

Native Youth Enjoy A Summer of Learning, Cultural Experiences – and Fun

By Karin Giron, Education Coordinator, SCTCA TANF Escondido

Over the summer students from Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) TANF in Escondido, San Diego, Manzanita and Pala participated in a series of activities in conjunction with the Native Youth Success Program (NYSP) Summer Program.

SCTCA's TANF Youth Summer Program provided students ages 13-18 the opportunity to participate in various activities focused on academics, culture, and prevention services: American Indian Recruitment's Summer Program; Southern Indian Health Council Inc. Youth Conference; American Indian Chamber of Commerce Youth Expo and Native Hire Youth Workshops.

The American Indian Recruitment's (AIR) Summer Program consisted of ten sessions that spanned all of July. AIR's theme was "Indigenous Symbols in Stories and Art," which highlighted Native symbols as empowering entities presented through stories and art. The youth explored existing symbols from local Native communities and learned the importance of preserving sites that contain them. In addition, they learned about the laws in place that protect Native artistry and the crafts that contain these symbolic images. Throughout summer, students were guided through creative writing assignment which allowed them to develop a story around a symbol or characters they created. During the writing exercises, they were encouraged to draw inspiration from their home communities. "Amanda the Mouse" by Juliana Luna, Quechan



Tribe, was a short story created by one of the TANF youth during AIR's summer program (see pages 4 and 5.)

Students also learned how to attain a college degree. Topics covered ranged from A-G requirements, application process, financial aid application process, college classes available to high school students and network opportunities. Campus visits to San Diego State University conducted on a weekly basis. Higher education was a reoccurring theme because of the impact education can have on student aspirations, careers, lifestyles and tribal communities.

The youth also participated in a series of cultural activities and met with community members. This experience was very valuable, especially to the urban TANF youth who don't usually participate in cultural

activities. This year's cultural activities included visiting ancestral Kumeyaay Villages at La Jolla Shores and Poway, grinding acorns, playing the Kumeyaay Stick game and creating native art (medicine wheels, shell necklaces, beading, and painting). The summer program also educated students about Native American communities and their struggles with many issues, such as water rights and loss of ancestral lands. Students were told that an educated individual can make a huge difference in tribal communities.

At Southern Indian Health Council Inc.'s Youth Conference, students heard from Native rapper Red Cloud, who spoke about

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In the Summer Sunshine, It's Back to School in San Diego

By Gary Taylor, Reporting for SCTCA TANF

It was a hot August day when dozens of children, parents, guardians and tribal members gathered for Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) Back to School Orientation in La Mesa.

More than 125 people attended the annual event, which included workshops, presentations and student academic and attendance awards. Students also received new backpacks for the upcoming school year.

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"The Back to School event was very successful," said Paul Miranda, Site Manager at San Diego TANF. "TANF was able to provide school supplies for various age groups to many children that needed those supplies to further their own education. Several children were also recognized for their scholastic achievements and a Dreamcatcher handmade by TANF staff."

Miranda added that "back to school was filled with lots of singing, dancing, recognition, learning and teaching. The event aspired to be like the culture of old while preparing our youth for a modern world. It was a very good day."

During the orientation, students of various ages attended Zumba dance sessions while high school students discussed cultural traditions and educational opportunities in college. Children who were too young to attend school played outside in the sunshine with TANF staff members, creating crafts and coloring vivid pictures. Inside, TANF participants were listening to a brief presentation by San Diego TANF Education Coordinator Michael Cervantes. He spoke about the rules and requirements for student school attendance, grade incentives and various educational issues.

"We all want our children to succeed," Cervantes said. "Each student who is in school is capable of achieving so many things – but they have to be there, every day."

Near the end of the event, Miranda and his staff presented student achievement awards. Dreamcatchers and framed certificates were given to the students. As the childrens' names were called, they bounded up to the front of the room, accepted their awards and then rushed back to their family members for congratulations.



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"What a blessing it is to be able to put on this event for the participants and to recognize the students who have excelled in the previous school year," said Heather Sepulveda, Manzanita TANF Site Manager.



