

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

PIT RIVER TRIBE

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2025 EVENT UPDATES

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FOUR CORNERS

In the summer of 1970, the Pit River Tribe and supporting Tribes staged a series of land occupations in the Four Corners area, the intersection of HWY 299 and HWY 89 near Burney, CA. This was a symbolic and central location within our homelands and is the epicenter to the rise of Pit River self determination. Each year, Pit River Tribe invites Tribes to come together to honor deep connections to the land, culture, and family.

This year, the Four Corners Occupation Commemoration was held on October 18, 2025. Over 200 Tribal members were in attendance. This year's event paid special attention to our active Congressional Legislative Land Transfer Bill HR 2400 Pit River Land Transfer Act Bill. The bill specifically targets two land parcels: the Four Corners Federal land (approximately 583.79 acres) and the Four Corners Fee land (approximately 40.18 acres) currently owned by the Tribe.



SAVE THE DATES!

The Pit River Tribe will hold its 2026 Quarterly Membership Meetings at the VFW Hall, located at 37392 CA-299, Burney, CA 96013 on the following dates:

- Saturday, January 17, 2026
- Saturday, April 18, 2026
- Saturday, July 11, 2026
- Saturday, October 17, 2026

Tribal members are invited to join for updates on tribal governance, programs, and community events. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, share their thoughts, and engage in open discussion. We encourage all Tribal members to participate and make their voices heard. Please note you must be present in person.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Pit River Tribe Education Committee wants to make sure all students and families are aware of important upcoming deadlines and scholarship opportunities. Whether you're planning to attend college/trade school, apply for scholarships, or seek support for youth activities, please review the following dates and program details and apply on pitrivertribe.gov/education. All funding is first come, first serve and not guaranteed.

Available Pit River Scholarships and Funding:

- Up to \$2,500 Higher Education Scholarship: Funds full-time college students (12+ units). Available for Fall, Spring and Summer. Fall Deadline is August 31.
- Up to \$2,500 Laverna Jenkins Memorial Scholarship: Reimburses college books/fees; must submit receipts within one year
- Up to \$1,000 Pit River Casino Scholarship: One-time award (3.0+ GPA); due May 15th
- Up to \$500 Youth Activity Scholarship: Funds k-12 for educational activities once/year
- Up \$200 Admission and Testing Fee Sponsorship: Apply anytime to fund SAT, ACT, CPT, COMPASS, ASSET, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, ORELLA, PRAXIS, MSAT, or MAT
- GED Test Fee: Available for GED fees within one year
- Diploma Award Scholarship: Funds 8th grade, GED, High School, A.A., B.A., Masters and Doctoral grads. Diplomas must be received within one year.
- Job Placement Training: Up to \$2,500

University Deadlines:

- UC Fall 2026 Application: 10/1/25 - 12/1/25
- CSU Fall 2026 Application: 10/1/25 - 12/1/25

Please consider that UC's Native American Opportunity Plan ensures that in-state systemwide Tuition and Student Services Fees are fully covered for California students who are also enrolled in federally recognized Native American, American Indian, and Alaska Native tribes. This plan applies to undergraduate and graduate students.

If you are eligible for the Native American Opportunity Plan, your in-state systemwide Tuition and Student Services Fees will be fully covered by either UC financial aid or another federal, state or other financial aid program. We strongly advise the Pit River undergrad and graduate students consider this option.

EDUCATION EMAIL- EDUCATION@PITRIVERTRIBE.GOV

BARBARA WOLFIN- 530-238-7008 CALL/TEXT

JERRYLYN SPENCER- 530-604-7529 CALL/ TEXT

JESSICA JIM- 530-227-5070 CALL/TEXT

ANGELICA GARCIA- 530-921-0004 CALL/TEXT

RENA HORSE - 916-484-8464 CALL/TEXT

WE KINDLY ASK THAT YOU REACH OUT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS SO COMMITTEE MEMBERS CAN BEST ASSIST YOU.

2025 LANGUAGE CAMP



On August 30th, 2025, Pit River Tribe held its first Annual Yeetíicana O'tíssí Tíipsáayi Language Camp. Nearly 200 Tribal members attended at Lassen Volcanic National Park to participate in language sessions such as Pine Nut making, Pine Needle making, Flint Knapping, Acorn Processing, Handgame and a Scavenger Hunt. Join the Pit River Health Services' online Language Class happening every other Tuesday via Zoom!

