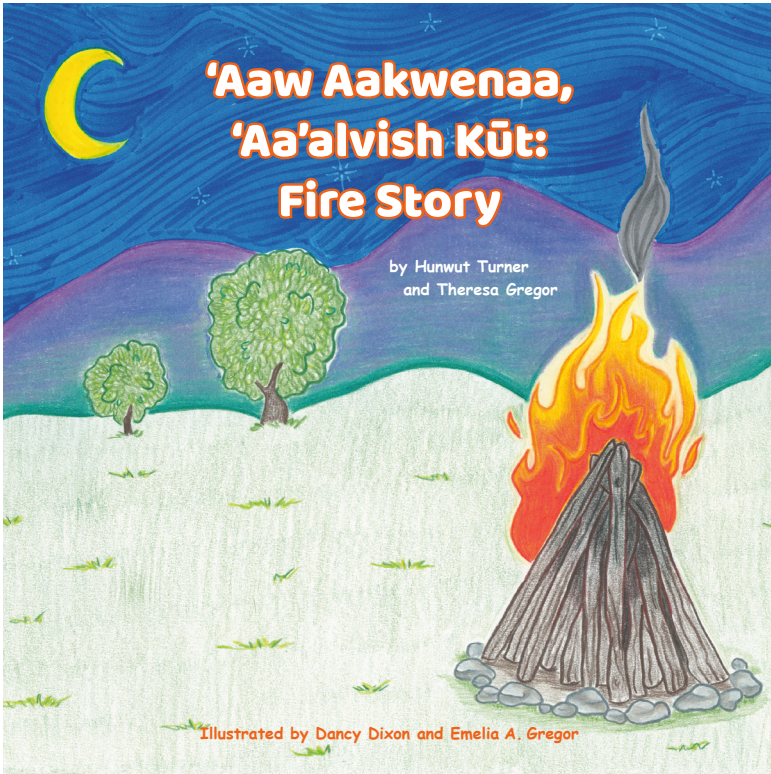




'Aaw Aakwenaa, 'Aa'alvish Kūt: Fire Story Is A Children's Book With A Modern Twist

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF



In the opening pages of the book *'Aaw Aakwenaa, 'Aa'alvish Kūt: Fire Story*, a Native American grandmother is making an afternoon snack, waiting for her grandchildren to come home from school.

But when she walks to the bus stop, *Enyekwik/Hungla* (Kumeyaay and Payomkawichum for the Santa Ana wind) begins to blow and sway the branches of trees. There is the possibility of fire.

What follows in the 30-page illustrated children's book is a story about traditional Native American teachings about fire, set against the modern realities of public safety alerts, electrical shut-offs and emergency checklists.

The book was written by Hunwut Turner, Rincon Indian Education Inc., and Theresa Gregor, Inter Tribal Long Term Recovery Foundation. Illustrators are Dancy Dixon, CNP Development LLC., and Emelia A. Gregor.

The book's inside front cover also includes a pronunciation guide for Kumeyaay and Payomkawichum language (example: *Kuphaal*, pronounced *coop-alsh*, means oak tree in the Kumeyaay language. In Payomkawichum, the word for oak tree is *Kwilla*, pronounced *kwi-la*).

Throughout the book, the children's grandmother recounts how her family reacted to the strong winds of *Enyekwik/Hungla*.

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At Escondido TANF, Gift Bags Include A Holiday Keepsake

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF

The oversize gift bags were lined up at the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) Escondido office in early December.

All of them were colorful, with gifts and a tiny Christmas tree inside – along with an ornament decorating kit.

Decorating the ornament – along with the gift bag – was part of the Escondido TANF Winter Family Engagement Activity, said Ashley Beck, Education Coordinator at Escondido TANF.

"Families can make ornaments," said Beck, who put the gift bags together. "They can interact with each other, creating a Holiday Keepsake together and keep it as a memory of the activity."