Tribal Gathering Is A Tradition At Santa Ysabel



The Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel held its traditional Gathering in early August.

The day-long event on the grounds of Mission Santa Ysabel drew more than 400 people, including tribal members, elders and children.

The night before the Gathering tribal members helped with a deep-pit barbecue. The early morning brought men and women softball teams from several reservations. The teams played games throughout the day and concluded the tournament as the sun set.

More than a hundred t-shirts commemorating the event were given out. In the evening, visitors were served dinners that included meat from the barbecue, hand-made tortillas, beans and salsa. Several vendors also sold Indian fry bread and Indian tacos.

Throughout the afternoon and evening, Bird singers sang the songs of the Kumeyaay and Luiseno as young men and women danced while tribal elders looked on. The songs and the traditional Peon games continued through the night and lasted until sunrise. 🖤



- GARY TAYLOR

Rome



Pope Francis is coming to America in late September, his first visit to the United States since becoming the Bishop of Rome. He will spend nearly a week on the East Coast, including trips to Philadelphia, Washington and New York.

The Holy Father will not visit California, but he is expected to beatify Junipero Serra, a Spanish Franciscan missionary, during his trip to the United States. This is the first step toward elevating Serra to sainthood. The Franciscan is celebrated as the founder of the Catholic Church on the West Coast, but he's also derided by critics as the "Columbus of California" for his role in decimating the Native population, according to *Crux*, a Catholic online site.

In an unprecedented acknowledgment of this criticism, Pope Francis issued an apology in July to Native Americans.

"Some may rightly say, 'When the pope speaks of colonialism, he overlooks certain actions of the church,'" the Pope said, according to *The New York Times*. "I say this to you with regret: Many grave sins were committed against the Native people of America in the name of God."

He didn't stop there.

"I humbly ask forgiveness, not only for the offense of the church herself, but also for crimes committed against the Native peoples during the so-called conquest of America," the *Times* reported.

He continued.

"I say this to you with regret: Many grave sins were committed against the Native peoples of America in the name of God. Like Saint John Paul II, I ask that the Church 'kneel before God and implore forgiveness for the past and present sins of her sons and daughters.'"

Pope Francis' apology also included praise for the many bishops, priests, and laity who dedicated their lives work to promoting the human person, "often standing alongside the Native peoples or accompanying their popular movements even to the point of martyrdom."

He said, too, that "thousands of priests" had "strongly opposed the logic of the sword with the power of the cross. But where there was sin, and there was plenty of sin, there was also abundant grace increased by the men who defended indigenous peoples."

Pope Francis will not visit California during his American trip. But he has already made the state, the Catholic Church and its history part of it, from the beatification of Father Serra to an apology for crimes committed against Native Americans. 🖤

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his experiences in growing up in Los Angeles. His detailed account of how he left the gang life to focus on his rapping really touched home with some of the youth. One urban student stated the rapper was relatable and “understood the struggle.” More importantly, Red Cloud said his interest in rapping was fueled through education: he explained the need to expand his vocabulary, understand language arts and grammar, explore poetry syntax and read famous poets (Frost, Whitman, Keats, Poe, Silverstein). He explained the importance of education in his career aspirations.

Overall, it was a successful Summer Program with educational and cultural activities – and fun.

The SCTCA TANF Youth Summer Program was a collaborative effort from organizations including the American Indian Recruitment Program (AIR), San Diego State University, Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center, American Indian Chamber of Commerce, Southern Indian Health Council Inc. and Native Hire.



Experiences – and Fun



Amanda the Mouse

By Juliana Luna

Editor's Note: This story was written by Juliana during this summer's Native Youth Summer Program at San Diego State University.



It was a dark and quiet night for the little mouse Amanda as she was putting herself to sleep. She was restless throughout the night because she was having nightmares.

In the morning, Amanda went straight to Jeremiah the wolf, the chief of the village. Amanda had explained her sleeping problems to Chief Miah. The chief had an idea for Amanda. He had told her to go to her friends and ask if they had any remedies to help cure her bad dreams.

