

Karuk Tribe

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Plan provides transportation services to Somes Bar, and Orleans



Election Committee of the Karuk Tribe

**Karuk Voters Registration Office
P.O. Box 815
Happy Camp, CA 96039**

Notice of Special Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that on **Wednesday, May 23, 2012**, the Karuk Tribe will conduct a Special Election. Candidate packets will be available at Tribal Administrative offices in Happy Camp, Yreka and Orleans on **Tuesday, January 24, 2012**.

Polling places will be open from **7 AM to 7 PM** at the following locations:

Happy Camp: Multi-Purpose Room (Old Gym), 64236 Second Avenue;

Yreka: Health Clinic Conference Room, 1519 South Oregon Street; and

Orleans: Community Center, 39051 Highway 96.

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE: you must be an enrolled member of the Karuk Tribe, who is eighteen years old, and has registered with the Karuk Voter's Registration Office (you may register to vote before the election).

SUBJECT MATTER OF ELECTION:

MEMBER AT LARGE: (Orleans District) **PARTIAL TERM:** through November 3, 2015

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Requests for absentee ballots must be submitted in writing with a current return address **and must be received no later than Tuesday, May 22, 2012.**

All requests for absentee ballots must contain the requestor's signature and the requestor's identity must be verified by one of the following three methods:

1. by a notary public; or
2. by two eligible voters of the Karuk Tribe; or
3. by providing a copy of a State, Federal, or Tribal ID card with a signature.

It is highly recommended that absentee ballot requests be received by the Voter's Registration Office in a timely manner for those members who live outside the Aboriginal Territory due to the amount of time it takes for the mail to reach Happy Camp.

Send Absentee Ballot Requests to:

**Karuk Voters Registration Office
PO Box 815
Happy Camp, CA 96039**

CANDIDATES: Candidate packets will be available on **Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 8am**. Candidate packets and the \$50.00 fee will be due back to the Karuk Election Committee by **Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 5pm**.

For more information we encourage you to call the Voter's Registration Office at: **(800) 50-KARUK Ext. 2028** or Election Committee Chairman **Ronald (Red) Hockaday** at **(530) 841-2606**.

Message From The Chairman



Ayukii huut kich, I hope everything is going well in Indian Country. It has been an honor to represent the Karuk Tribe at meetings with other tribal leaders and government officials. These meetings are vital to all Karuk Tribal Members. All of our programs that help ensure the safety and well being of all Karuk members need representation to ensure we receive grant monies for our programs. The council is working at cutting costs by using

webinars and teleconferencing instead of traveling; we are sending less people and taking more notes.

We are working hard to gain the right to manage our forests and the place where we live. Mr. Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress for American Indians, said in his State of Indian Nations that now is the time for tribes to speak up and show the United States that we can be self-governed. That we can professionally maintain government to government relations. He said that nobody knows Indian Country better than the people who live there. We need to show that we have the knowledge and work ethic to manage our own forest areas. We need to relay the message that

not only can we manage our forests but we can do it in a culturally sensitive and environmentally safe manner. This would create numerous job opportunities.

In order to get more input from our members the council has included several questions we would like to gather feedback on for issues prevalent in Northern California Indian Country. Please answer the questions and offer any suggestions or needs that may help us when we go to counsel with state and federal Tribal Leaders, Congressmen and Senators.

Yootva kura suva nik,
Buster Attebery
Karuk Chairman



From The Secretary Treasurer

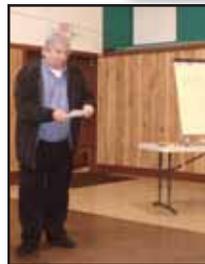
Ayukii (Hi) Tribal Members, I've been very busy with a lot of meetings and learning. We need input from members for your needs and wants. What do you want? Do you want the dams removed to restore the Klamath Tributary for the fish; this concept is sometimes disturbing to tribal members, other folks and the stream residents. Do you need better health care?

Council is working for better and more important lines of information between all departments. Working together and unity works. Making sure everyone is following policy and chain of command, monitoring vehicle use and travel. We just finished our audit with no findings meaning everyone is doing a good job!

February 14 and 15, folks were here from Administration for Children and



On Site ACF Training



Families (ACF) which fund the TANF, child care, Head Start, and LIHEAP programs, one was from the Regional office in San Francisco and one was from the National office in DC. They provided training on their programs. Having them onsite provides training for our employees and Council without having to send folks to Sacramento or Washington DC, this saves lots of money and travel.

Remember this council is working for all tribal membership. Your input really helps. Unity works.

Yootva (Thank You),
Jody Waddell

Thank You From The Davis Family



Our family would like to thank everyone that supported us during Sonny's recent health concerns. The love and caring shown by the people was nice and thoughtful. He is home and back at work.

Yootva (Thank you)
Sonny Davis Family

From Councilmember Dora Bernal

A yukii, Tribal Members,

It has been awhile since I wrote something in the Newsletter, so I thought I would inform you what has been happening. It has been pretty busy for the Tribal Council and Directors, we have been submitting new proposals for grants and what we need to keep the tribal programs working. The Tribal Council has been busy traveling to comment and advocate for issues that the tribe is having whether it is not enough funding for a certain program or not getting enough help in our Law Enforcement area. That happens to be the number one thing that the Council is working on at this time, we are hoping to meet with the US Attorney and



figure out a way that we can provide better protection for our tribal people. The Council made the decision to work up an agreement with the Humboldt Sherriff's Department to make sure we have better protection for our tribal people in the Orleans District, as we all know how long it takes for law enforcement to come. Especially when someone is calling

911, either we can't get service to make the call, or they get the call and take several hours to show up. These are the issues that the Council is trying to work out to better serve our tribe.



Council is trying to cut back on travel; however, it is necessary that we continue to fight for the rights of our membership. We are located in a very rural area and if we expect to deliver our message to Legislators it requires traveling and meeting with them face to face to get the point across. If there are any other issues or comments that you as tribal members want to make please feel free to contact me at dbernal@karuk.us or you can contact the office and ask to speak with Chairman Attebery or Vice-Chairman Thom.

The survey questions on the next page were developed based on comments received from Tribal Members. Please take a few minutes to answer these questions and submit your responses to us via email at council@karuk.us or through the mail at P.O. Box 1016, Happy Camp, CA 96039. 🇺🇸

Quarterly Staffing Update, February 2012

Sara Spence, Human Resources Manager



Heidi Arwood was hired as the Cook Assistant in the Yreka Head Start Center. This was the position previously vacated by **Dolores Davis**.