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Beck drove to Costa Mesa the first week of December and picked up the gifts at the offices of Walking Shield. The non-profit organization donated gifts, toys, games, books and other items, as it has done in the past for Native American children throughout the Southern California region.

After the gift bags were completed, TANF participants picked them up at the Escondido office before Christmas. Beck said the gift bags went to 24 families and their children, ranging in age from the very young to 13. Anyone over 13 received a gift card from Walking Shield, she said.

Walking Shield's mission "is to improve the quality of life for American Indian families by coordinating programs that provide shelter, healthcare, community development support, educational assistance, employment development, and humanitarian aid," according to its website.

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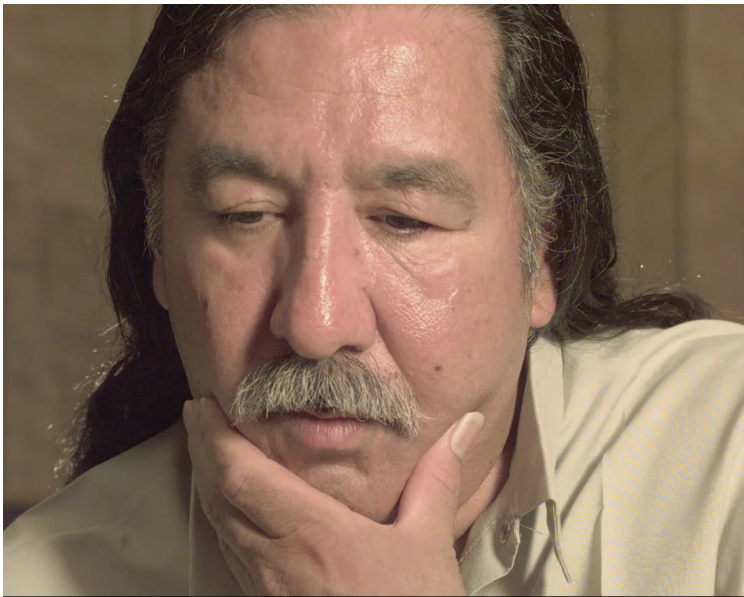
After Five Decades, Peltier Remains in Prison

Contributed by National Public Radio (NPR) website

Indigenous activist Leonard Peltier, who has spent most of his life in prison since his conviction in the 1975 killings of two FBI agents in South Dakota, has been denied parole.

The U.S. Parole Commission said in a statement announcing the decision that he won't be eligible for another parole hearing until June 2026. Peltier is serving life in prison for the killing the agents during a standoff on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. He was convicted in 1977.

His attorney, Kevin Sharp, a former federal judge, vowed to appeal. He had argued that Peltier was wrongly convicted and that the health of the 79-year-old was failing.



Leonard Peltier

"The way they have treated Leonard is the way they have treated Indigenous people historically throughout this country," said Nick Tilsen, president and CEO of the NDN Collective, an Indigenous-led advocacy group. "That is why Indigenous people and oppressed people everywhere see a little bit of ourselves in Leonard Peltier."

On June 26, 1975, FBI agents came to Pine Ridge to serve arrest warrants amid battles over Native treaty rights and self-determination. After being injured in a shootout, agents Jack Coler and Ronald Williams were shot in the head at close range. Also killed in the shootout was American Indian Movement (AIM) member Joseph Stuntz. The United States Justice Department concluded that a law enforcement sniper killed Stuntz.

Two other AIM members, Robert Robideau and Dino Butler, were acquitted of killing agents Coler and Williams.

After fleeing to Canada and being extradited to the United States, Peltier was convicted of two counts of first-degree murder and sentenced in 1977 to life in prison, despite defense claims that evidence against him had been falsified.

Pala



Afraid of Eagle

Every January, the SCTCA TANF Newsletter publishes two sets of photographs: *Best Pictures* and *Best Unpublished Pictures*.

This year is no different: our Best Pictures of 2024 (*pages 6,7*) and Best Unpublished Pictures (*pages 8,9*) appear in this issue.

