Ya Ka Ama

Has been selected by Dreyers ice cream and Fruit Tree Planting Foundation to be a part of the Communities Take Root Program. Community and Tribal Members are asked to vote beginning April 16, 2012 thru August 30th, You can vote once a day. Please join in the effort to bring an Orchard to Ya Ka Ama for the community to enjoy!

To vote
www.communitiestakeroot.com
www.facebook.com/ya.ka.ama

We are trying to keep the Membership Files as up to date as possible. We will be sending out letters to those members that have incomplete files. Please respond with the paperwork that is requested. It’s a benefit to you to have a complete file, as we can often fax info to your requested locations.

Tribal ID Cards

The Tribal Identification Machine is now up and running, if you had requested to have a card sent to you prior, you should have received your card by now!

If you need a new or replacement Tribal ID card please contact the office to request one or stop in Monday –Friday 8:00 Am to 5:00 PM and we can make it for you in just minutes!
This year the Kashaya Utility District will be working on upgrades to the system’s water source and improving the leach field.

We began the water source upgrades in April. Please bear with us while we improve the system. There will be occasions that the water will be shut down. It should not affect water delivery, but if it does, the Utility District will notify residents on the Rancheria.

It has come to the Kashaya Utility District’s attention that people are driving over the leach field since the tall vegetation was removed last fall. The removal of the vegetation was not to allow people easier access across the leach field. It was to improve how the leach field works.

**DRIVING OVER THE LEACHFIELD WILL DAMAGE THE PIPES AND COSTS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO REPAIR.**

The system is already impaired due to past factors we are working to fix. Please do not complicate them further. If you are found driving over the leach field and damage occurs, you may be held liable for repairs. Remember, this is the system that collects the materials washed down your sinks, bathtubs and flushed down your toilets!

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**Kashia Fishing Day— JULY 7, 2012**

The Kashia Cultural Department is happy to present the Kashia Fishing Class. We are asking you to come out and enjoy a day of fishing along our scenic Kashia Coast. Parents bring your children and we will teach them and you how to fish on the ocean. This is an event meant to bring together the people of our tribe, young and old, to preserve our fishing traditions. The one day class will feature lessons on Net Fishing, Throw Line Fishing and Pole Fishing. The head instructor will be a Master Fisherman, aided by a number of our tribal members who still go out and fish on our coast and have many skills to teach a number of different fishing techniques.

**Age 10 and up unless accompanied by a parent/Adult.**

This is one of California’s “free fishing” days, so there is no requirement for a license. If you are interested call the Tribal Office and sign up early! 707-591-0580
HOUSING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Job Openings!
The SPR Housing Department has received just a few applications for the open position of Rancheria Housing Repairs Technician. Applicants must live within a 20 minute commute to the Rancheria. Preference will be given first to Tribal Members residing on the Rancheria, second to family members of Tribal Members residing on the Rancheria, and lastly to Tribal Members or enrolled members of other tribes living within a 20 minute commute. Applicants must have 2 years construction experience, be computer-literate, GED or high school graduate, a valid CA driver’s license, at least one positive reference from a prior employer. The complete job description is posted at the Teacherage and at the Tribal Office. The position will be held open for few more weeks, so if you are interested in applying, please do so right away. Applications are available at the Teacherage and the Tribal Office.

Rancheria Home Maintenance
If you live on the Rancheria and have plumbing leaks, electrical outlets, switches or lights that don’t work, roof leaks, or other hazards, please call Paul Chappell, who is our temporary Rancheria Housing Repairs Tech as soon as possible at 338-1384. You may also call the Housing Department at 591-0580. These sorts of hazards can result in more serious damage. You can avoid electrical hazards by limiting use of extension cords, and by not loading up several appliances on a single outlet. Do not use electrical outlets that spark or show evidence of smoke. You can avoid water damage by cleaning your gutters, and by keeping windows and doors closed during rains. Exposure to rain, whether from a gap in the home’s siding, or an open window, can cause mold to grow on walls and flooring, and can eventually damage the structural integrity of your home. If you must open a door or window, make sure it is shielded from rain by a porch roof.

Financial Literacy
SPR Housing Department is now offering Financial Literacy classes, which include information on budgeting. So far, the feedback has been positive. Any Tribal Member can sign up to attend, but for those receiving Rental Assistance, it is mandatory. Failure to attend the class may result in termination of Rental Assistance benefits. If you are participating in the Rental Assistance program and have not yet taken the class, please call Rosellen George at 591-0580x114 to sign up. If you would like to learn how to manage your income more successfully, and learn more about how to make your housing affordable, please sign up for this class.