Joe Jerry, Brian Gonzalez, Nathan Shinar, and Nick Alexander were hired as Temporary Maintenance Workers for the Yreka Housing Authority to assist with projects.

Sammi Goodwin was hired as the Part Time Receptionist/ Medical Assistant Trainee for the Orleans Clinic.

Michael Lynch was hired as the Business Office Manager/ RN for the Yreka Clinic. This is a new position.

Kelly Worcester transferred from KCDC to the Tribe's IT Department.

Christine Shook, DDS was hired as the Clinic Dentist in the Happy Camp Clinic. She will be taking the position vacated by **Thank Do**.

Carolyn Ash, DDS was hired as the Clinic Dentist in the Yreka Clinic. She is filling the vacancy created by **John Bardonner**.

Whitney Furness was hired as the Collections Management

Assistant Trainee at the People's Center Museum. This is a new position.

Jason Haines was hired as the Network Administrator in Happy Camp. He is filling the vacancy created by **Chris Kleeman's** resignation.

Tiffany Ashworth was hired as the Grant Writer and Resource Developer in Happy Camp. She is filling the vacancy created by **Carlotta Whitecrane's** transfer to the Department of Natural Resources.

Sharon Crocker was hired as the On Call Clinic Courier to provide coverage for that position.

We are currently recruiting to fill a Licensed Therapist (Psychiatrist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, or Marriage and Family Therapist) position created by **Chuck Lent's** transfer.

Be sure to visit the Tribal Website to view job openings at www.karuk.us/jobs/ on a **WEEKLY** basis if you are looking for employment or contracting opportunities as that is the first place positions are posted and they change constantly and quickly. Thank you! 🇺🇸

Please Answer These Survey Questions to Better Serve the Membership

You may submit your responses to us via email at: council@karuk.us or through the mail at P.O. Box 1016, Happy Camp, CA 96039.

1. What is your opinion and concern on the dam removal? _____

2. If /when a casino is to be built would you be interested in being trained to work at the casino? If so, what position? What experience do you have?

3. Have you received all the information you need or would like on what programs housing has to offer our Tribal Members? Do you have any concerns and comments?

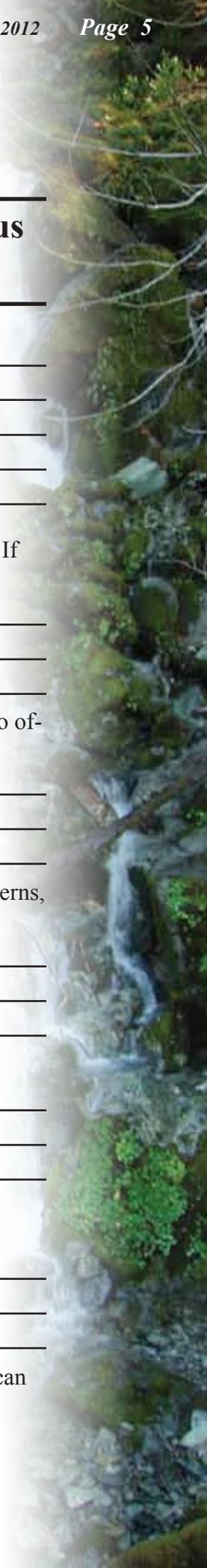
4. Are you aware of all our education programs we have to offer? Do you have questions or concerns, you would like addressed?

5. What youth programs would you like to see brought to our communities?

6. Are there any questions, comments or concerns you would like to bring forward to the Tribal Council? If so, please list them specifically.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to let the Council know what your concerns are, so that we can better serve our Tribal Members.

*Yootva,
Karuk Tribal Council*



KARUK TRIBE AND SISKIYOU COUNTY PARTNER TO EXPAND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES!

Plan will provide transportation services to Happy Camp, Somes Bar, and Orleans



Sandi Tripp, Director of Transportation

Orleans, CA - The Karuk Tribe Department of Transportation is pleased to announce that starting February 27, 2012, the Siskiyou Transit and General Express (STAGE) will offer expanded bus services to the communities of Somes Bar and Orleans, California.

Until now, STAGE was only able to provide bus service two days per week along State Route 96 from Happy Camp to Yreka, California. According to Sandi Tripp, Director of Transportation for the Karuk Tribe, "We have worked diligently

for over four years, with Siskiyou County STAGE staff and the Siskiyou County Local Transportation Commission, in the development of a Memorandum of Agreement to provide expanded and new transit services for the residents of Happy Camp, Somes Bar and Orleans, California."

STAGE plans to provide new transit services to Yreka, California, every Monday and Wednesday for residents of Orleans, Somes Bar and Happy Camp. As well as, continued services to Yreka every Friday for residents of Happy Camp. Additionally, transit services will be provided to allow for multiple daily routes within the same noted communities along State Route 96, every Tuesday and Thursday.



For Further Information

Route and fare schedules may be obtained at www.karuk.us or by contacting Sandi Tripp at (530) 627-3063 / transit@karuk.us. Additional information may also be obtained by contacting the STAGE office at (530) 842-8295 or at www.co.siskiyou.ca.us.

We Proudly Served Our Country!

William M. Wood, Jr. Family

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Tribal member William (Bill)

Wood Jr. joined the Army in 1957. At Ft.

McClelland, Alabama he met Margene Williams, who was

also serving in the Army in the Military Police unit in the Women's

Army Corps. From there they were transferred to Ft Campbell, KY and

from there again transferred to Ft. Bragg, NC, with their three children where

Bill joined the elite Special Forces and where two more children were added

to the family. Bill, a demolition expert and a Green Beret, was sent to Vietnam in

1965, his second tour of duty there and was killed on Valentine's Day protecting his

squad in February 1966. The family moved to Salt Lake City, Utah where they were

raised. After High School, tribal member Darrel Wood worked in the Karuk ancestral

territory with his lumberjack uncles Ray and Frank Wood. He later married and joined the

Army where he became a Special Forces, Green Beret like his Father. Darrel's

son, tribal descendant Preston

of duty as the third generation

Beret. Tribal member Dion

following his grandfather,

We love our Country

serve it proudly!