The classic saying is, "A picture is worth a thousand words." It's a simple phrase, but it remains in our collective minds because it has so much truth in it. We can read about something, and it might take hours to understand it. But a picture captures our attention immediately, and it can often make us understand a story

intellectually and emotionally more than words can.

Below are some quotes about photographs and photography, some from famous individuals, others from those simply explaining what it means to see a picture:

"The best thing about a picture is that it never changes, even when the people in it do."

– Andy Warhol

"There's something strange and powerful about black and white imagery."

– Stefan Kanfer

"You can look at a picture for a week and never think of it again. You can also look at a picture for a second and think of it all your life."

– Joan Miro

"To me, photography is an art of observation. It's about finding something interesting in an ordinary place... I've found it has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them."

– Elliott Erwitt

"A good photograph is one that communicates a fact, touches the heart and leaves the viewer a changed person for having seen it. It is, in a word, effective."

– Irving Penn

"Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... It remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything."

– Aaron Siskind

"Photographing a culture in the here and now often means photographing the intersection of the present with the past."

– David DuChemin

All these quotes are true, in their own way, in describing photographs and photography.

— Gary P. Taylor

“When I was a little girl, we didn’t have electricity or television, or even a radio,” says Gigi. “The children listen to her curiously and somewhat in disbelief as she continues to speak,” the book notes.

“When *Enyekwik/Hungla* traveled to us, like they are today, we had to bring in lots of firewood, take our clothes off the laundry line, and put the animals in their pens before they ran off and scattered. Our little hens disliked the wind the most, and their faces looked a lot like yours do now,” she teased.

As the story progresses, the children listen as their grandmother explains to them the traditional Native American teachings about fire, including its importance in rituals and ceremonies and in everyday life like boiling water to wash clothes or burning wood to clear leaves under the oak trees.

Each page of *Aaw Aakwenaa, ‘Aa’alvish Kūt* is illustrated with brightly colored pictures, including images of the grandmother, the grandchildren, animals, and the traditional uses of fire by Native Americans. There is also a Creation story near the end of the book.

Aaw Aakwenaa, ‘Aa’alvish Kūt was printed by Tribal Print Source in Pala. Funding for the book was provided by San Diego Gas and Electric. SDG&E is an energy partner to the 17 tribal nations that are within its 4,100 square-mile service territory.





The children rush past Gigi and into the house with their hair whipping behind their backs from *Ényekwik/Hungla*. This makes *Ényekwik/Hungla* smile too.

Gigi settles them down at the kitchen table and gives them their snacks. They chatter excitedly about their day at school, laughing, and grinning at her.

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As she turns on the solar lamps and plugs her cell phone into the battery charger, she begins to tell them a story.

"When I was a little girl," she says softly, "we didn't have electricity or telephones or a television, or even a radio." The children listen to her curiously and somewhat in disbelief as she continues to speak.

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Best Pictures of 2024

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF

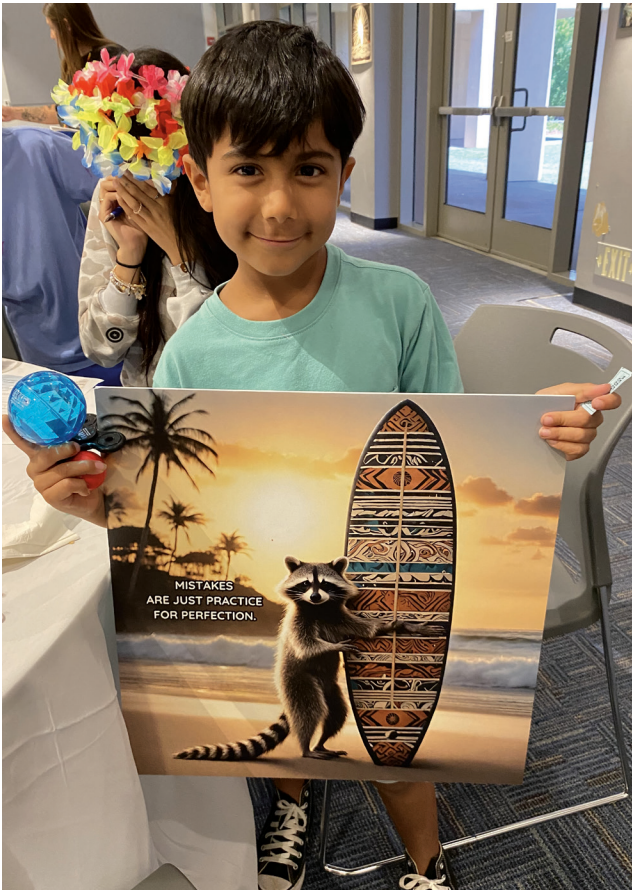
The SCTCA TANF Newsletter published more than 450 pictures in 2024.