So, Amanda went to her first friend, Danika the squirrel. Danika, being a squirrel, gave the mouse an acorn. She told Amanda to put it under her pillow when she goes to sleep at night and it would help her. That night Amanda did as she was told, but the acorn was bumpy under her pillow and it only made her even more restless.

So, the next day Amanda went to her other friend, Tristin, the shrew. The shrew had given the mouse a mushroom to warn up on a fire and eat it. After she eats it, Tristan said it will help her with her sleeping. Again that night Amanda did as she was told. Then again, the remedy failed. Not only was she restless, Amanda had a sore throat now, too.

The next day Amanda went to her last friend, Trevor the fox. The fox had an old bone that he gave to the mouse. Trevor told Amanda to put the bone under her bed and it would help take away her bad dreams. That night Amanda did what Trevor told her to do, then she went to sleep. Amanda was still restless and she couldn't believe now how bad the bone made her burrow smell. Poor little mouse Amanda thought she'd never cure her nightmares.

In the morning, Amanda went outside and she cried. She cried to the spirits asking for them to get rid of her bad dreams. Amanda continued to cry until she fell asleep. And she stayed sleeping all the way into the night time. All of a sudden she woke up. When Amanda woke up, she found something. She found a dreamcatcher and remembered her oldest friend, Kyla the owl. Kyla had gone home to the spirits many years ago. Amanda the mouse was very thankful, but a little ashamed she had forgotten her friend, Kyla the owl. Now, Amanda and all her friends know to go to the great spirits whenever they need help.



San Diego and Manzanita

Grade Point Average (GPA) Above 3.0:

Luke Clark	3.56	1st grade	Aiyana Prieto	3.01	4th grade
Aliyah Dominguez	3.82	6th grade	Lance Hanau	3.27	7th grade
Chloe Byrne	3.67	7th grade	Angelita Brieno	3.29	7th grade
Nichole Byrne	3.88	Junior	Athena Barrett	3.0	Senior
Theresa Espinoza	3.52	8th grade	Yumiko Cambridge	3.29	6th grade
Patrick Barrett	3.22	8th grade	Kalani Sablan	3.0	1st grade
Dylan Auclair	3.53	4th grade	Albert Guamtaotao	3.36	3rd grade
			Tionee Weber	3.4	8th grade





TANF Achievement Awards

Outstanding Attendance:

Cameron Hessens	98%	Freshman
Luke Clark	99%	1rst grade
Lil' Cristah Roque	97%	2nd grade
Mercades Brieno	100%	5th grade
Nichole Byrne	100%	Junior
Theresa Espinoza	100%	7th grade
David Navarrette	100%	2nd grade
Isaiah Pride	100%	6th grade
Isaak Jenkins	100%	5th grade
Irene Jenkins	100%	3rd grade
Lance Hanau	100%	7th grade
Randy Ballard	100%	2nd grade
De'Lon Osuigwe	96%	2nd grade

Most Improved Academic Achievement:

Tania Mascorro	4th grade
De'Lon Osuigwe	2nd grade
Randy Ballard	2nd grade
Sandra Mascorro	5th grade





