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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.*

## *Hello Readers,*

What a great summer! Tribal Youth Court was happy to be a part of the American Indian Recruitment (AIR) summer youth program. We are given the opportunity to speak with participating youth about our Peer Decision Maker Honors Program. The Honors Programs allows interested Native youth, to take college level courses to get an extended training to sit on our peer jury.

AIR ran a great program this summer. They had a great group of kids and we were honored to be a part of it. The program had the kids off doing some great, local, outdoor activities, relevant to Native ideal and history. The program held weekly visits to San Diego State University with lectures and guest speakers. One of their guest speakers was a representative from Dr. Bronner's who spoke about the company and the emphasis they put on producing their products, while concious of the mark they leave on the earth. Some of the outdoor activities included, kayaking at La Jolla Cove, a visit to Bristol Coast Farms in Escondido, a ropes course at UCSD, and a final youth appreciation trip to Sea World. It was a great summer for the youth as well as all of the adult who had the privilege of working with the program the summer.



# Here's what to look for in August:

**August 7<sup>th</sup>: 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 9<sup>th</sup>: International Day of the World's Indigenous People** August 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## Coordinator's Corner



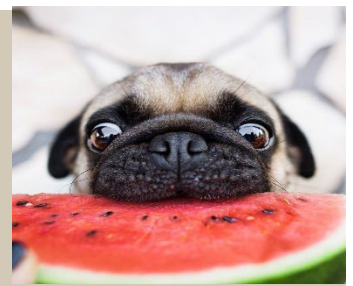
This month, the Tribal Youth Court was invited to attend the Pauma Tribal Police Department's National Night Out. National Night Out is an annual event that promote police-community partnerships. The hope is to enhance the relationship between law enforcement and the community, and bring police and neighbors 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 1<sup>st</sup>. The department had fun activities for the families who attended, including a rock climbing wall, face painting, and laser tag. Families were able to meet with the officers, fire fighters, and local vendors at the event. The Tribal Youth Court was able to speak with the people that came out and share information about our program. The Pauma Fire Department was there supporting the event and cooking for all who participated! It was a fun, community event and we were happy to attend!

**August 14<sup>th</sup>: 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.



**Month of August: National Back to School Month** Celebrated since the 1960s, Back to School month has been observed with the intention to get children and families excited and ready to shift from summer vacation to the start of school again! It's a good time to get prepped and set up for a successful school year!



**August 26<sup>th</sup>: National Dog Day** Do we really need a day set aside to honor our pups? Yes, we do! It feels like this day is recognized everyday with my two puppies. But, let this day remind us all to give a few extra treats and snuggles to our beloved canines. I'm sure you won't see them complaining!

## Not so Current Events>>>

A little more on Navajo Code Talkers Day, celebrated on August 14<sup>th</sup>



★ 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.

# Tribal Youth Court: Summer Fun

One great way to stop the back to school blues, is to reflect on some of the fun things you were able to do over the summer. It will surely bring back great memories with family and friends!

In looking at some of the fun things that happened over the summer, you may also start to get excited about what's to come when you get back to school, see old and new friends, and start to get into fun Fall activities. Here's a look at some of the fun things we got to do here at Tribal Youth Court this summer!



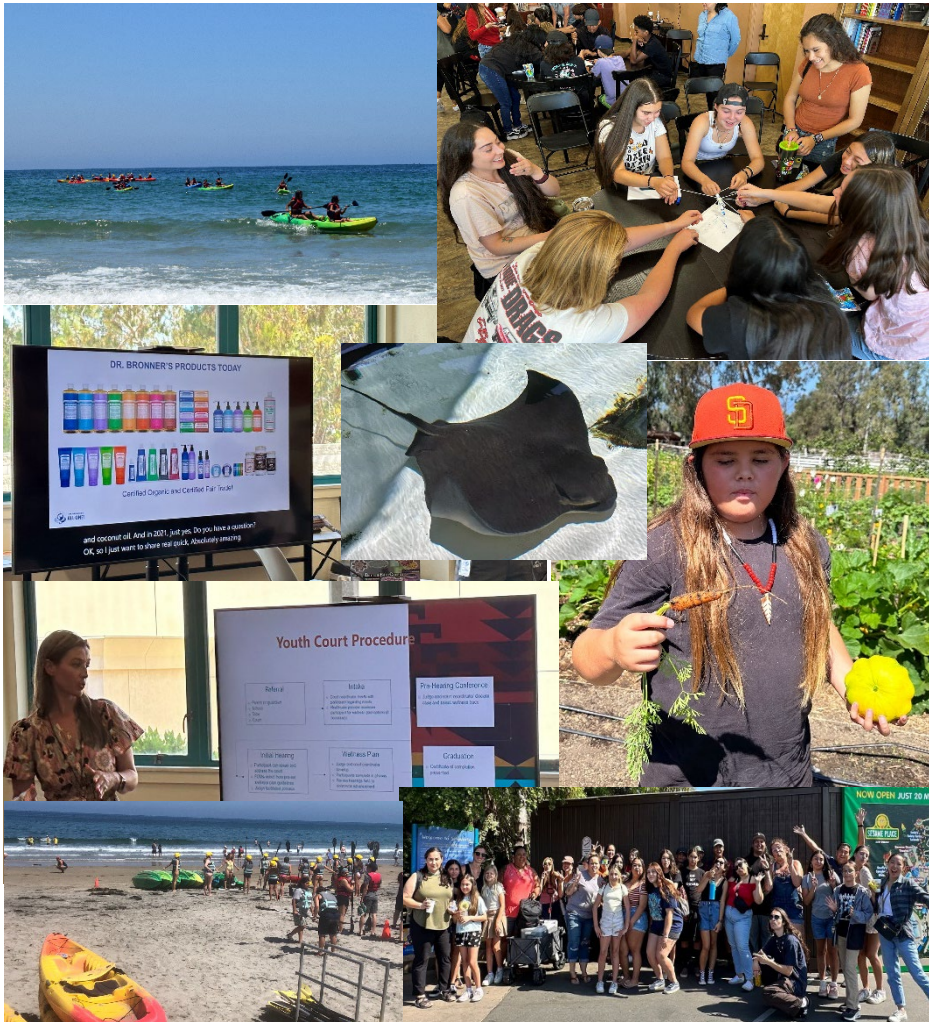
## Intertribal Court of Southern California

*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](http://www.intertribalcourt.org) to learn more court and its member tribes.



### 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 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 the state of 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:

- **Tribal Youth Court and AIR bring Our AIR/TYC Fall courses (2) beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open.**



Coming Soon >>>

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