As in previous years, the photographs included a wide range of images, illustrations, Native American art and historical pictures. Most are in color. Many are in black and white.

The photographs capture moments in time. Some depict tribal elders; others show children, still others are of events and places. With each photo, some aspect of Native American culture or tradition is revealed, either on or off the reservation. They are images of life.

On this and the following page are some of our Best Pictures of 2024.





Best Unpublished Pictures of 2024

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF

Each month, and throughout the course of the year, decisions must be made regarding which photographs should be published in SCTCA TANF Newsletter.

Sometimes the decisions are fairly easy – some pictures simply look very good from the moment they are seen. Others are not such a close call: the photo doesn't really add much to story, or at best it's just an average picture.

The most difficult decisions, though, are when there are several excellent photographs – but there isn't enough space to run them all. So a decision has to be made to run one picture but not another.

On this and the following page are several of our Best Unpublished Pictures of 2024.





Adorable Pets - And Animals of All Kinds – Featured in TANF Participant 2025 Calendar

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF

In the Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association (SCTCA) 2025 Calendar for TANF participants, there are many pictures of pets and animals.

Some look like they are posing – especially the dogs and cats. They look right at you. Others seem completely disinterested in the entire photographic experience.

There is no doubt, though, that the camera captures everything about them - their color, their fur, their eyes, their mouths, their ears. And, of course, their personalities.

Or, should we say their ‘animalities.’

The 2025 calendar features the pets and animals of the staffs at Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association (SCTCA) TANF. Individuals from each of the TANF offices submitted photographs of their pets. There were dozens submitted, many more than could be published, but the final selection included many more pictures than have been included in previous TANF participant calendars.

The result? The cover is a colorful collage of pictures that includes not only dogs and cats but a pig, lambs – and a fish. It is the animal version of the Beatles’ *Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band* album cover – so many images, so many faces.

And inside, there are even more scattered throughout the days, weeks and months of the year. From January through December there are calendar pages filled with photographs of pets at play, or staring straight into the camera, or with curious expressions, or with what looks like amusement at whoever is taking their picture.

Sometimes the pets seem to understand what is going on – that in the world they live in, the person taking their picture is happy to be with them, and so close to them.

And, in our world, we know they are right.

The 2025 TANF Participant Calendar also includes eight pages of Resources listed under TANF offices in Santa Ynez, Orange County, Pala, Escondido, San Diego and Manzanita.

SCTCA TANF staff who worked on and contributed to the 2025 TANF Participant Calendar included Chairwoman of the Calendar Committee Catherine Almandarez, San Diego TANF; Tony Alvarado, Pala TANF; Grant Zaragoza, Santa Ynez TANF; Maria Diaz, Pala TANF; and Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF. The calendar was designed by Maria Edwards and printed by Tribal Print Source.





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Why We Love Animals - And Why They Love Us

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF

Editor's note: This article appears in the SCTCA TANF Participant 2025 Calendar.

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."

- Anatole France

Why do we love animals?

What is it about them that brings out so many emotions in us? Is it the way they look, the things they do, the way they live, the way they die? It is all of those things of course. But it is so much more than that.

