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PUBLICATION OF THE CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN TRIBE

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## CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN TRIBE

Chemehuevi Indian Tribe P.O. Box 1976

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Or fax to: 760-858-5401

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Tribal Council
Regular Meeting
Saturday,
October 25, 2025
9:00 a.m.

## **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

## **VACANCIES:**

Health Board (2) Vacancies

**HLH/HLC (4) Vacancies** 

**Education (1) Vacancy** 

**Enrollment (2) Vacancies** 

Health Board email health.board@cit-nsn.gov

Tribal Members can submit questions, comments or concerns

Interested in serving on one or more Boards or Committees? (LIMIT 3)

Obtain your application on-line or contact the Tribal Office 760-858-4219

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES Come Apply:

Contact Info,

TO APPLY FOR RESORT OPENINGS CONTACT HR DEPARTMENT @ 760-858-4592

Ext. 108

TO APPLY FOR CASINO OPENINGS CONTACT HR DEPARTMENT @ 760-858-4593 Ext. 301

TO APPLY FOR TRIBAL OPENINGS CONTACT TERO OFFICER @ 760-858-5100.



## TERO

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE

## WHAT DO WE DO?

- The TERO program enforces tribally enacted American Indian preference law, which ensures American Indians gain their rightful share of employment, training, contracting, subcontracting, and business opportunities occurring on or near reservations.
- The Chemehuevi Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO), by virtue of a contractual agreement with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), is authorized to interview and counsel individuals with potential employment discrimination charges. The TERO employees address draft charges of alleged violations of Title VII, file complaints with the EEOC and attempt to resolve the charge by mediation within 30 days.
  - Call the TERO Office if you are a youth worker 14 - 17 or an adult looking for a temporary job

OR

If you want to speak with someone about a discrimination issue

CONTACT

VARNER ESCOBAR TERO OFFICER

760-858-5100 DIR.TERO@CIT-NSN.GOV



## T.E.R.O.

HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY – FRIDAY

7:30AM – 4:00PM



Tapitsap: Lit. trans., that which is knotted or tied.

Messages were delivered to designated persons, usually heads of other clans, by runners carrying knotted strips of yucca. Once the message was delivered, the recipient untied it and the runner returned the string to the sender, often carrying a new knotted string with a new message. Members of "runner societies" were most trustworthy and it was understood that their journeys were not to be impeded. Due to their tirelessness, they were deemed other-worldly.

## Nüwü ampagap...

not just words, a tie to our ancestors.

Chemehuevi Language Classes
8 Wednesdays beginning October 8, 2025
4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. or
Chemehuevi Cultural Center

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information - 760-858-1115

COLORADO RIVER SERVICE UNIT

Chemehuevi

# October

(760) 858-4790 1970 Palo Verde Drive

PRC Referral Questions: (928) 669-7578 Office Hours: M-F, 8:00am to 5:00pm Havasu Lake, CA 92363

HALLOWEEN		PCP–Sylvia McGuire NP Optometry - Dr. Hogan		PCP–Sylvia McGuire NP
31	30	29	28	27
PCP–Sylvia McGuire NP		PCP–Sylvia McGuire NP Dental - Dr. Chami Hygienist - Nida		PCP–Sylvia McGuire NP
24	23	22	21	20
		PCP–Sylvia McGuire NP Dental - Dr. Chami Hygienist - Nida		HOLIDAY Clinic Closed
17	16	15	14	13
PCP–Sylvia McGuire NP		PCP-Sylvia McGuire NP Benefits-Daryl James PRC - Lola Ward		PCP–Sylvia McGuire NP
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S	2	1 PCP-Sylvia McGuire NP Podiatry-Dr. Palmquist Dental - Dr. Chami		
FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY



COLORADO RIVER SERVICE UNIT

PROTECT YOURSELF



## **FLU Vaccine Clinic**

All individuals should consult with their healthcare providers to understand their options to obtain their immunizations.