Tribal Work
In the last newsletter we called on Members with construction experience; only a few of you have contacted us! We have a lot of projects coming up, so we want to put you on our list. We are also looking for artists. If you paint or draw and can do murals, show us your work! We want to include your work in the soon-to-be constructed Rancheria Community Center. We would also like to reproduce historical photos (like those in the Tribal Office reception area) in larger, high quality versions to frame and place in the Community Center. If you can loan us photos for reproduction, or if you can draw or paint from photos, please contact us.
Date: Saturday, June 2, 2012  
Location: Kashia Teacherage & School Playground  
Time: 7:30 am - 3:00 pm

FREE Spay and Neuter Day Sponsored by: Kashia Tribal Office & Sonoma County

Schedule for the Day
7:30 am - Drop off pet and fill out paperwork. 
9:00 am - Surgery Begins 
3:00 pm - Pet pickup - all pets must be picked up by this time.

- The Animal Control Ordinance **REQUIRES** spaying/neutering of your animals and pets licensed. There will be no cost to license your pet at this event.
- Please take advantage of this **FREE** service. Otherwise, you will have to pay out of your own pocket for spaying/neutering and licensing your pet.

Spay/Neuter - **No Charge (pets must be at least 4 months)**

Heartworm tests - $20.00

Rabies vaccinations - No Charge

SEE YOU THERE!

Questions? Call the Tribal Office 707.591.0580
Bed Bugs get their name because they are commonly found in beds but can also be found in other places where humans spend a lot of time: hotels, airplanes, and couches. They can also be found in small cracks and crevices. Bed Bugs feed similar to Mosquitoes, after biting through they inject their saliva into the skin, along with an anesthetic (this keeps the host from feeling the bite), to keep the blood from clotting. Although Bed Bugs do not spread disease their bite can become red, itchy, and irritating.

Prevention:
- Don’t take mattresses or padded furniture that has been left at the curb or street.
- After traveling wash all your clothes (even ones that have not been worn) in hot water to prevent further spreading of Bed Bugs.
- Use a flashlight to check for Bed Bugs regularly.
- Check your bed sheets for blood spots.

There are about 170 different kinds of mosquitoes in North America alone. These pests are part of the same family as houseflies and fruit flies, because they all have two clear, veined wings.

Mosquitoes can develop from egg to adult in 10 to 14 days. Mosquitoes breed in soft, moist soil, or stagnant water sources such as storm drains, old tires, children's wading pools and birdbaths. Mosquitoes can even breed in just an inch of stagnant water. Mosquitoes spread diseases such as Malaria, West Nile Virus, and Dengue fever.

Prevention:
- Remove stagnant water as soon as possible or replace it at least once a week.
- Make sure all windows, doors and other openings are closed.
- Use insect repellants such as DEET on your clothing and exposed skin.
- DEET: isn’t a mosquito killer, it disorients the mosquitoes and ticks.
- If DEET is to harsh for your skin, oil of lemon eucalyptus is a plant based repellant found in repel brand names.
2ND ANNUAL INTERTRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH CAMPOUT

JUNE 25-29, 2012
FORT BRAGG, CA

We have applications for the campout at the tribal office, please come in or call and we can get one to you!

(707)-591-0580

- Traditional foods
- Cultural activities
- Recreational activities
- Environmental Education

Put together by:
Potter Valley Tribe: Gregg Young
707-462-1213, pvtepadirector@pottervalleytribe.com
and
Coyote Valley Tribe
Dan Rodriguez: 707-485-8723
epal@coyotevalleytribe.com

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Applicants for this position must have a strong understanding of Kashia Culture, History and Traditional Knowledge. Applicants must be self-motivated, with a strong work ethic, be able to take direction, and have strong written and oral communication skills. Applicants must be computer-literate and able to conduct internet research. Applicants must have a current CA driver's license, insurance and a working vehicle.

This position is only open to Tribal Members of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of Stewarts Point Rancheria.

An application and complete job description can be obtained from the SPR Offices. Please submit completed applications via fax to, (707)-591-0583 or by mail to SPR, 3535 Industrial Drive, Suite B-2, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, or deliver by hand to SPR’s office. Please include your prior experience and references.

This position will remain open until filled.
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT!

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!
Vivian & Jack Wilder are the proud G-Grand parents of a new baby boy!