Our love for animals comes from our hearts. We genuinely care for them. We want them in our lives. We laugh at them and with them. We take them with us when we can and leave them home when we must. We hold them in our arms, or hug them, or pet them, or wash them, or treat them in so many ways as if they are not animals but part of our family, part of us.

Peter Lengkeek, Chairman of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, said this about horses:

"Horses are not viewed as animals by our people. Our relative, the horse, has a sharp mind. They are capable of every emotion you and I have. They can love. They can hate. They can be traumatized to the point they are just existing—just trying to get through the day. Horses "feel" just like we do emotionally, mentally."

And that is just one animal.

What about our dogs? Undying loyalty from a dog is why he or she is called 'Man's best friend.' They love us unconditionally, reading our emotions, bringing us joy when we're sad and comfort when we need it. They listen to us (well, most of the time). They can lead the blind, jump out of airplanes with soldiers, find people buried in the wreckage of earthquakes, swim across rivers, and do all of this looking at us, seeking constantly only our approval and affection (and maybe a snack or treat, of course).

What about cats?

They are not like dogs – and that's the point. Cats are more distant, more aloof, more mysterious. They know what they want – and a lot of times it might not be you. They are mostly quiet, but can suddenly emerge from behind a couch or curtain and race by before you even knew they were there. They won't follow you into dangerous situations, but they will be with you in the most relaxing situations, purring or letting you pet them until they've decided enough is enough.

And so we have horses and cats and dogs. But we also

have so many more animals, far too many to name, but even if we do not see them every day we know of them: lions, tigers, wolves, coyotes, bears, bobcats, rabbits, squirrels, pigs, cows, gorillas, elephants, monkeys, donkeys, camels, dolphins, whales and eagles and on and on and on it goes.

We are fascinated with animals, and we love so many of them.

But why do animals love us?

That is a more difficult question.

They cannot speak to us, not with their voices, but they can communicate with us in many, many different ways.

Brave Buffalo, a Sioux, once said: *"Let a man decide upon his favorite animal and make a study of it.... let him learn to understand its sounds and motions. The animals want to communicate with man, but Wakan-Tanka does not intend they shall do so directly—man must do the greater part in securing an understanding."*

Animals communicate with us because they want to. We know when an animal is hurt, or fearful, or dangerous because they make it clear to us. Similarly, when they are happy, or content, or excited they let us know.

They let us know because, for so many animals, they also love us, and cannot think of their lives without thinking of ours.

My daughter Autumncloud loves animals – and they love her. Why is that? She said this:

"To love an animal is to love the heart of God. The very existence of the animal kingdom illustrates in a most profound way the presence of a higher power that is inherently good. Human beings tend to have a natural reverence towards animals, as some cultures regard certain creatures as sacred. This disposition presupposes a sense of divinity within animals. By their very nature, animals are innocent, beautiful and mysterious. When we love and care for animals, human beings are uniquely communicating with their Creator, who destined each of us to be one with Him and all of creation."

She's only 21, but I think she understands some things about animals that it takes most of us a lot longer to realize.

Unless of course you already have a pet, or some other animal, and you've given them a name, and you take their picture, and you talk to them in a different voice, and you wrap your arms around them and can't wait to see them every single day.

That can happen at any age.

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Starting the New Year On A Positive Note

As we welcome in the new year, it is a great time to reflect on the past year and set goals for the new year ahead. Below are some ideas to get your new year off to a great start.

Declutter your space

Use January as a time to clean out and organize your spaces. Doing this can give you a fresh start to the new year. Take time to organize your living space and maybe your workspace too. Decluttering isn't just about clearing out physical items it can also be about creating a calmer more functional environment. If it seems overwhelming try cleaning out 1 drawer or one shelf at a time. It's not about how fast you do it it is about getting it done.

Reflect and set Intentions

Set aside a few minutes at the end of the day to reflect on how your day is going. Ask yourself; How are you feeling? What is working well and what is not? Where can you put your focus/energies for tomorrow? Daily check-ins with yourself help keep you on track and encourage self awareness. When we set our intentions for the day we are able to focus better. Using a journal is a great way to do this It helps you to keep track of your thoughts and reflect back on your accomplishments.