*Margene Wood,
Military Police,
Women's Army Corp*



*William "Bill" Wood,
Green Beret*



Darrel Wood, Green Beret



Dion Wood, US Navy



Preston Wood, Green Beret

Karuk Tribe Housing Authority

Available Programs

Ann Escobar, Operations Manager/Assistant Director

A yukii! The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA) currently manages 193 units with plans to add smaller units in Happy Camp and Orleans. The following is the current Karuk Tribe Housing Authority Board of Commissioners; Michael Thom (Board Chairman), Robert Super (Board



Elder homes in Happy Camp

Vice Chairman), Verna Reece (Board Treasurer), Charlene Naef (Board Secretary), Dennis Hobbs (Member), Scott Quinn (Member) and Cathy Meinert (Member). KTHA would like to take this time to let our Tribal members know what services KTHA currently provides. Our programs are income based as required by NAHASDA. There are different requirements for each program.

Low Income Rental Program –

Rental homes/apartments are developed within the KTHA communities of Yreka, Happy Camp and Orleans. The single family homes range from 2-5 bedroom homes. The Yreka community apartments range from 2-4 bedrooms. This program is administered by a waiting list.

Lease Purchase Program –

Single family homes developed within the KTHA communities of Yreka, Happy Camp and Orleans. The homes range from 1-5 bedroom homes. Home owners are responsible for all repairs of home as well as the utilities, water, sewer, and garbage. This program is administered by a waiting list.

Elder Rental Communities –

Single family homes developed within the KTHA communities of Yreka, Happy Camp and Orleans. Applicants must be Karuk Tribal Elder (62yrs). Rent is based on household's total income. KTHA pays all utilities for the Elder Communities. This program is administered by a waiting list.

Elder Rental Voucher –

This program is designed to subsidize rental payments for Karuk Tribal Elders, Handicapped or Disabled Karuk Tribal member, as defined by Social Security, Karuk Tribal Near Elder and needy Karuk Tribal members as determined by the KTHA Board of Commissioners. The maximum monthly amount of assistance is \$502.00 and the monthly amount of assistance is based on the total household income. Karuk Tribal Elders, Karuk Tribal Handicapped/Disabled members may apply and receive assistance all other applicants must submit a written request for assistance with their application and the assistance is approved on a temporary basis by the Board of Commissioners. This program is limited as there are 20 vouchers available, the intent of this program is to help the Elder and Disabled tribal members.

First-Time Homebuyer Program –

This program is designed and developed to assist low and moderate income Native American families that reside within the KTHA formula service area (Humboldt and Siskiyou County) by providing home loans for purchasing a home and necessary infrastructure construction. Applicants must be a Karuk Tribal member or other federally recognized tribal members and meet all other requirements. This program is offered as long as funds are available.

Rehabilitation/Weatherization Home Improvement Grant/Loan Program –

This program is to assist Karuk Tribal members that have very low or low incomes that reside within the KTHA formula service area (Humboldt/Siskiyou County). Applicant must be a homeowner with the need of repair to their home. Repairs must be a health and/or safety hazards as determined by KTHA Construction Manager or Inspector.

Home Replacement Program –

This program provides a grant to elderly or disabled Karuk Tribal members that meet the

criteria of extremely low income and reside within the KTHA formula service area (Humboldt/Siskiyou County). Applicant must own the land the home is being placed on or be able to obtain a long term lease. Applicants home must be in substandard condition and deemed eligible for replacement by KTHA Construction Manager or inspector.

Student Rent Voucher Program–

This program provides rental assistance for eligible low-income students while attending college or vocational school full-time. Assistance will be provided to low-income Native American residents of KTHA and non-resident Karuk Tribal members. The student rent voucher program provides rental assistance with a maximum of up to \$4,000.00 per student per school year. This program is offered as long as funds are available, there will be no exceptions.

Karuk Tribe Housing Authority Waiting List Applicants –

If you have applied for any of the KTHA housing programs, please be sure that your application is updated with any changes. It is very important that you keep your application updated at all times, especially your contact information. To check the status of your application, please contact Ashlee King, Admission/Loan Specialist (530) 493-5434 ext: 108.

Other KTHA programs that will be implemented in the future are the following; Down Payment Assistance, Temporary Shelter homes (6 month rentals), Emergency Shelter assistance and a Domestic Violence Transitional Home. All the current programs provided by KTHA are consolidated into one KTHA application. If you would like more information on any of our Housing Programs please feel free to contact Ashlee King, Admission/Loan Specialist at (530) 493-5434 ext: 108. 🏠



Elder Home in Orleans

Former Councilmember Florence Conrad Honored at Barbecue



Florence Conrad resigned from her seat as the Orleans District Member at Large position for the Tribal Council on January 12, 2012.



Editor's Note:
It is with tremendous sorrow that we report, Florence Conrad, passed away on Sunday, March 4, 2012 at her home in Somes Bar. A full obituary will be included in the next Edition.

On Monday, February 6, 2012 friends, family, and co-workers gathered together to show their appreciation for her service as a Council, Board, and Committee Member for the Karuk Tribe during the past 8 years. Chairman Attebery presented a plaque on behalf of the Tribal Council thanking Florence for her years of service.

With Appreciation
to Florence Conrad

for your dedication and commitment to serving the membership & communities of the Karuk Tribe as a Council, Board, and Committee Member.

November 2003-January 2012



16th Annual



Tribal Reunion
August 25, 2012 - Happy Camp



Grant Department Update

Jaclyn Goodwin, Grantwriter

Ayukii!!

The projects we are currently working on include:

- **Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs-Native American Business Development Institute**—We were funded for a proposal in the amount of \$43,838 to complete a tribal-wide reservation economic development plan! We have received several responses to our Request for Proposals for consultants to assist us with this project. We will be holding a planning meeting in April and hope to have a final report by August 2012. Once we complete this analysis we can submit funding for an actual feasibility/marketing study to see how we would implement a new economic development project.
- **IMLS Library Enhancement Grant**—A proposal in support of the Karuk People's Center Library. In 2010 we were awarded a 2-year \$145,165 grant that has significantly improved our Library operations in Happy Camp and Orleans. This year we are focusing our project on Professional Development, but we are still in the planning process so we may modify the project based on feedback. This opportunity is due May 1st, 2012.
- **Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation**— this funding opportunity has been released with a combination of "Purpose Areas" including Public Safety and Community Policing, Comprehensive Planning Demonstration project, Justice Systems, and Alcohol Substance Abuse, Corrections and Correctional Alternatives, Violence Against Women, Victims of Crime, Juvenile Justice, and Tribal Youth Program. We will be developing projects for many of the areas. This opportunity is due April 18th, 2012.
- **On-Going Needs Assessment Surveys:** All Tribal Members & Descendants living in the service areas (Yreka, Happy Camp & Orleans) Fill out your Surveys at www.surveymonkey.com/s/karuk2011 !!