All immunizations offered to IHS beneficiaries and <u>eligible</u> non-beneficiaries ages 6 months and older

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025 10:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Chemehuevi Health Clinic-Parking Lot 1970 Palo Verde Dr, Havasu Landing, CA

For more information call: Public Health Nursing 928-669-3358

## TO SCHEDULE A DELIVERY



**PLEASE CALL** 



## ALL DELIVERIES ARE <u>C.O.D OR</u> <u>PREPAY ONLY</u>

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## First Annual Family Walk 2025



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Photos courtesy of Isac Ochoa

## Casting culture forward

By Bryanna Winner

rowing up on reservations can bring a person close to not only nature, but also their native culture. Isac Ochoa grew up as part of the Chemehuevi Tribe in Havasu Lake, California and founded Indigenous Anglers after kayaking with cousins growing up.

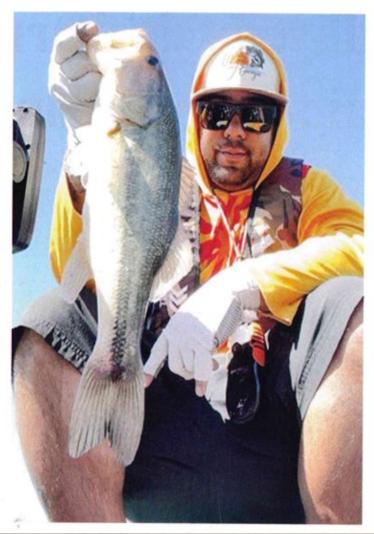
"Indigenous Anglers started with a couple cousins raised on their reservation. That love of the outdoors and our native culture and fishing happened to be the hot topic and the moment, I took advantage of my resources and realized what great opportunities I have in front of me and collaborated with my culture and what I love to do," he said. "Fishing also brings light and recognition to the Native American/Indigenous communities and people involved in the Fishing world by representing who we are as proud Native American/Indigenous Anglers."

Ochoa has used different kayaks over the years, originally just to go out and have fun. Now, he competes in tournaments after coming across a group that invited him to compete for the first time. Ochoa came close to earning Angler of the Year that series and it lit a fire under him that resulted in a love for tournament fishing.

"I started off in an ocean kayak. I fished just about every day just out there having fun as I ran across a group of guys fishing a southwest kayak outfitters monthly tournament they had invited me to join for the following month so I did and fell in love with the tournament kayak fishing," he said. "I finished the rest of the series with that group and came just a few points short of Angler of the Year.

"I came that close with just two rods and some tackle thrown together lit my fire and I was hooked on Kayak Fishing so I purchased a Hobie outback and competed in that kayak from 2018-2023 I qualified for a West Coast

tampionship (WCC) and won ew tournaments in those few ars. I fished in the WCC at the lifornia Delta and realized iere I needed to adjust my ning game and purchased an dTown Autopilot." By creating Indigenous Anglers, :hoa's mission is to get across to youth and inspire them to stay ie to who they are and that ingenous anglers are still around. 'My message to get out there ve are still here, stay proud of o you are and what you do," he d. "My mission is to get across the youth and the troubled. To them know there's more to life in life on the reservation." Throughout this journey, hoa has gotten to not only vel to new places and lakes, but o meet a great group of people h the same passion. Everybody in this world of 'ak fishing are great people, y all have been so welcoming 1 it's just a great time seeing erybody come together with all great stories along their road becoming a kayak angler at ne Campfire" as we like to call he said. "I would like to give



big thanks to my wife and family for supporting me through this journey and give thanks to the Chemehuevi Tribe and Havasu Landing Resort and Casino for sponsoring me to help me fulfill this dream."

The biggest piece of advice Ochoa gives for all up and coming kayak anglers is about water safety.

"The advice I would give someone wanting to get into kayak fishing, tournament or not is to make sure you are getting into a kayak that will best suit and fit your needs for the style of fishing you plan on doing, always be prepared on the water, safety first whether you are kicking, paddling or motor always remember to have a PFD (vest) on or on board at all times and always let a family member or loved one know a general area where you expect to be and what time you expect to be off the water."

Ochoa didn't give up on his dream when he created Indigenous Anglers in 2020 (didn't get released until 2021 due to covid) and now encourages others to follow theirs.







Chemehuevi Indian Tribe Code Enforcement P.O. Box 1976 Havasu Lake Ca. 92363 (760)401-4207 aco@cit-nsn.gov



## Hello Tribal Members,

The weather here on the Rez, cool mornings with warm afternoons. Low 60s and 90s. Almost time to bust out the PJs and the fluffy blankets. The garden plants/flowers are starting to look better. Enjoy our second bloom. It is our last vegtable/flower season of the year (Fall Garden) As our desert plants are starting to go dormant.