Set Clear, Small Achievable Goals

Instead of a long list of resolutions, focus on 2-3 small, specific goals. Then break those down into simple steps and let them be your roadmap to achieving your larger goals. For example, if your goal is to lose weight, set a goal of walking one time a week and build on your successes. Celebrating small wins can keep you motivated to develop better habits and not feel the goal is unattainable.

Surround yourself with meaningful relationships

Strengthening your relationships with supportive family and friends is important for your overall happiness. Make an effort to spend quality time with those loved ones that are important to you. You can do this through phone calls, video chats or live and in person. Our relationships can also act as a buffer in difficult times. When things get tough, it helps to have the support of people who care about us. When we reconnect with friends we can go through a multitude of emotions. We're either laughing, crying, or venting. When we express these emotions, our brains release dopamine and endorphins – the “feel good” neurotransmitters responsible for happiness and mood.

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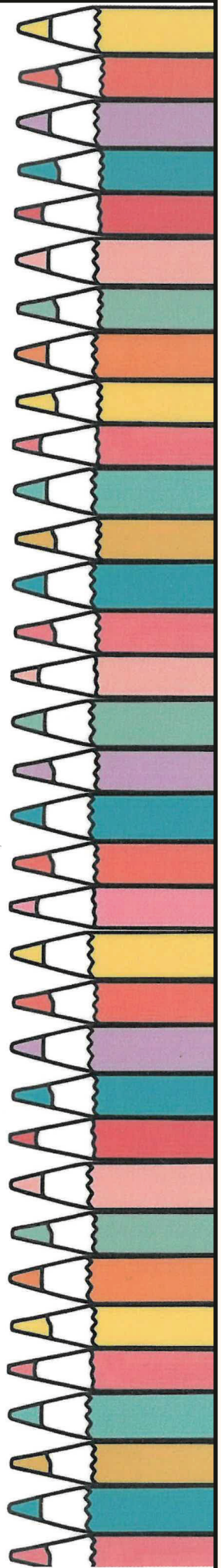
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Wednesday, January 1, 2025
for New Years Day.
Monday, January 20, 2025
or Martin Luther King Jr Day