Grants submitted since the last newsletter include:

- **Housing and Urban Development for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program**— this year we submitted an application for a new Fitness Center/Gymnasium in the Yreka Tribal Housing Community.
- **Humboldt Area Foundation- Native Cultures Fund**—A proposal in support of the Karuk Basket Weaving classes for a grant in the amount of \$7,500. This would provide funding for basket weaving classes in Orleans and Happy Camp as well as material gathering field trips.
- **Administration for Native Americans-Language Revitalization—\$286,420**-Language Project to develop a 36-week Instructional Karuk Curriculum. This project would increase capacity within the Karuk Language Program and increase community support to encourage and strengthen the Karuk Language Learning Community.
- **U.S. Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education's Application for New Grants Under the Demonstration Grants for Indian Children Program**—this is a very competitive funding opportunity, providing the possibility for up to \$300,000 per year for 4 years. Our project would provide assistance to high school students, helping them continue on to college, and also develop some materials and resources for the Head Start Programs to help prepare 3 & 4 year old children for kindergarten.
- **IMLS Basic Library Services**—A proposal in support of the Karuk People's Center Library in the amount of \$7,000. This will provide funding for basic library services such as staffing and books.
- **NAGPRA Consultation/Documentation project**—Helene Rouvier would be working with the Autry National Center and their Karuk Collection with assistance from Karuk Cultural Experts to document items of interest to the Tribe with the ultimate goal of repatriating items so they can be viewed in the People's Center and loaned out for ceremonial use when appropriate.
- **HANC-California Wellness Foundation-Indigent Care Program**—an application to funds awarded to the Health Alliance of Northern California (HANC) to support delivery of Health Care for Indigent Consumers (the uninsured population).



If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to call the Grants Office at (530) 493-1600 ext. 2021 or e-mail me at jaclyngoodwin@karuk.us. I would love to hear your ideas or suggestions for funding opportunities or potential projects. Yôotva! 



Karuk Tribe

Karuk Tribal TANF Program

Mission Statement

To preserve and strengthen the children and families of the Karuk Tribe and other Native American Tribes through an effective social welfare system that empowers individuals and families to work toward and achieve self-sufficiency, sobriety, and to become loving responsible parents in a culturally relevant way.

The Karuk Tribe can only provide TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) services and assistance to eligible needy Karuk tribal members and their descendants, eligible needy federally recognized Indians, eligible needy Alaska Natives, and eligible needy individuals on the California judgment roll, and their children who reside within the approved service area of Siskiyou County. KTTP services and assistance will be provided to eligible needy Karuk tribal members and their descendants who reside within the approved service area of the northeastern corner of Humboldt County.

Yreka Office

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Happy Camp Office

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Happy Camp, CA
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Fax (530) 493-2230

Orleans Office

39051 Highway 96
Orleans, CA 95556
(530) 627-3680
Fax (530) 627-3459



Yreka Office Staff:

Michelle Kerr, *Family Services Specialist*

Melinda Haxby, *Family Services Specialist Assistant*

Janelle Jackson Reed, *Family Services Specialist Assistant*

REL Bailey, *Receptionist*

Yreka Site Hours

Monday – Friday 8-12 and 1-5,
after 3 by appointment only.



Happy Camp Office Staff:

Daniel Pratt, *Director*
Alphonso Colegrove, *Program Development Manager*

Cecilia Arwood, *Fiscal Technician,*

Elsa Goodwin, *Administrative Assistant*

Lisa Aubrey, *Family Services Specialist.*



Orleans Office Staff:

Clarence Hostler, *Family Services Specialist*

Irene Miranda, *Family Service Specialist Assistant*



Clarence Hostler is currently providing AOD Classes to all three areas.

Starting in November the Yreka TANF site started taking applications for Quartz Valley tribal members. We also have started conducting cultural classes lead by Corina Alexander.

In the next few months the Yreka TANF office will be relocating to a new site.

For more information please contact Michelle Kerr at (530) 842-4775.

People's Center News and Review



Whitney, working with consultant Ben Brown to construct basket supports

W elcome to Whitney Furness, our new collections management trainee. Whitney is working on the museum collection, researching donor and lender information, cleaning baskets, taking copious notes and measurements, and entering the information into our museum software program. She is also constructing archival display and storage mounts which will help extend the life of our more fragile objects. This position is funded through an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant.

The People's Center is also working with museums to repatriate Karuk materials under provisions of the Native Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990. This legislation requires museums that have received Federal funding since enactment to consult with tribes to return sensitive cultural materials – human remains, funerary items, sacred items, and items of cultural patrimony. However many items have been contaminated with hazardous pesticides, so we need to ensure that what we receive is safe.

The two branches of the Karuk library (Panamnik in Orleans and People's Center in Happy Camp) welcome the community to look through our collection. You can also access the catalog online – there is a link on the Karuk website. Signing up for a library patron card is easy, and allows you to check out books, videos, and other materials. We also provide interlibrary loans between branches. You can use our non-circulating items to help in your research. Students are encouraged to contact librarians Ashley Myers in Orleans and Yukon Sakota in Happy Camp for help with your school or personal project. Our collection focuses on Karuk, regional, Native literature, and young readers sections. If you have suggestions for materials to expand these areas, please let us know.

A few of our recent acquisitions are:

- ▶ California's Ancient Past: From the Pacific to the Range of Light
- ▶ Sovereign Erotics: A Collection of Two-Spirit Literature
- ▶ White Man's Water: The Politics of Sobriety in a Native American Community
- ▶ Walking the Clouds: An Anthology of Indigenous Science Fiction
- ▶ Native American Jewelry and Adornment of Northwest California
- ▶ Canoe Way: The Sacred Journey (DVD)
- ▶ The Humboldt Historical Society has shared a recording of an interview with Karuk linguist Bill Bright.



Hélène Rouvier, People's Center Coordinator

This will be a non-circulating item, but is a fascinating glimpse into his early experiences on the River.

The People's Center Gift Shop has an extensive selection of locally crafted jewelry, books and videos, clothing, and Pendleton items. We also carry Karuk flags, fine baskets, drums, and regalia. Please stop by to browse. If you are interested in becoming a vendor contact us at 530-493-1600.