The burros are still around, so watch for them. The Code Enforcement
Departement along with the Excutive Committee have been trying diligently to get a
round up here on the reservation. BLM states that funding is scarce. The department has
been sending pictures of the burros and the damage they cause to Amy Dumas out of
Sacremento California. She is the one that creates the final report that is sent to
Washington to receive funding. Please do not give water or food to the burros. This
creates a neuisense. The burros will start to congragate around your property expecting
handouts. Your neighbors will get piles of presents on their property. I know their cute,
especially the babies. But burros will get comfortable and will not eat the healthier food
they find naturally in the desert.

The Conservation Department would like to thank the Chemehuevi Water Department. After the recent monsoons they had the back hoe out on the roads clearing areas that were washed out. I would also like to thank the EPA Department. They have dropped what they are doing to use their back hoe to remove a dead burro. They have also asisted with getting burros out of the cemetary. A big shout out to Steven Escobar and Abraham Ochoa for helping remove the burros from the cemetary as well.

## "Team Work makes Dream Work"

The department has been working closly with the excutive comitee and council members to tackle issues on the reservation. I can vouch for this team of leaders they are working really well together. We all have a common goal. We all want to better the tribe. Make the reservation a better place to live. So that everyone can enjoy this place we call "Paradise"



Respectfully Submitted, Frederick Rivera Chief Code Enforcement Officer

## MOMS CLUB support group for all moms



Where:

Health and Wellness Center

When:

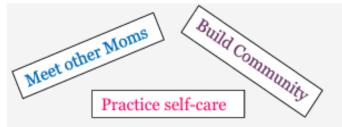
Tuesdays @ 10:00am

More Info Call or Text:

Peer Recovery Specialist Gylene N. (760) 302-4076

**Meeting Dates:** 

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>



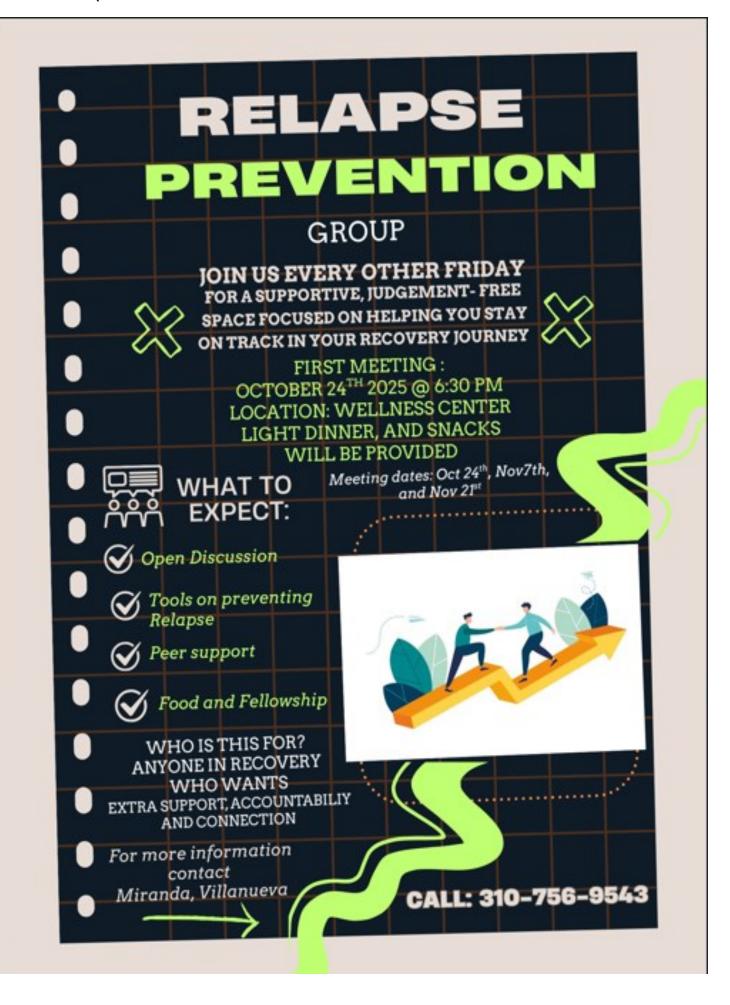
Share & Learn parenting tips

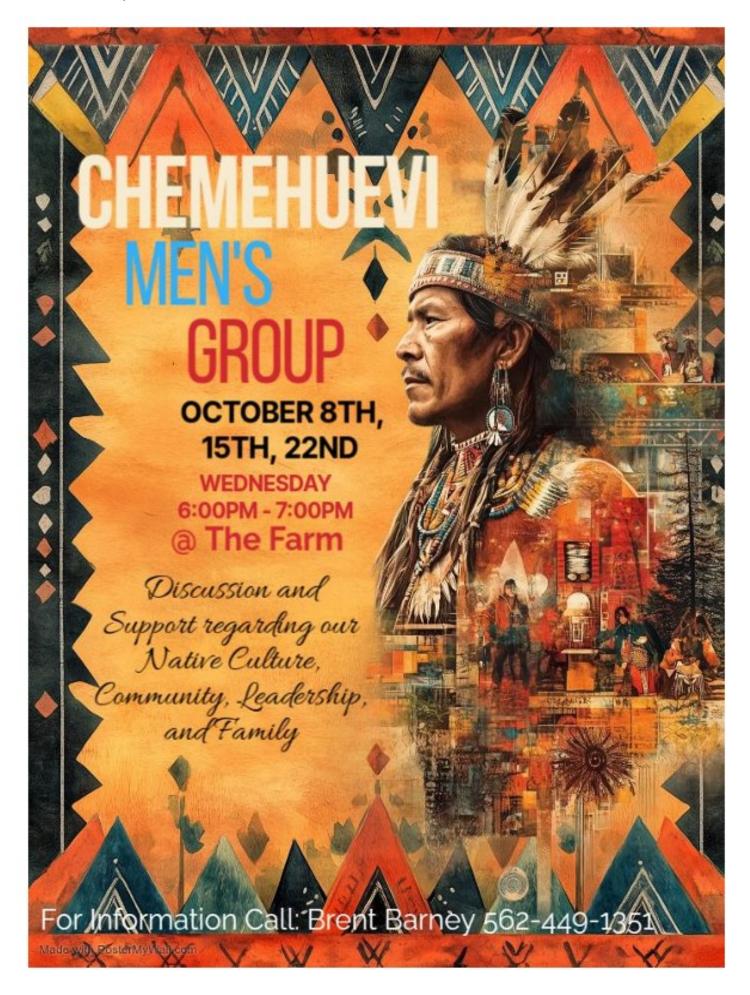
Snacks & Refreshments

We get together to lift each other up, share tips and resources, and support one another through all the ups and downs. Feel free to be yourself, share your stories, and know you'll always find understanding and zero judgment here.













## CHEMEHUEVI DIABETES DEPARTMENT

## **WEAR PINK**

## INDIGENOUS

PINK Breast Cancer

Nuunvi on the move...Walking the trail to defeat diabetes"

AWARENESS

Receive a pink wellness incentive

1 MILE, 2 MILE OR 3 MILE THURSDAY OCTOBER 16,2025 7:00AM-9:00AM

Registration is required

#Indigenouspink and post pic to Diabetes FBPage

Indigenous pink day is a national breast cancer awareness campaign for Native People. We invite women to wear pink and sharing photos on social media to raise awareness of breast cancer in Indian Country,



## CHEMEHUEVI DIABETES DEPARTMENT



## Healthy Cooking Class

Beet and Watermelon salad

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 10:30am - 11:30 am COMMUNITY CENTER

Class size is limited, You must register by October 15, 2025 to participate.

For more information or to sign up, please call

Participants receive a \$30 fruit and vegetable voucher to the HLR Market

Anna Drum-Lynch 760.858.4240



## LOCATION:

Community Center Building 1978 Valley Mesa, Havasu Lake, CA.