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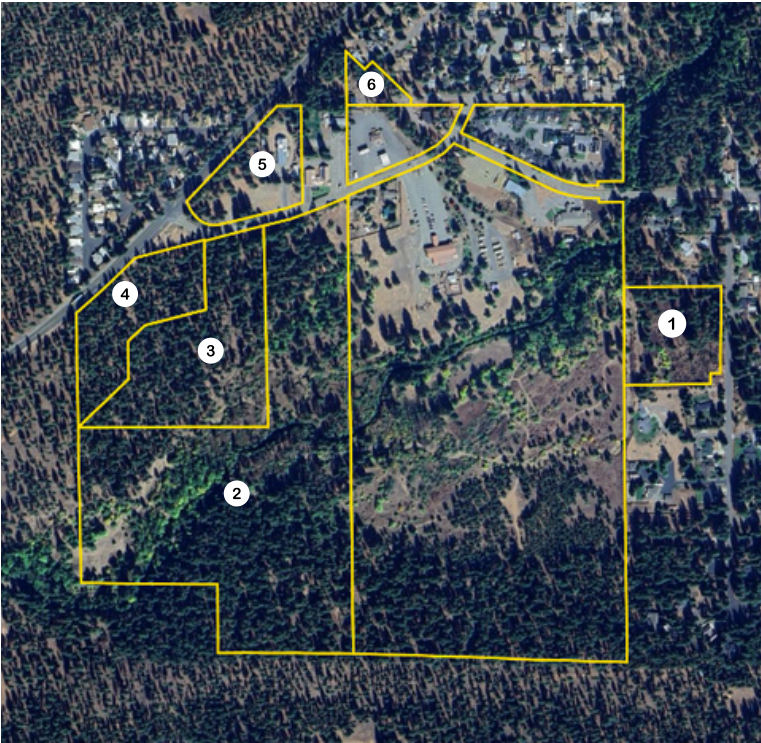


JOIN US! ZOOM ID: 878 4308 0906
PASSCODE: 870632

UPCOMING CLASSES:
NOVEMBER 25 @ 6PM – 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 9 @ 6PM – 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 23 @ 6PM – 7:30 PM

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Pit River Properties Enter Trust Status



- ❶ **Bartel - 4.94 acres - zoned for residential**
- ❷ **Gensaw - 37.46 acres - zoned for residential**
- ❸ **11 Acres - 11 acres - zoned for residential**
- ❹ **6.09 Acres - 6.09 acres - zoned for commercial**
- ❺ **Roads Yard - 4 acres - zoned for general purpose/industrial**
- ❻ **Housing Yard - 1.10 acres - zoned for residential and subdivision**

This year, the Pit River Tribe reached an exciting milestone as nearly 65 acres of Tribally-owned properties in Burney, California were officially placed into Trust status. Gaining Trust status strengthens the Tribe's sovereignty, supports long-term community development, and opens new opportunities for housing, infrastructure, and economic growth. The Tribe continues to pursue additional land acquisitions and remains hopeful as it awaits the Four Corners Federal land transfer process currently under consideration.

OVW START GRANT EXPANDS SUPPORT FOR WOMEN SURVIVORS

This September, the Pit River Tribe secured a three-year Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Tribal Governments Program (TGP) START grant to provide essential support to Native women who are survivors of violence. This funding will help the Tribe offer rental assistance, emergency support, cultural healing events, and other services designed to promote safety, well-being, and community resilience. After completing a three-year grant cycle, the Tribe may be eligible to apply for non-competitive continuation funds to sustain this program.

TRIBE LAUNCHES VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

A \$2.2M five-year American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) grant was awarded to the Pit River Tribe to provide comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services to American Indians with disabilities. This funding will enable the Tribe to offer culturally appropriate services including job training, employment placement assistance, and support for self-employment. This year, the Tribe was one of eight Tribes to receive an award in the nation, and one of two new programs. There are only four AIVRS programs located in CA, making Pit River Tribe the fifth to offer these critical services.

FIRST NATIONS FUNDS PIT RIVER GREENHOUSE STAFF & EQUIPMENT

Over the past two years, the Pit River Tribe has been actively restoring and revitalizing its Greenhouse after several years of dormancy. To further this effort, the Tribe was awarded two grants from the First Nations Development Institute totaling \$80,000 to support the greenhouse's growth and long-term sustainability. These funds will help hire a Native Plant Specialist and purchase heavy equipment and supplies needed to continue protecting and restoring culturally significant Native plant species, improving food access for Tribal members, and advancing economic development. The greenhouse is located on 10 acres of Tribal land in Alturas, California.