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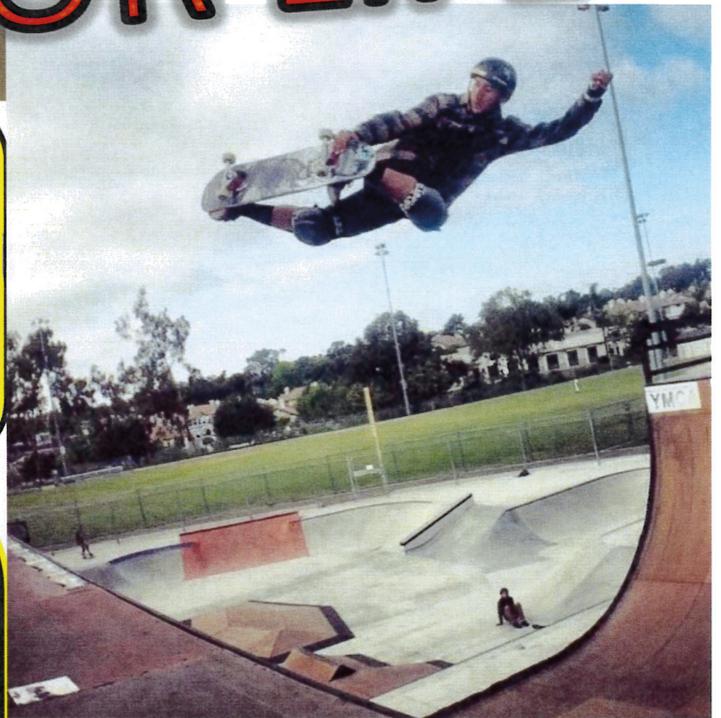
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Space #8 – Classroom 1 Classes:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DMV Preparation 10:45AM–12:45PM Laura Rizza	Life Skills 8:30AM–10:30AM Beth Moffat GROUP 1		Life Skills 8:30AM–10:30AM Beth Moffat GROUP 2	Tribal Culture 8:30AM–10:30AM Bonnie Salgado
	Culture Class 10:45AM–12:45PM Bonnie Salgado		Tribal Culture 10:45AM–12:45PM Bonnie Salgado	Indep. Tribal Culture 10:45AM–12:45PM
	Independent Culture 1PM–4PM		Indep. Tribal Culture 1PM–4PM	

Space #8 – Classroom 2 Classes:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	MATH TUTORIAL 9:45AM–12:45PM Monika
Diploma / GED 10:45AM–1:45PM Monika	Study Hall	Diploma / GED 10:45AM–1:45PM Monika	Study Hall	
Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	

Space #39 – Computer Lab Classes:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MICROSOFT Word 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda	MICROSOFT Word 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda	Intro to PC's 8:30AM–10:30AM Charles	MICROSOFT Word 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda	Keyboarding 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda
MICROSOFT Excel 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda	MICROSOFT Excel 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda	Intro to PC's 10:45AM–12:45PM Charles	MICROSOFT Excel 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda	Keyboarding 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda
Computers Lab 1PM–3PM Wanda 3PM–4PM Open Lab	Computers Lab 1PM–3PM Wanda 3PM–4PM Open Lab	Computers Lab 1PM–4PM OPEN LAB	Computers Lab 1PM–3PM Wanda 3PM–4PM Open Lab	Computer Class closed @ 12:45PM on Fridays

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ABE/GED 9AM–11AM	Life Skills/ What Color Is My Parachute 9AM–11AM	ABE/GED 9AM–11AM	Phillip Roy/ Welding 9AM–1:30PM	Spanish 9AM–11AM
Spanish 9AM–11AM		Spanish 9AM–11AM	Reading Horizons 9AM–11AM 11AM–1PM	Phillip Roy/ Clerical Office 9AM–11AM & 11:30AM–1:30PM
Phillip Roy/ Health Care 9AM–11AM	Life Skills/ Practical Life Skills 11:30AM–1:30PM	Math Refresher 9AM–11AM	Computer Skills (General) 11AM–2PM	Keyboarding 9AM–12PM
Keyboarding 9AM–12PM	Math Refresher 9AM–11AM	Keyboarding 8:30AM–12PM	Open Lab/Job Search /Applied Skills 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	Reading Horizons 11AM–1PM
Reading Horizons 9AM–10AM & 12PM–2PM	Open Lab/ Job Search/ Applied Skills 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	Reading Horizons 9AM–10AM		Open Lab/Job Search 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)
Applied Skill Practice (GED) 11:30AM–1:30PM		Computer Skills (GED Prep) 11:30AM–1:30PM		
Open Lab/Job Search /Applied Skills 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)		Open Lab/Job Search 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)		

