

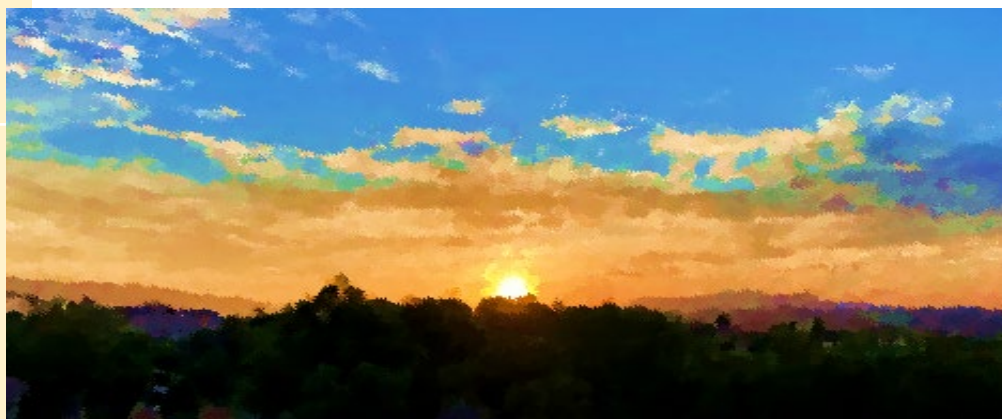
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Our Mission

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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.

Greetings,

Tribal Youth Court is proud to announce that we will be attending the Dream the Impossible at SDUD on April 27, 2024. The Dream the Impossible (DTI) Native Youth Conference began in 2007 by Southern California Tribes and Tribal organizations, who wanted to hold a conference specifically for Southern California Native youth. The purpose of DTI is to encourage Native youth to dream of becoming anything they want to be and to dream of greatness. DTI also provides native youth exposure to various college campuses to eliminate the pressure, fear, or intimidation that youth may feel towards walking on a college campus.

We will have a resource table with the Intertribal Court and Agave Project. Also, Tribal Youth Court was asked to co-present with American Indian Recruitment (AIR) Programs. We will have the opportunity to speak about culture, law and restorative justice, challenges for tribal youth in Native communities, the Tribal Youth Court, and opportunities available for Native Youth through education and community.

We hope to reach many youth throughout the day during our three workshop sessions, titled, "*Culture, Tribal Law, & Our Community Values.*"

If you would like to know more about this event, please contact Dianne Daniels at ddaniels@intertribalcourt.org.

Here's what to look for in April:

April 1st: *April Fools' Day*

Unleash your creative, silly side on this day, with harmless, practical jokes and pranks. It is one of the most fun, exciting, and anxiety-filled days of the year, for those that like to partake, or those that are on the other end of those that do!

April 6th: *National Pajama Day* Bring a little comfort into your workweek! This day is reserved to wear your most comfortable pajamas to work! Lounge in your comfiest gear all day! We hope the court is aware and on board with this recognized day!

April 10th: *National Siblings Day*

National Siblings Day is an observance to celebrate the special bond between siblings. It is a day to honor and appreciate the relationships between brothers and sisters. Take the time to express gratitude, reminisce over shared memories, or maybe take the opportunity to mend broken relationships.

April 11th: *National Pet Day*

We celebrate this day each year, showing love and appreciation to all pets. Spend quality time with your pets, and spoil them with their favorite treat on their day! Remember this day also reminds us to advocate for all animals and support efforts to ensure they are treated with love, care, and respect.




April 24th: *Denim Day* This began as a campaign against sexual assault apologists after an overturned sentence in a sexual assault case in Italy in 1998. We recognize this day to support victims of sexual assault. See more details below in our "Law in the News," feature.

Month of April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month The mission is to increase public awareness of sexual assault and educate communities on how to prevent it. Not a day should go by without these efforts, but April holds a space for the attention, efforts, and support the mission aims to strengthen. We stand in solidarity with sexual assault survivors and victims.



Coordinator's Corner



In February, the vibrant culinary scene of Phoenix's Melrose District garnered national attention as the renowned restaurant, Fry Bread House, took the spotlight on the Food Network's show, "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives." Hosted by Guy Fieri, the episode showcased the rich flavors and cultural heritage of Native American cuisine.

Established in 1992, by Cecilia Miller, a citizen of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Fry Bread House offers its patrons a taste of authentic Native American dishes, with fry bread as the star attraction. The Fry Bread House offers not only a meal, but also cultural journey through cuisine.

The spotlight on "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives" provided a platform for the Fry Bread House to share its story. Viewers were treated to a visual feast as Fieri delved into the intricacies of fry bread and additional menu offerings, from Indian tacos, Chim stew, and a few sweet variations.

The exposure generated by the episode has undoubtedly bolstered the restaurant's reputation as a must visit for locals and tourists. If you are ever in that area, be sure to check it out!



Current Events>>> **Law in the News**

★ In observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we use this space to share the origin story of Denim Day. Nearly 25 years after the initial incident, Denim Day remains significant to raise awareness about sexual violence, consent, and the importance of supporting survivors.

Much more than just a fashion statement, Denim Day originated from a 1999 Italian Supreme Court ruling that overturned a rape conviction because the victim wore "tight jeans," which implied consent.

The story begins in Italy, 1992, when an 18-year-old girl was raped by her driving instructor. Despite a conviction, the case was later overturned by the Italian Supreme Court. The justices argued that since the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped her attacker remove them, indicating the encounter was consensual.

The egregious decision sparked outrage. In protest, women in the Italian Parliament wore jeans to work in solidarity with the victim, ultimately igniting a movement. The movement quickly gained international attention.

Today, Denim Day is observed in countries around the world in April. Schools, workplaces, and communities participate by wearing denim and engaging in conversations about consent, victim-blaming, and the importance of supporting sexual assault survivors.

Tribal Youth Court

What's Happening in April

The Tribal Youth Court has a full schedule coming up! See below for some important dates!

- Upcoming Calendar Events for April:

- Tribal Youth Court will attend Santa Ysabel's Environmental Day event. Come by and visit our resource table!
- Tribal Youth Court will attend and present at Dream the Impossible Event on April 27, 2024
- Tribal Youth Court will assist in hosting ICSC's Law Day on May 1, 2024



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 [I](#) to learn more court and its member tribes.

Frequently Asked Questions Ask the court >>>

Question: *Is there a fee to participate in the TYC program?*

Answer: There is no cost at any stage of the TYC program.

The only occasion where there may be a cost is if entry into TYC is through a citation. If the participant withdraws from our program before completing all requirements, he or she will be referred back to the Citation Court Calendar, at which he or she may be subject to fines and other penalties available under the Peace and Security Ordinance of the Tribe.



Final thoughts...

Fun Law Fact:

It is against Michigan state law to tie a crocodile to a fire hydrant.

Court Humor:

Did you hear about the guy who went to court over a stolen bag?

- It was a brief-case

Announcements:

- **The Tribal Youth Court and Intertribal Court will hold a Law Day Educational Event on Wednesday, May 1st**



Coming Soon >>>

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