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The Tribal Youth Court is a division of the Intertribal Court of Southern California

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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,*

July is a month that brings fun and excitement! It marks the official start of summer, and provides plenty of opportunities for outdoor, and indoor, fun! Although July is synonymous with scorching temperatures, and this year being no exception, there are plenty of activities that can still be safely enjoyed outside!

School's out for most and it is a great time to spend time with family and friends. July is a month of historical events and celebrations. It's a great time show appreciation for the love of our country and all that it offers. Plan a day trip to a local National Park, visit one of our amazing San Diego beaches, enjoy some summer reading, and take the time to rest up before school starts again next month!

During the month of July, our partners at American Indian Recruitment (AIR), are hosting their youth summer program for another great summer. In July, there will be kayaking, a trip to the Museum of Us, and a trip to a local community farm. The program also holds weekly visits to San Diego State University with lectures and guest speakers who will teach about Native ideologies and values, relevant, current news in Indian country, and impart the importance of pursuing higher education to youth participants, while offering a brief glimpse at college life and expectations. This is a great way to get involved with Native peers, visit a local college campus, and have some outdoor fun in the San Diego area. We hope to see you there this summer!

Please visit the AIR website at [www.airprograms.org](http://www.airprograms.org) for the Summer Youth program for eligibility requirements and information on how to apply.

# Here's what to look for in July:

## July 4<sup>th</sup>: Independence Day

We celebrate this day every year as the birthday of American independence. On July 2, 1776, Congress voted in favor of independence. The Declaration of Independence was adopted two days. The tradition of setting off fireworks began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777 during the first organized celebration of Independence Day.

## July 14<sup>th</sup>: National Mac and Cheese Day

The king of all comfort foods earns a place of honor on July 14th. It is a favorite dish of all ages all over the country, with the first known recipe tracing back to the 1300s. Whether you like it out of the box, or freshly made, enjoy this rich, cheesy dish today!

## July 19<sup>th</sup>: Flight Attendant Safety Professionals' Day

This day is observed annually to appreciate flight attendants for the important work they do. Created by proclamation of former president George Bush in 1990, we take this day to show appreciation of the men and women responsible for guarding the safety of all aircraft passengers.

## July 24<sup>th</sup>: Amelia Earhart Day

Amelia Earhart is one of the most beloved pioneers in aviation. On this day, we celebrate her life. While many remember her for her mysterious disappearance on her flight around the world, she contributed so much to the world of aviation.

## July 26<sup>th</sup>: Auntie's Day

This day was created to celebrate the relationship between aunts and their nieces and nephews. The day honors all the aunts, and the woman in aunt-like relationships, who have loved, nurtured and inspired the children in their lives.

## Month of July: National Park and Recreation Month

Parks across the country exist to protect, preserve and share the history of our country, including that of native peoples. Take some time this summer to visit one of our national parks that celebrate and honor the beauty of our land and all of its history, culture and heritage.



## Coordinator's Corner



Last month, the Tribal Youth Court team had the opportunity to attend and present at the California Association of Youth Court's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Court Summit in Redlands, CA. This was the first in-person Summit in three years due to Covid restrictions. We were able to attend a variety of different workshops to hear from youth and other youth courts on different youth programs and courts from around the state of California.

Tribal Youth Court was given the opportunity to present our story to an audience of youth and adults involved in youth courts and youth justice programs. We took the opportunity to share information about how the youth court came about, and the journey taken to get to where we are now. We also took this opportunity to share some information including what defines a Native American, Tribal governance, the impact of historical trauma, Tribal restorative justice ideals, and our holistic approach in the context of the juvenile justice system in Indian Country.

It was a great opportunity to share our story and the importance of having the Tribal Youth Court available to our communities.

## Current Events>>>

# Law in the News



★ Next month, the Department of Interior's "The Road to Healing," will make two stops in California. "The Road to Healing," is a year long tour across the country to provide Native survivors of the federal Indian boarding school system an opportunity to share their experiences.

The Interior Department announced this month that the Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland, and the Assistant Secretary for Indian of affairs, will make a stop in Riverside on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and another stop in Rohnert Park on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Secretary Haaland launched the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative in 2021. The initiative serves to shed light on the history of Federal Indian boarding school policies and their legacy for Natives. An investigative report was released in May of 2022, calls for connecting communities with trauma-informed support.

# Stay Cool!

Southern California folks know how hot in can get in the summer months. Here at the court, we have felt the high temperatures and received several heat advisories from neighboring tribal emergency alert systems. Yes, it's hot, but that doesn't mean we have to lock ourselves inside with the shades drawn all summer. Although sometimes, that's exactly what we might need!

See below for some tips on how to beat the heat, stay safe, and still enjoy the fun opportunities that Summer brings!



## Intertribal Court of Southern California

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- Drink plenty of fluids throughout the day, even if you may not feel thirsty
- Wear loose, lightweight, light colored clothing outdoors
- Always wear sunscreen! Don't forget your ears and feet!
- If you have outdoor chores, try to get outside early in the morning, or later in the afternoon, when temperatures are a little cooler
- For outings, bring water and portable, handheld fans
- Check up on friends, loved ones, and pets!
- Visit local venues with air conditioning- try the library to pick up some summer reading materials, cruise the mall, check out a summer blockbuster at the movie theater
- Try DIY Portable Mister:
  - Pick up a small squirt bottle at your local Dollar Tree and fill with clean water. For an extra chilling effect, add some ice to your bottle!

## 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.

### Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians

The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians is one of the remaining 12 bands of the Kumeyaay Indian Nation. The Viejas Reservation was established in 1934. It is located in San Diego County. The tribe is governed by a bi-level tribal government. The general council is comprised of all of the adult voting members, who elect the tribal council and vote on all land-use decisions. Their Tribal Council consists of a chairman, vice-chair, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Please visit [www.intertribalcourt.org](http://www.intertribalcourt.org) to learn more about the court and its member tribes.

## Ask the court >>>

**Question:** What are some examples of status offenses?

**Answer:** A status offense is an action that is prohibited only to a certain class of people, most often applied to offenses committed by minors. Some examples of status offenses in California would be truancy (not attending school), curfew violations, possession or consumption of alcohol, and habitual refusal to obey parents or guardians.



# Final thoughts...

**Fun Law Fact:** In some areas of San Diego county, homeowners who have Christmas lights on their houses past February 2 may be subject to a fine of up to \$250.

## Court Humor:

*A lawyer went to his local restaurant to wind down after a complicated trial.*

- *"What would you like with your orange juice?", the waiter asked.*
- *"Just ice", he replied.*

## 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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