## Thursday, October 16, 2025

TIME: 1-3PM

\* Your RSVP would be greatly appreciated! \*

For more information on this training, or to RSVP:



(760)-858-5100



dir.tero@cit-nsn.gov



## BROUGHT TO YOU, IN PART, BY:

California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. Child Care and Development Block Grant Program and The Chemehuevi Indian Tribe



## **TOPICS INCLUDE:**

TYPES OF EMERGENCIES

CURRENT LOCATION RISKS

HOW TO START PREPARING

PACKING A "GO" BAG

HELPFUL RESOURCES

FREE BACKPACK FULL OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT VALUED AT \$90

## CHEMEHUEVI COMMUNITY CENTER

## \*Temporary\* Staffing Hours

Monday -Friday: 10:00am-6:00pm Saturdays: 10:00am-6:00pm

(760) 858-5103

The weight room is open for community members. All participants will need to sign the Weight Room Consent & Acknowledgement Waiver. Youth ages 16 and up with a waiver on file are required to check in with staff before using the weight room. To use the weight room, all participants need to sign in. Weight Room will remain locked at all times. All patrons of the weight room will need to check in with a Building Staff Member for access. Weight room has a limit of 2 teens at a time. No one <u>under 16 years of age</u> is permitted into the weight room.

The Community Center provides free meals for all youth and teens Mondays-Saturdays. snack is served at 3:00pm and dinner is served at 5:00pm.

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

MONDAY 1st CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FAMILY GAME NIGHT (A.S.A.P)
THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> HULA HOOP TOURNAMENT
FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NINTENDO WII BOWLING TOURNAMENT
TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> WATER COLOR LANDSCAPE PAINTING
THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> TEAM CHARADES
FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> CLOSED FOR CALIFORNIA INDIAN DAYS
MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SLIME DAY
THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> CULTURAL NIGHT
SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> C.P.R COURSE (TERO)
WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SUICIDE PREVENTION (A.S.A.P)
THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> YOUTH BINGO
FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> COOKING CLASS WITH VALARIE

The Community Center encourages parent and youth participation in fundraisers to work towards our goals. We would like to take field trips and are beginning our planning process. If there is anything you would like to see from us or would like to assist with, please stop in and let us know. We also encourage you to stop in and say hi and to join us in our activities! Most events are open to our community members and families.

Follow us on Facebook!
Chemehuevi Community Center
Nuwuvi Rocks

## OCTOBER EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

WEDNESDAY 1 BADMINTION AND LIMBO THURSDAY 2 KNOTTS BERRY FARM END OF SUMMER FIELD TRIP MONDAY 6 HALLOWEEN ROCK PAINTING TUESDAY 7 FAMILY GAME NIGHT(A.S.A.P) THURSDAY 9 HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH CHALLENGE FRIDAY 10 HALLOWEEN CHALK ART CONTEST MONDAY 13 CLOSED-INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY TUESDAY 14 NINTENDO WII BOWLING TOURNAMENT WEDNESDAY 15 I.H.S TOWN HALL MEETING THURSDAY 16 T.E.R.O EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DISASTER FRIDAY 17 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT (SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES) MONDAY 20 GREEN SLIME DAY WEDNESDAY 22 PUMPKIN PAINTINGS CONTEST THURSDAY 23 PUMPKIN PAINTING CONTEST FRIDAY 24 A GHOULS NIGHT OUT-FUN RUN/WALK MONDAY 27 HALLOWEEN MASK PAINTING FRIDAY 31 COMMUNITY CENTER HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT AT THE OLD CASINO