Spring Basketweavers Gathering is April 20-22. Please check the Karuk website for more information and to download a registration form, or stop by the People's Center in Happy Camp. If you are interested in helping with the activities, please contact us at hrouvier@karuk.us or 530-493-1600 ext 2202.



The People's Center has archives of photographs without information on the people, places, and dates. We hope to learn more about these images from the Karuk community. Please let us know if you can help with these photos shared by the Noble family, by contacting 530-493-1600 ext 2202.



Trinket Basket by Karuk basketweaver Deanna Dobbs.
Left: Trinket Basket in progress...
Below: The same Trinket Basket, finished.



Education Department Update

Ducayne Arwood, Karuk Tribe Education Coordinator

A yukii,

The Education Department has had a lot of exciting projects. Some already have begun and some will be starting in the next couple of weeks. Here are a few of the opportunities coming up. In the middle of March I am starting a mentorship program. I will need some adults who have time to help our youth out by being a good mentor. This program will be operating in Yreka and Happy Camp. It is open to any Native American ages 10 – 14. Please feel free to get an application if you have a child that is nine and up to 15 years old. 10 – 14 is our target age group however this is such an awesome opportunity that if we do not have enough students in our target group I will open it up to the nine year olds and 15 year olds. We will be meeting once a month to have dinner which will be provided and do some kind of activity to continue helping our children learn about education. An application will be at the Education Center in Yreka and the Computer Center in Happy Camp. You can also contact me to get an application. They will be available March 15, 2012.

The Education Center in Yreka is off to a fantastic start. The KT Education Department has one tutor located inside the Ed Center to help our students get their homework completed. Stop by and see what hours the tutor is there so your child can get additional help with their homework. I am looking for a location close to KTHA housing in Happy Camp and Orleans to start a similar tutoring program started in those areas as well. If you have any ideas please contact me so we can make this happen.



Education Center, Yreka

I have had the opportunity to run a Karuk Culture and Language class in Happy Camp High School. David Arwood has been the primary instructor for this class and I have been assisting. The students at HCHS have come a long way learning about some of the history, culture and language. Most of the students that attend regularly can count to ten in Karuk and some can even count to a hundred. I would like to thank David for putting in his own time volunteering to make this class possible for our students in HCHS. If anyone would be interested in presenting any part of the culture, language or history please contact me so we can set up a day you can present. This would be on a volunteer basis.

In Yreka High School I have recently started a Native American Arts class. We meet twice a month on Mondays during lunch. The students are learning how to bead necklaces, make eel baskets, and hopefully in the spring we will be able to go do a little gathering. Florraine Super has been attending every class and has been a valuable asset in getting our students jump started in the Arts field. Yootva (Thank you) Florraine for all you do for our youth. 🏹

Ducayne Arwood
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Third Annual Happy Camp Community Easter Celebration Coming April 8th!



Where: Happy Camp River Park
When: April 8th, 2012
Time: 11:00 AM

There will be a free raffle for children. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

To buy tickets contact Nell Sakota at 493-2919 or email her at nsakota@karuk.us

For more information, call Nell Sakota: (530) 493-2919



Department of Natural Resources Environmental Education Program

Jeanette Quinn, Environmental Education Coordinator

Fall Salmon Surveys & Fish Biology. Orleans Elementary 6th-8th grade students completed their survey season in mid-November 2011. We recorded a record number of live Chinook salmon, 292, in Camp Creek on the last day. We had counted 279 live salmon the previous week, so it was a really good run for Camp Creek last year. Due to rain in mid-November, Happy Camp Elementary 7th-8th grade students completed surveys the first week of November.

In mid-January I assisted Mid Klamath Watershed Council (MKWC) personnel with fish dissection lessons at Junction Elementary School. I loaned the Environmental Education Program's dissection kits for 1st-8th grade students to use, helped answer questions and took photographs.

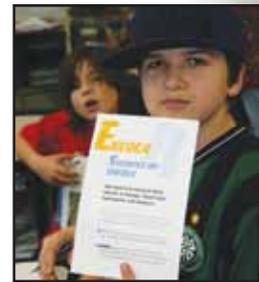
Native Plants & Ethnobotany Studies. I assisted MKWC with a field trip for Glenn Rickel's 7th/8th grade class from Happy Camp Elementary in December. The students helped with one of MKWC's Seiad Creek Off-Channel Pond Projects. The site had been recently restored after flooding destroyed coho-rearing habitat along Seiad Creek. Students planted native trees (cottonwood, alder, dogwood, ash, maple, and willow) around an off-channel pond in order to help stabilize soil and enhance habitat for juvenile coho, other juvenile fish, as well as birds, amphibians and mammals.

I taught a tree cookie lesson in Andie Crosby's 1st-3rd grade class at Junction Elementary one day the first week of February 2012. Tree cookies are cross sections cut from a tree's trunk after it falls; the sections are round, hence the name, "cookie". I showed a PowerPoint presentation to teach students the anatomy of a tree trunk (bark, inner bark, cambium, xylem, phloem, sapwood, heartwood) and how to count annual growth rings to determine the tree's age. They also learned that scientists study tree cookies and increment bores (thin core samples taken from inside the trees) to learn about climate and environmental influences during the life of the tree. Erin Rentz, Botanist at the Happy Camp Ranger District, loaned a giant tree cookie from an incense cedar estimated to be 792 years old and some increment bore samples for the



students to look at. Students also looked at other wood samples that their teacher and I provided.

Climate Studies, Global Warming & Energy Awareness. The beginning of February 2012 I taught a lesson on Energy Awareness in Kim Hyde's 6th-8th grade class at Orleans Elementary and in Karen Cole's 4th-8th grade class at Junction Elementary. I used curriculum provided by PG&E to schools. The curriculum, Energenius Educational Program: Light Right, focuses on the connections between the use of energy, natural resources and the quality of the environment, and meets California Content Standards for Science. This first lesson, The Three E's: Energy, Electricity, and the Environment, was an excellent way to start students thinking about how individual decisions and daily actions affect the Earth's limited natural resources. After I presented a short PowerPoint slideshow to introduce the topic, students joined groups to work on mini research projects on energy, electricity and the environment. Each group then reported their findings to the class.



For more information about the Environmental Education Program, e-mail Jeanette Quinn at jquinn@karuk.us, or call 530-627-3446. 