SHASTA COUNTY RESIDENTS:

CURBSIDE CHIPPING PROGRAM

The Shasta County Fire Safe Council operates a year-round free chipper service to Shasta County residents to help reduce hazardous fuels and improve defensible space. Email chipper@shastafiresafe.org to sign up for their no-cost assistance.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Good News Rescue Mission
530-241-5754 (Redding)
Our Lady Mercy Parish
530-222-3424 (Redding)
DH-CL Food Bank
530-226-3071
Circle of Friends
530-335-4222 (Burney)
St Francis of Assisi
530-330-5077 (Burney)

MODOC COUNTY RESIDENTS:

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Surprise Valley Community
Church 509-319-0063 (Cedarville)
Sunrays of Hope
530-233-9696 (Alturas)
TEACH 530-233-4575 (Alturas)
Big Valley 50 Plus
530-292-7151 (Bieber)
Alturas Senior Center
530-233-5556 (Alturas)
Cedarville Senior Center
530-279-2181 (Cedarville)
Northern Nevada Food Bank
530-292-7151 (Bieber)



Pit River Tribe Student Advocates for Rural School Equity in Washington, D.C.

A lawsuit was recently filed by 17 parents, teachers, and organizations representing families across eight California school districts for the inequities in California's funding for school construction, stating that rural and property-challenged districts often receive less support than wealthier areas. The case seeks to ensure that all schools, including those in rural communities, have fair access to resources for repairs, modernization, and safe learning environments.

In October 2025, Saige Townsend-Brown, a Kosealekte Band Member of the Pit River Tribe, was one of only eight students selected to speak before Congress, the Senate, and the Speaker of the House about the urgent need to fund rural schools. Saige was the only Native student, representing the Tribes of California.

Saige is a 12th grade student and serves as the Chairperson for Strong Family Youth, Student Representative on the PAC Rise Board, and Board Member for the Strong Family Health Board. She will soon begin an internship at the California State Capitol, working with Native American representatives. Saige wishes to attend the University of Oregon to pursue a degree in Psychology and aspires to become more involved in Tribal politics and advocacy.



MMIP DEPARTMENT SURVEY

The Tribe's Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Department is conducting a survey to help strengthen safety, awareness, wellness and justice for Indigenous people.

SHASTA COUNTY COMMUNITY SURVEY

Shasta County is inviting residents to share their voice in shaping the County's priorities for the next five years through a new community survey. The survey is available online now: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P6H22T2> through 11/30/25.

SURVEY RESULTS & UPDATE

>>> COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

Nearly 150 individuals responded to the community input survey! Your feedback provides valuable insight into the community's needs and priorities. When asked, "What do you believe are the top three community needs of the Pit River Tribe?" Tribal members and the community ranked the following by highest:

1. Youth and Teen Center
2. Low-Income Housing
3. Women's and/or Men's Shelters
4. Tribal Court and Justice Center
5. Mixed Income Housing

Other important themes included a Museum & Cultural Center, Recreation Center, and Virtual Governance such as Membership Meetings & Elections. These results give the Tribe an understanding of the community's current needs and will help guide decisions on which grants and projects to prioritize. They will also inform the ongoing Strategic Plan and Land Use Plan, ensuring future programs and infrastructure reflect what's most important to Tribal members. Other key findings of this survey are posted on pitrivertribe.gov.

>>> ENERGY SURVEY RESULTS

Over 130 individuals responded to the Energy Survey, providing valuable information to guide the Tribe's upcoming Energy Plan. When asked, "What energy sources do you think the Tribe should prioritize for development?", respondents ranked solar, battery storage, and wind as the highest priorities in order. Approximately 74% of respondents said they would support community-scale solar and battery installations to provide power to the Tribe during emergencies. They also ranked lowering electricity costs, creating local jobs and training opportunities and generating long-term revenue for the Tribe the most important benefits of energy development. Concerns of potential future energy development included location and environmental considerations. This feedback will help shape our planning, and additional input sessions will be held for any future projects, with more info to follow. Thank you again for taking the time to share your input.

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