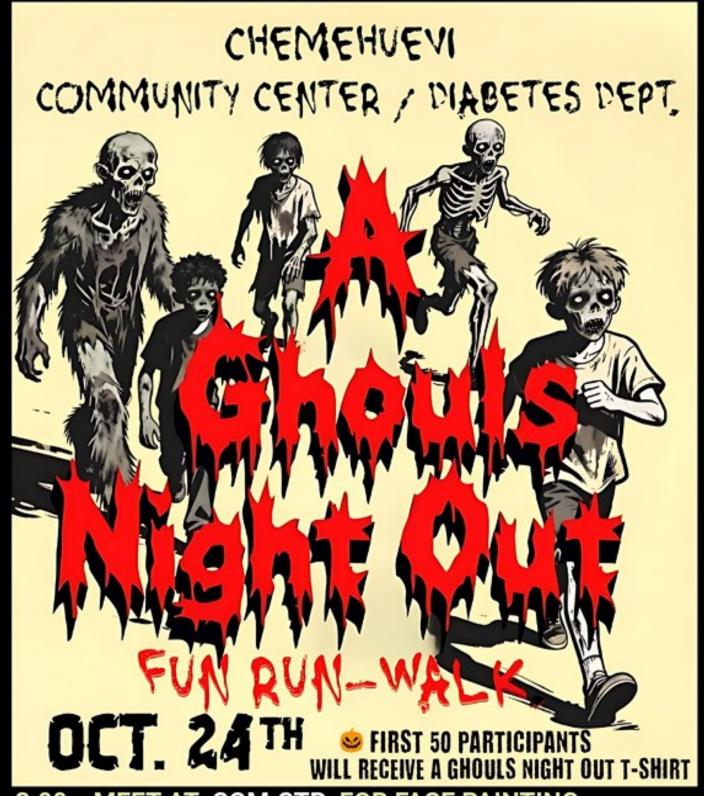
## Community Center Cotober Activities

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MONDAY -SATURI SNACK @3:00 FOR INFO CALL CALENDAR AND E TO CHANCE	DINNER @5:00 760 858 5103	1. BADMINTION LIMBO	2. FALL ART CONTEST BEGINS	3. GAME ROOM	4. OPEN GYM 10:30-5pm
6. HALLOWEEN ROCK PAINTING	FAMILY GAME NIGHT 4:30-6PM	8. OPEN GYM 12:30-5pm	9. HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH CHALLENGE	10. HALLOWEEN CHALK ART CONTEST 1-5pm	GAME ROOM
COM. CTR CLOSED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY	14. NINTENDO WII BOWLING TOURNAMENT 1-5pm	15.LH.S Flown Hall Meeting 3PM	16. TERO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DISASTER COURSE 1-4PM	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT 5-7PM	18. OPEN GYM 10:30-5pm VOLLEYBALL 1-3pm
GREEN SLIME DAY	BOARD GAMES	PUMPKIN PAINTING 3-5:30PM	PUMPKIN PAINTING 3-5:30PM	24. A GHOULS NIGHT (JUT	25. GAME ROOM
27. MASK PAINTING 1-5pm	BOARD GAMES	OPEN GYM 12:30-5pm	GAME ROOM	31. COM.CTR  ALLOWEEN  Old Casino  6-9PM	









3:00 MEET AT COM.CTR FOR FACE PAINTING

5:30 MEET AT HOTEL PARKING LOT

6:00 WALK WILL PROCEED THROUGH CAMPGROUND TO OLD CASINO HAUNTED HOUSE

FOR INFO 760-858-5103





## CTEC TALENT SHOW TRY OUTS!

All ages and talents are welcomed!

We invite you to join a fun and creative Talent Show at the Education Center. This event lets participants show their skills in music, dance, drama, and more.