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Parenting Training 9AM–4PM	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–3PM	Job Readiness 9AM–4PM	Parenting Training 9AM–4PM	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–3PM
Job Readiness 9AM–4PM	Job Readiness 9AM–4PM	Career Development 9AM–4PM	Job Readiness 9AM–4PM	Job Readiness 9AM–4PM
Career Development 9AM–4PM	Career Development 9AM–4PM	Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM	Career Development 9AM–4PM	Career Development 9AM–4PM
Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM	Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM	Counseling Services 9AM–4PM	Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM	Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM
Counseling Services 9AM–4PM	Counseling Services 9AM–4PM	Microsoft Computer Certification Training 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM	Counseling Services 9AM–4PM	Counseling Services 9AM–4PM
Microsoft Computer Certification Training 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM	Microsoft Computer Certification Training 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 10:30AM–5:30PM	Microsoft Computer Certification Training 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM	Structured Computer Lab 9AM–4PM
Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 1PM–6PM/BALLARD CENTER	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 1PM–6PM/BALLARD CENTER	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 1PM–6PM/BALLARD CENTER	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 11AM–4PM	
Pathways Lifeskills Training 9/14, 9/21, 9/28: NOON–1PM	Ready to Work Training 9/22: 12:30PM–1:30PM	Women's Circle 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30: NOON–2PM	Sacred Pipe TUPE Program (SDAIHYC) 9/3, 9/17: 4PM–6PM	
	Sacred Pipe TUPE Presentation 9/29: 10AM–11AM	Sacred Pipe TUPE Program 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30: 4PM–6PM	Coffee with the Director 9/17: NOON–1PM	
		Ready to Work Training 9/16: 12:30PM–1:30PM		

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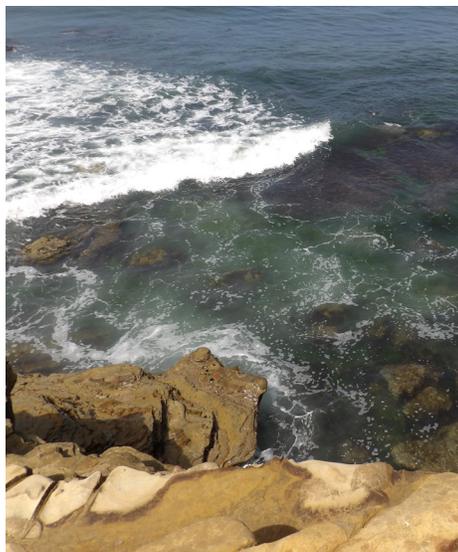
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Monday Office Hours: 8AM - 4:30PM	Career Building 9AM	Life Skills 9AM	Parenting 9AM	Friday Office Hours: 8AM - 4:30PM
	Open Lab/ Job Search 12:30PM-2PM	Open Lab/ Job Search 12:30PM-2PM	Open Lab/ Job Search 12:30PM-2PM	
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Culture/ Entrepreneurial Class 9AM-12PM	GED Prep 10AM-1PM	World of Work 9AM-12PM	GED Prep 10AM-1PM	Tutorial 9AM-12PM
Native Arts & Crafts 12:30PM-3:30PM	Computers 10AM-1PM	GED Prep 12:30PM-3:30PM	Computers 10AM-1PM	
	Parenting Class 12:30PM-3:30PM			

Commodity Distribution Schedule – September 2015



<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
SEPTEMBER 8, TUESDAY	LOS COYOTES LA JOLLA	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 PM
SEPTEMBER 9, WEDNESDAY	BARONA VIEJAS	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 NOON
SEPTEMBER 10, THURSDAY	SAN PASQUAL	9 AM – 12 NOON
SEPTEMBER 14, MONDAY	RINCON	9 AM – 12 NOON
SEPTEMBER 15, TUESDAY	MESA GRANDE SANTA YSABEL/INAJA	9 AM – 10:30 AM 11 AM – 12:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 17, THURSDAY	MANZANITA/LA POSTA OLD CAMPO	9:45 AM – 11 AM 11:30 – 12:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 21, MONDAY	CAMPO	10 AM – 12:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 23, WEDNESDAY	PALA	9 AM – 11:30 AM
SEPTEMBER 24, THURSDAY	PAUMA PECHANGA	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 NOON



Coming in October:

- Where were Native American Powwows held over the summer?
- How many people attended?
- What were some of the activities and events?

In our next issue, read about – and see the photographs – of summer Powwows.