JANUARY 2025 CALENDAR

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<p>IN PERSON CLASSES</p> <p>*OPEN LAB / JOB SEARCH / APPLIED SKILLS / DRIVER'S PREP 8:30AM-4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)</p> <p>VIRTUAL CLASSES</p> <p>IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL</p> <p>ABE/GED 9AM-11AM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p> <p>SPANISH 9AM-11AM (available online/app & can be tracked by instructor)</p> <p>PHILLIP ROY: HEALTH CARE TERMS 9AM-11AM (lessons can be emailed)</p> <p>KEYBOARDING 9AM-12PM (available online & can be tracked by instructor)</p> <p>APPLIED SKILL PRACTICE (GED) 11:30AM-1:30PM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p> <p>*TUTORING ASSISTANCE (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p>	<p>IN PERSON CLASSES</p> <p>*OPEN LAB / JOB SEARCH / APPLIED SKILLS / DRIVER'S PREP 8:30AM-4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)</p> <p>VIRTUAL CLASSES</p> <p>IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL</p> <p>ABE/GED 9AM-11AM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p> <p>SPANISH 9AM-11AM (available online/app & can be tracked by instructor)</p> <p>KEYBOARDING 9AM-12PM (available online & can be tracked by instructor)</p> <p>APPLIED SKILL PRACTICE (GED) 11:30AM-1:30PM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p> <p>*TUTORING ASSISTANCE (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p>	<p>IN PERSON CLASSES</p> <p>*OPEN LAB / JOB SEARCH / APPLIED SKILLS / DRIVER'S PREP 8:30AM-4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)</p> <p>VIRTUAL CLASSES</p> <p>ED2GO.COM/ COURSES</p> <p>IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL</p> <p>LIFE SKILLS: (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting) WHAT COLOR IS MY PARACHUTE 9-11AM PRACTICAL LIFE SKILLS 11:30AM-1:30PM</p> <p>SPANISH 9AM-11AM (available online/app & can be tracked by instructor)</p> <p>COMPUTER SKILLS (GENERAL) 11:30AM-1:30PM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p> <p>KEYBOARDING 9AM-12PM (available online & can be tracked by instructor)</p> <p>*TUTORING ASSISTANCE (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p>	<p>IN PERSON CLASSES</p> <p>*OPEN LAB / JOB SEARCH / APPLIED SKILLS / DRIVER'S PREP 8:30AM-4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)</p> <p>VIRTUAL CLASSES</p> <p>IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL</p> <p>COMPUTER SKILLS (GENERAL) 9AM-12PM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p> <p>SPANISH 9AM-11AM (available online/app & can be tracked by instructor)</p> <p>PHILLIP ROY: HEALTH CARE TERMS 9AM-11AM (lessons can be emailed)</p> <p>SELF-SUFFICIENCY: FINANCIAL FREEDOM 12:30PM-2:30PM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p> <p>KEYBOARDING 9AM-12PM (available online & can be tracked by instructor)</p> <p>*TUTORING ASSISTANCE (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p>	<p>IN PERSON CLASSES</p> <p>*OPEN LAB / JOB SEARCH / APPLIED SKILLS / DRIVER'S PREP 8:30AM-4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)</p> <p>VIRTUAL CLASSES</p> <p>ED2GO.COM/ COURSES</p> <p>IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL</p> <p>ABE/GED 9AM-11AM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p> <p>SPANISH 9AM-11AM (available online/app & can be tracked by instructor)</p> <p>PHILLIP ROY: HEALTH CARE TERMS 9AM-11AM (lessons can be emailed)</p> <p>KEYBOARDING 9AM-12PM (available online & can be tracked by instructor)</p> <p>APPLIED SKILL PRACTICE (GED) 11:30AM-1:30PM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p> <p>*TUTORING ASSISTANCE (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)</p>

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SCAIR Weekly Calendar
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00am-4:30pm	8:00am-4:30pm	8:00am-4:30pm	8:00am-4:30pm	8:00am-4:30pm
<p>Daily services: Career Training Computer Training Academic Tutorial Life Skills Training Youth Services</p>	<p>Daily services: Career Training Computer Training Academic Tutorial Life Skills Training Youth Services</p> <p>Coffee with the Director 1/7: 10:00am</p> <p>TUPE at SCAIR 1/21, 3:30-5:30</p>	<p>Daily services: Career Training Computer Training Academic Tutorial Life Skills Training Youth Services</p>	<p>Daily services: Career Training Computer Training Academic Tutorial Life Skills Training Youth Services</p> <p>TUPE at SDAIYC 1/9, 3:30-5:30</p>	<p>Daily services: Career Training Computer Training Academic Tutorial Life Skills Training Youth Services</p>



SCAIR Program Flyers

By appointment only:
 Counseling Services
 Youth Academic Tutorial Services
 County Approved Typing Tests

*After hour tutoring and
 counseling requests available
 based on availability of
 instructors and clinicians

Please visit www.SCAIRInc.org for more
 information about SCAIR's programs:

Native Networks Program

Tribal TANF Program

American Indian Education Center
 (AIEC) Program

Sacred Pipe Tobacco-Use Prevention
 Education (TUPE) Program

HOWKA Community Service Block Grant
 (CSBG) Program

Santa Ynez

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JOB SEARCH**	CAREER DEVELOPMENT 10AM - 1PM* JOB SEARCH**	PARENTING 1PM - 3PM* JOB SEARCH**	CAREER DEVELOPMENT 10AM - 1PM* JOB SEARCH**	JOB SEARCH**