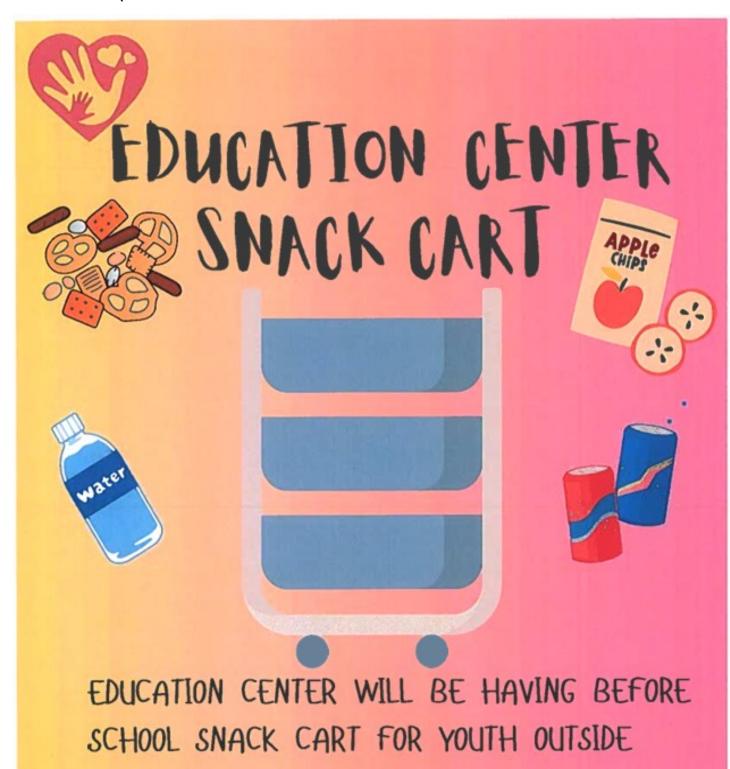


7TH OCT, 2025 🚱 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Try outs will be hosted in the Education Center Building. We look forward to seeing you there!



FOR MORE INFO CALL (760) 858-1036



1 DRINK, 1 SNACK PER YOUTH

PLEASE RESPECT THE HONOR SYSTEM



FOR MORE INFO CALL (760) 858-1036 Or (951)275-7959





## CTEC TALENT SHOW TRY OUTS!

2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND IF YOU MISSED 1<sup>ST</sup>

## ROUND

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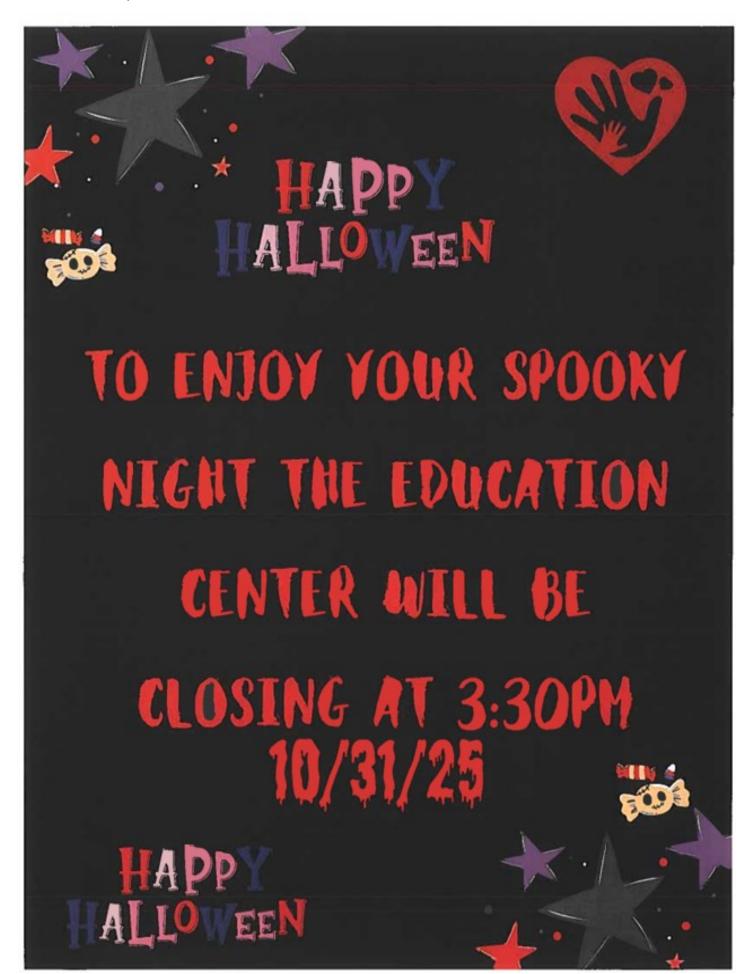