Karuk Tribe Head Start News

Patty Brown, Executive Director



Yreka Head Start

The Karuk Head Start is at full enrollment in both Happy Camp and Yreka. The program staff at both centers continue to work hard and teaching staff are providing wonderful activities, school readiness, and learning opportunities for all the children.

Learning Karuk language and culture continues to be a challenge with consistency in each community and we welcome Tribal members to visit and share their expertise with the children and staff. We are lucky to have Franklin Thom share his knowledge about language and culture. The teaching staff use Karuk words and short phrases in meaningful ways through daily routine and the children practice the words they know every day.

We will be focusing on School Readiness for the four year olds. Tia and Elke from the Happy Camp center, along with Marlene from the Yreka center attended a "Handwriting without Tears"

workshop and learned a lot about how to teach young children writing skills. Happy Camp held a parent night to introduce this curriculum and is actively implementing this in the classroom. Marlene will be introducing this to the Yreka staff and families in early spring.

Teachers and assistants are enrolled in College courses to achieve their AA in Early Childhood as well as participating and attending relevant workshops and conferences as it pertains to Head Start children and families. We continue to pursue excellence!

The Yreka computer center is now housed in the former Karuk Head Start building and Scott Nelson is working on ways to support both the children and families in our program. The four year old class in Yreka will be going to the computer center for an introduction to computers, and learning how to navigate. Scott has already identified age appropriate learning programs for the children to access.

Our Parent Lending Library is shaping up nicely and we have a system that is being developed for families to check out materials. We are hoping to have this available by mid-March.

We have an active Policy Council, and interested parents who provide input and support on how effective our program is to our children and families. We value and appreciate their perspective and commitment to our program.

Even though we are at full enrollment at both centers, we will begin to accept applications for eligible children (3 years old by November 2) for the 2012-2013 school years. This is a change from the December 2 date, as we are aligned with the State of California age eligibility requirement for kindergarten. Applications are available at Karuk Head Start centers, Karuk Tribe clinics, and Happy Camp Administration Office. Completed applications can be returned to the Happy Camp Head Start at 632 Jacobs Way, Happy Camp CA. 96039.

Yootva, Patty Brown
Karuk Head Start Executive Director



Happy Camp Head Start

Thank You For Your Generosity!

The following business and individuals gave generously to our 2011 Community Christmas Party. Your community support made it possible for our children to have a wonderful raffle!

Karuk Tribal TERO
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Forest Lodge

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Napa
Seiad Valley Café
Marble Mountain Gift Shop
Daniel Goodwin

Thank you for your donations!



Bulletin from Pikyav

Tanya Busby, Program Coordinator

Teen Dating Violence (DV) Prevention and Awareness Month is a national effort to raise awareness about abuse in teen and 20-something relationships and promote programs that prevent it during the month of February.

The repercussions of teen dating violence are impossible to ignore – they hurt not just the young people victimized but also their families, friends, schools and communities. Throughout February, organizations and individuals nationwide are coming together to highlight the need to educate young people about relationships, teach healthy relationship skills and prevent the devastating cycle of abuse.



The History of Teen DV Month

For years, young people across the nation have organized to put a stop to dating abuse. With their adult allies, they achieved a major victory in 2005 when the importance of addressing teen dating abuse was highlighted in the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

The following year, Congress followed the lead of dozens of national, state and local organizations in sounding the call to end dating abuse. Both Chambers declared the first full week in February “National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Week.” Then in 2010, Congress began dedicating the entire month of February to teen dating violence awareness and prevention.

Now in its third year, Teen DV Month is celebrated by leaders in government, student bodies, schools, youth service providers, community-based organizations, parents and more. Join us in promoting awareness of and preventing dating abuse.

Activities Karuk Pikyav Program has planned in collaboration with Northern California Tribal Court Coalition, Inter Tribal Council of California and the Karuk Youth Council for the month of February

February 17, 2012

Outreach education on Healthy Relationships and bringing awareness to Teen Dating and Violence Awareness at Yreka Discovery High School and Happy Camp High School.

February 18, 2012

Outreach and education at the Karuk Youth Council Sponsored Basketball Tournament in Montague, CA. 

Health News

Vickie Simmons, Clinical Operations Administrator

According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) flu activity is on the rise. It is not too late to receive your flu shot. If you are 6 months old or older and have not yet received your shot, please consider making an appointment today.

The following article was written by Susan Ducore, BSN, RN, MSN, Area Nurse Consultant/Immunization Coordinator, Indian Health Service, CA Area Office

Choosing to Immunize

Parents and guardians must make important decisions concerning the care of their children or those for whom they are responsible. One such decision is whether or not to immunize their children. Children who are not immunized have an elevated risk for catching a vaccine-preventable disease and of infecting others, some of whom may be at high risk for complications. Children who are not immunized may also be excluded from school or childcare.

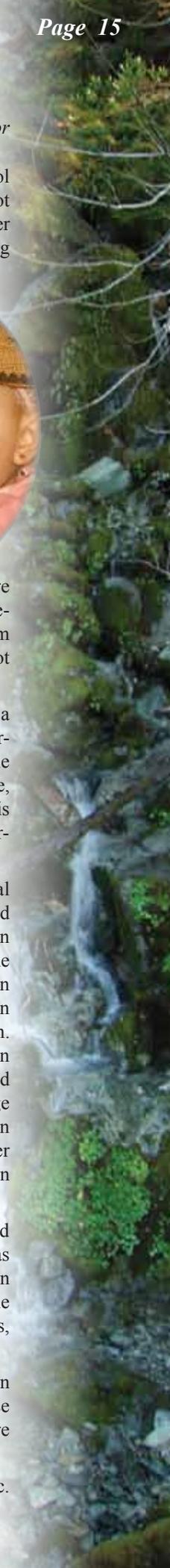
Vaccine “hesitancy” on the part of parents has led to a growing number of children and adolescents who are under-immunized and not fully protected from vaccine-preventable diseases. Recent disease outbreaks in California and elsewhere, of contagious and deadly diseases such as measles and pertussis (whooping cough), have led to growing concern for under-immunization.

To protect people from dangerous and often fatal diseases, vaccines were developed. Vaccines are safe and effective, and are currently recommended as the best protection available against vaccine-preventable diseases. Though some of the vaccines protect against diseases that we have not seen in a while, it is important to continue to immunize children since there are still strains of these diseases in circulation. Some vaccine-preventable diseases affect American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people at a higher rate compared to other populations. AI/AN children through 18 years of age can obtain vaccines at no cost through the Vaccines for Children Program (VCF) so consider asking if your healthcare provider is a VCF participating provider. Most tribal and urban Indian healthcare programs sponsor a VCF.

