needed to preserve the fabric of our nation. These landscapes provide uninterrupted habitats for crucial biodiversity. The wildlife which exists in these parks is unimaginable. In fact, it is believed a mere 10% to 20% of wildlife has been discovered in our national parks.

National parks also help to build a connection between humans and nature. National Parks are a perfect example of a fundamental green space. National Parks and their flourishing biodiversity offer the opportunity for people to experience the natural landscapes of the country and enjoy experiences with wildlife.

Word Search

Find the words below and use the first fourteen unused letters to uncover the secret message. The first Tribal Member to call in with the correct answer will win a prize!

- Acadia
- Alaska
- Arch
- California
- Canyon
- Catlin
- Cave
- Death Valley
- Islands
- Joshua Tree
- Mountains
- Olympic
- Rocky
- Roosevelt
- Sequoia
- Valley
- Volcano
- Wildlife
- Wilson
- Yellowstone
- Yosemite
- Zion



Secret Message

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