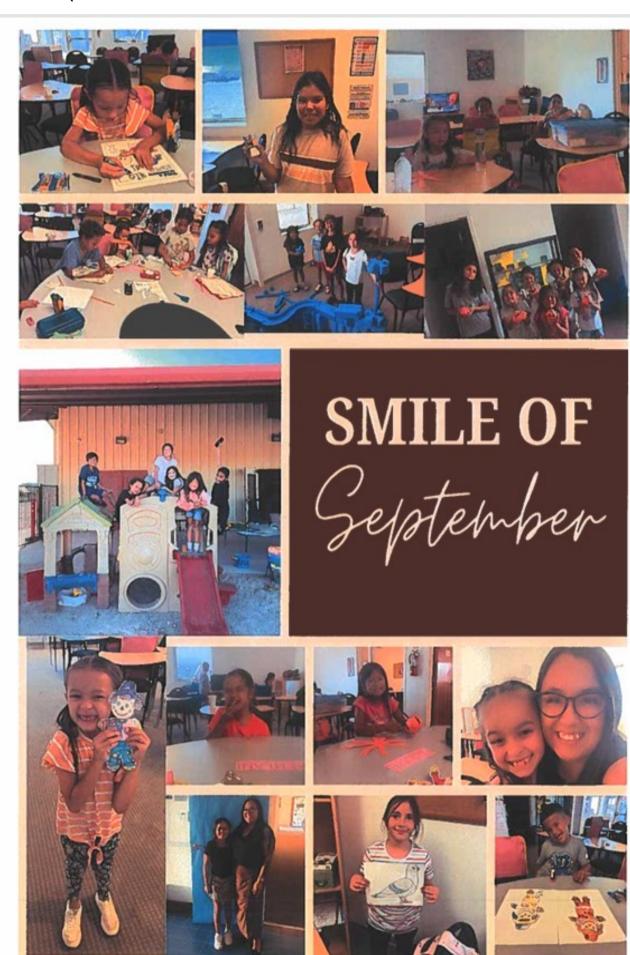
OCT 17TH, 2025 3 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Try outs will be hosted in the **Education Center Building. We look** forward to seeing you there!



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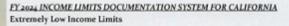




## Department of Housing

Housing Office hours are 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Maintenance Office hours are 6:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Phone: 760-858-4564 Email: recp.hsg@cit-nsn.gov

1-4 bedroom homes are soon to be available to low-income Chemehuevi Tribal Members and other Native Americans. Quail Trail 1-2 bedrooms apartments are available for qualified low-income families regardless of race. If interested contact Housing for an application or you can stop by and pick one up. Keep in mind Housing does have waiting lists for both programs. Tribal list posted in the Housing lobby.



1 Person 2 Persons 3 Persons 4 Persons 5 Persons 6 Persons 7 Persons 8 Persons 835,900 \$41,000 \$46,100 \$51,250 \$55,350 \$59,450 \$63,550 \$67,650

NOTICE: If you aren't feeling well, please call Housing personnel rather then visiting the office. If you prefer not to visit the Housing office with your payments Chrissy or Housing Administrative employees can process electronic payments with debit or credit cards. Housing Drop-box is also available at the front door.

COVID BAGS

Housing Department is offering

Covid bags to Community mombers

that are affected by Covid, please

call Housing Department for Info.

## PEST CONTROL

Bug Emergency was out to spray September 11th & 25th. Be edvised they do spray backyards if gate is unlocked.

## NEXT SPRAY

Will be October 9th & 23rd of



Plan Master

Indian Housing Plan Meeting. September 25, 2025





American Rescue Plan, Although we are currently not accepting new applications Housing continues to work n this program.

HEAP Applications: Gare Act Funding available. Housing has received the new 2025 applications. Please contact Housing if you would like an application or if you need any assistance completing the forms. You will need to bring all pages of your current electric bill and propose. Receipt, valid identification, also bring our social security cards for household members and proof of income.

A&B Propage: If you interested in their service, please give Housing Department a call, or you can call them direct @ 928-854-4099. Their next scheduled delivery January 2025.

Ferreligas: Is still offering propane, an account must be created first. All deliveries will not be charged taxes or other fees. Please contact Ferreligas directly and let them know you are paying with a credit card to debit card to be considered for an upcoming delivery. To make arrangements, please contact: Katy Rankin, Customer Service Specialist, phone number is 928-445-3840. Her email address is KatyRankin.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13, 2025—Indigenous Day/Office Closed.

October 17, 2025—A&B Propane. October 31, 2025— Happy Halloween.

## SENIOR INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

The Department of Aging & Adult Services' Senior Information & Assistance Program staff will be available to answer questions and provide information about programs and services available to you!

PLEASE JOIN USI Every 4th Wednesday of the month 10 AM-12 PM

IN THE HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER!





## NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER

I give you this, one thought to keep.

I am with you still, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamond glints on snow,

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush...
of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone -

I am with you still, in each new dawn.



## CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN TRIBE

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