Being a responsible parent means making well-informed choices that consider consequences for your child as well as others around them. As a parent or guardian, your vaccination decision affects not only the health of your child, but also the health of your family, your child’s friends and their families, and your community.

For professional medical advice related to immunization practices pertaining to you or others under your care, please talk with your medical provider or other qualified healthcare professional.

For additional information, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>. 



Congratulations!

Chris & Veronique Kelner

Donna Goodwin-Sanchez and Juan Sanchez of Happy Camp are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Veronique Lynn to Christopher Warner Kelner on January 27, 2012. Christopher is the son of De and Bob Kelner of Seiad Valley.



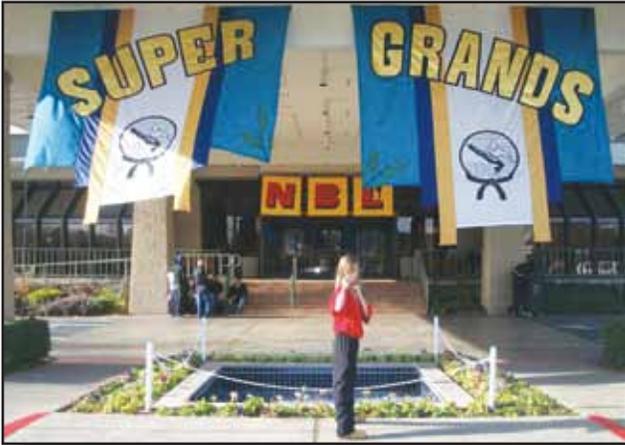
Amanda Lang Graduates to Fortuna High with 4.0 GPA

Congratulations to Amanda Rose Lang who graduated into Fortuna High with a 4.0 GPA and perfect attendance.

We, your family, congratulate you on your “fine basketball lay-ups,” as she plays basketball for Fortuna High. She received an award for her kindness to others, only two students were chosen for this award from Toddy Thomas at her graduation. Continue to represent your people! We are proud! Love Mom (La Vien Lang).

Photo: Amanda receiving her award for kindness to others at the graduation ceremony.

Tiffany Arwood Wins Advanced Division in Super Grands Sport Karate World Games



I wanted to take this time and thank you for all your help getting me to Super Grands. I got to go to Sacramento for a week and competed eight times with four different girls. I won my advanced division and lost my black belt division.

In my advanced division I fought two girls and had three fights. They were all a 10-point spread. I fought the same girl twice because it was double elimination for the world title. I won both of the fights.

In my black belt division I fought two girls.

I fought one girl three times because it was double elimination and we both won once and so we had to fight again and I won. In that fight I walked away with four bloody noses. The second girl I fought I lost to by one point.

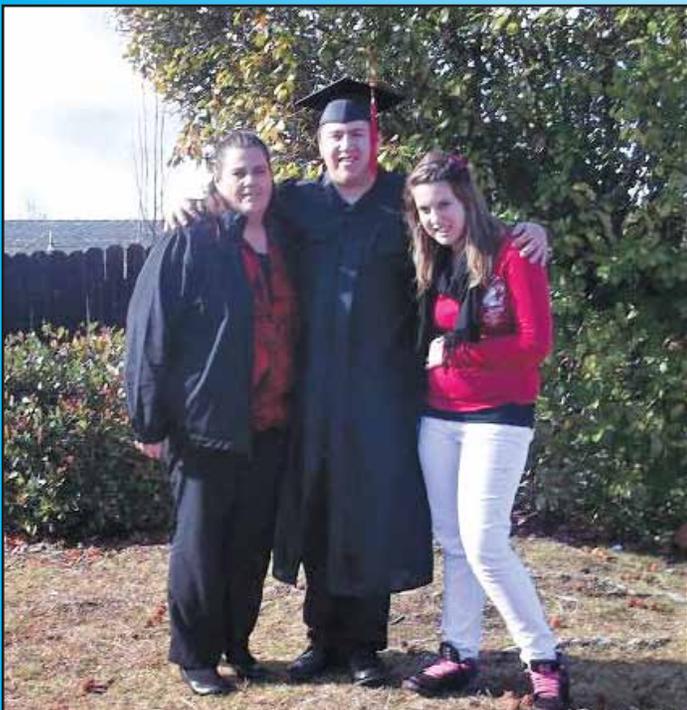
Thank you again for helping me get to Super Grands. I had so much fun! Thank you so much for all you did for me. **Tiffany Arwood** 🏆



Tiffany Arwood

Super Grands is a National Black Belt League World Championship and Amateur International competition. Every year, Super Grands is held in a different city. This year it was held in Sacramento, CA on December 27-31, 2011. Tiffany Arwood is the daughter of Heidi and Duwayne Arwood of Yreka, CA.

Chip Raymond Thom Graduates from Simpson University



Tribal Member Chip Raymond Thom graduated from Simpson University in Redding, CA, on January 21, 2012 with his BA in business.

Chip is the son of Daniel Thom, Sr. and Suzie Cost. We are very proud of you son.

*Submitted by proud momma,
Suzie Cost*

Pictured: Suzie Cost, Chip Thom and his sister Breanna Willems

Coyote Hunts the Sun

Waylon Lenk (Karuk), an MFA candidate in dramaturgy at Stony Brook University in New York, produced a draft of his new play, "Coyote Hunts the Sun," on November 11th and 12th.

"Coyote Hunts the Sun" is a dramatization of a classic Karuk and Yurok story in which the title character crosses the continent in pursuit of the sun. Lenk chose this story to dramatize for his MFA project because of how it ties together his ancestral homeland in northwest California and his current home on Long Island. He has been working on the script for over a year, and in October he assembled a group of local theater artists to help put up the play. Stony Brook audiences responded positively to it, and gave him excellent feedback in the talk-backs after both performances. He looks forward to rewriting it, and putting it up on the West Coast for his own people. 



Waylon Lenk

In Loving Memory...

Brayton Eric Lester
June 30, 2008 - August 28, 2011

Brayton Eric Lester was born June 30th 2008 and passed away at UCSF Children's Hospital on August 28th 2011 after a long, hard fight to survive due to complications related to a birth defect - Tracheoesophageal Fistula and Atresia. Although he faced many hardships, the 3 years he spent with us on earth were full of love. Brayton always had a smile on his face and was an inspiration to us all. He will forever be in our hearts.