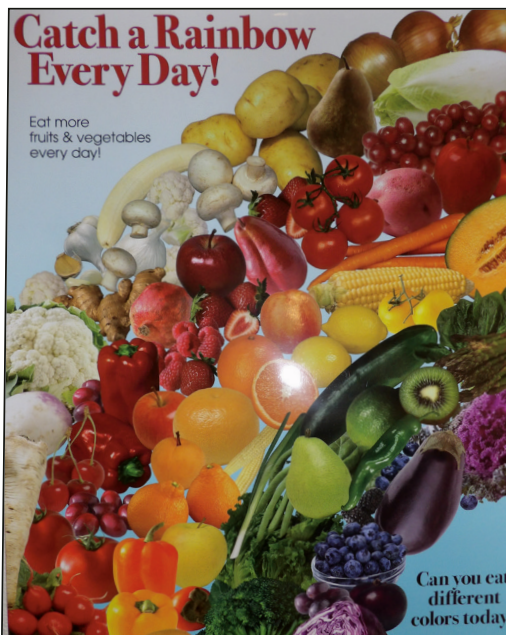
* By Appointment Only ** Must be Pre-Approved

Manzanita

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Culture/ Entrepreneurial Class 9AM-12PM Native Arts & Crafts 12:30PM-3:30PM	GED Prep 10AM-1PM Computers 10AM-1PM Parenting Class 12:30PM-3:30PM	World of Work 9AM-12PM GED Prep 12:30PM-3:30PM	GED Prep 10AM-1PM Computers 10AM-1PM	Tutorial 9AM-12PM

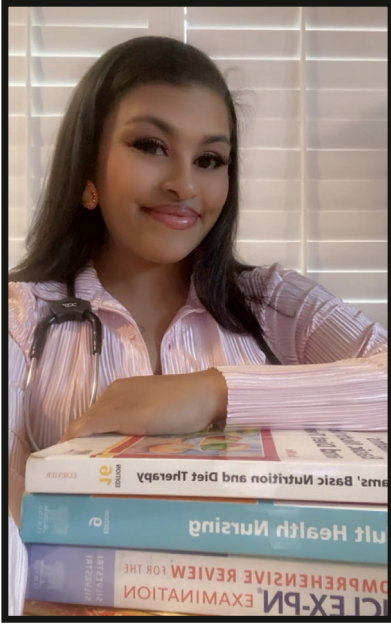
Commodity Distribution Schedule January 2025



USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2025		
DATE	LOCATION	TIME
JAN 6 TH MONDAY	RINCON	8 AM – 12 PM
JAN 7 TH TUESDAY	PECHANGA PAUMA	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 PM
JAN 8 TH WEDNESDAY	PALA	9 AM – 11:30 AM
JAN 9 TH THURSDAY	MANZANITA/LA POSTA OLD CAMPO	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM 11AM -12PM
JAN 13 TH MONDAY	VIEJAS BARONA	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 PM
JAN 14 TH TUESDAY	MESA GRANDE SANTA YSABEL	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 PM
JAN 16 TH THURSDAY	CAMPO	10 AM – 12 PM
JAN 20 TH MONDAY	SAN PASQUAL	8 AM – 12 PM
JAN 22 ND WEDNESDAY	LOS COYOTES LA JOLLA	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 PM

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A HOUSEHOLD CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FOOD COMMODITY PROGRAM IF THEY ARE ON THE CALFRESH (FOOD STAMPS) PROGRAM. YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN ONLY ONE OF THE ABOVE PROGRAMS.
 WRONG INFORMATION ON APPLICATION, DUAL PARTICIPATION, SELLING OR EXCHANGING USDA FOOD COMMODITIES COULD BE A BASIS FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE FOOD COMMODITY PROGRAM.
 IF YOU DO NOT PICK UP ON YOUR SCHEDULED RESERVATION DAY, YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO PICK UP AT THE WAREHOUSE. CALL OUR OFFICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT.



Coming in February:

- Review: A Look Back at 2024 TANF Success Stories
- Carlisle Indian School Declared Historic Landmark
- Archives: Remembering an Old College Professor