Brayton is survived by his mother and father, Aimee and Rick Lester, his sisters- Destiny Wilwerding and Nikiya Lester, his aunts and uncles, Brittany Phillips, Ashley James, Brittne Denison, Cheyenne Blossomgame, Larissa Kesner, Colette Stolberg, Kat Avenmarg, and Salina Useton, Trystan Byrd, Donald Lester, Tyrel Brannon, Colin Brannon and Carl Blossomgame. He is further survived by his grandparents and great grandparents, Dawna Phillips, Deborah Aubrey, Sunnybuck Aubrey, Darin Clark, Maggie Clark, Bree Nielson, Kathryn Clark, David Schwabel and Jesse Brannon.

A celebration of Brayton's life was held on October 2nd at Arrington Apples in Eureka, CA.

Thank you for all of your love and support. 



Low Income Assistance Programs (LIAP)

1.800.505.2785 or 530.493.1600 Ext. 2025 - Robert Attebery LIAP Administrator
Apply Now for the Low Income Assistance Programs!!!!!!

Community Services and Development (CSD):

This program provides assistance for low income families with food, shelter, transportation, health and safety issues. The applicant must reside in the service area, be income eligible and a Karuk Tribal member or descendant. For those of you that live outside of the service area try www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/index.htm or www.csd.ca.gov/providers.html

- For those of you who live outside of the service area try The National Energy Assistance Referral program (NEAR) at 1-866-674-6327 or www.energynear.org The LIHEAP programs administered by tribes at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/tribal.htm or administered by States at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/states.htm. For Oregon residents you can contact www.oregonheat.org for social service agencies and utilities working to keep the homes of low income Oregonians warm and safe.

ATTENTION!!!!!!

Apply for the CARE program offered by PP&L and PG&E. This program gives a discount on your utility bill. If you need an application please call and request the CARE application be sent to you. Let's save on energy and our budgets.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs (BIA):

Each applicant will have to apply concurrently for financial assistance from other federal, state, county, tribal or local agency in the service area. An applicant must not receive any comparable public assistance.

For information or assistance, call Robert Attebery at 800-505-2785 or (530) 493-1600 ext. 2025

General Assistance:

This program provides low income families with food and/or clothing, shelter, burial and emergency assistance (burn out, flood, destruction of home). The applicant must reside in the service area and be an enrolled Federally Recognized Tribal Member. Benefits will be adjusted depending on income received.

Adult Services:

Adult care assistance provides non-medical care for eligible adult Indians. The providers must be certified or licensed. Background checks are required.

Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

This program provides energy assistance to eligible enrolled Karuk Tribal households with electricity, propane, wood and minimal weatherization. The applicant must reside in the service area.

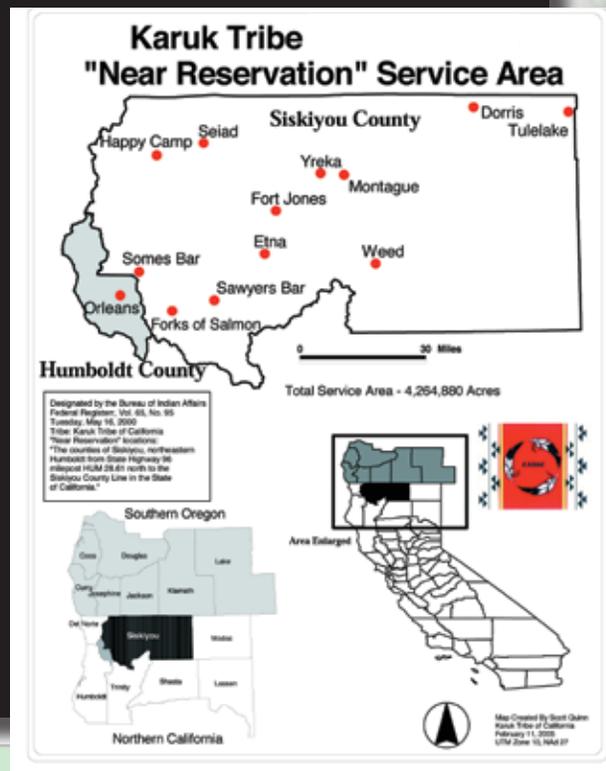
GAWEP - General Assistance Work Experience Program

This program helps enrolled Federal Recognized Tribal members who reside in the Tribe's Service Area to become more employable while receiving an incentive payment not to exceed \$284 a month. Applicants can not receive public comparable assistance. (SS, SSI, VA, Disability, TANF, GA, etc...)

FRAUD?

With regards to the Low Income Assistance Program, to report any type of fraud by vendors or otherwise, please notify this office immediately at (530) 493-1600 ext 2025

KARUK TRIBE Service Area



Housing Improvement Assistance

We are looking for Housing Improvement Program (HIP) applicants. To be eligible for a new home or home repairs you have to be a Tribal member and also own the land that the application is being submitted for. Other eligibility criteria include income, age and whether you are or have disabled household members.

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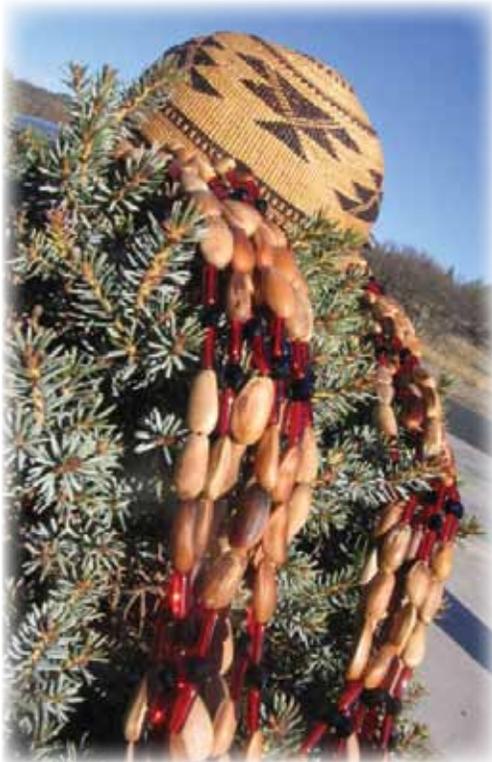
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