Andre Mendez
DOB: 12/09/2011
8lbs 1 oz, 21 inches

Congratulations to the entire Family on the new addition!

~Easter at Ya Ka Ama~

Guess Who Was There!

Some of our Tribal Members took a trip out to Bodega to see the Tall Ships that came to Port! They had a 2–hour Tour aboard the Lady Washington!

HAPPY SAILING!

Julian Davis and Lenora Vigil-Moya

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHARE WITH YOUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY?
CONTACT MELISSA FOR SUBMISSIONS 707-591-0580X110

WARRIORS 4JC

Warriors4JC is a Non-profit organization: that uses the disciplines of boxing as an outreach in helping the youth of our community to have a positive outlook on life.

Mission Statement: The purpose of Warriors4JC is to reach kids with uncontrolled passion and no direction. Leading them toward maximizing their potential by teaching them to respect themselves, others, property, and most of all God, through the mental, physical disciplines of boxing and physical exercise.

We currently have 3 Scholarship openings for a 90 Day Free Membership, Contact Robert Muro at: 707-342-2397 or come down to the gym, Mon-Fri 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, 187 Southwest Blvd, Rohnert Park, CA

We are a Faith based Non-profit organization that wants to serve our community.
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY 2012

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**KASHIA YOUTH EDUCATION FUND**

*We are still accepting applications for school age children from Kindergarten to High School*

**Section 3. Program Description**

The KYEF provides rewards to Kashia Tribal youth who meet or exceed benchmarks set forth by the Kashia Community Council. The program is designed to provide “Kashia Rewards Cards” to tribal youth who promote grades from K-8 (example—graduating 1st to 2nd grade), youth who maintain a 3.0 grade point average in Middle or High Schools (per semester), youth who promote from Elementary to Middle school or Middle school to High school and youth who graduate High School.

The intent of the program is to promote school and education to our youth and build support and trust between them and their tribal government.

**Section 4 Program Guidelines**

4.1 The KYEF shall be made available to all enrolled Kashia tribal members in Kindergarten through grade 12.

4.2 The KYEF will provide rewards for students who promote to higher grade levels in Elementary School and who are promoting from Elementary to Middle School or Middle to High School.

4.3 The KYEF shall provide rewards for middle and high school students who can document a 3.0GPA or higher.

You need to supply a High School Diploma and/or a report card as proof of promotion and GPA

Call the office for an application or if you have any questions!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012

LAKE SONOMA SITE #2
(SAME AREA AS LAST YEAR)

Water Jump’s (bring towels and suites)
Adult Bingo (bring your daubers!!)
Adult Raffles! (Cash and gift cards!)
Pie Contest
Best Chili Contest

We need Volunteers to be on the Summer Picnic Committee! Call the office to sign up and help with this year’s Picnic. We need fry bread makers, BBQ person, Bingo caller and much more!

Call Melissa, 707-591-0580 x 110

Information booths:
SCIHP Healthy Traditions Department
Tribal TANF of Sonoma and Marin
Kashia Environmental Department
Kashia Cultural Resources Department
Indian Child & Family Preservation Program
Sherwood Valley Food Program
**Kashia School in Danger of Closing**

Dr. Beverly Flynn from the Kashia School District announced that the Kashia School is in danger of closing. The current enrollment at the Kashia School cannot fall below an average per day of 6.5 students. The current enrollment at the Kashia School is 7 students. Due to the current enrollment of 7 students, it is expected the school will fall below the 6.5 average that is needed to remain open. Once the Kashia School is closed due to low enrollment the school cannot be opened with State funding. If the school should close, a closure would not take place until September of 2013.

Do you need help with childcare? CRIHB has a great program to assist with the costs of childcare. Call the office for eligibility requirements and an application!
707-591-0580 or CRIHB directly at: 916-929-9761

The Tribal Enrollment Department does not have a linked database with the Housing Department. If you do any business with the Rental/Housing Department; move, change address, or phone number you need to update the Enrollment Department as well, **the Housing/Rental Dept. is confidential and they do not share information.** So please see Melissa or Lenora for a change of address form to fill out so that we can keep your information updated!

**ALSO,** If you are over 18 you need to submit and sign your own address change, it cannot be done by a parent or family member.
MAY PER CAP DISTRIBUTION
THERE IS NO NEED TO CALL THE OFFICE REGARDING CHECKS
CHECKS WILL BE MAILED OUT BY MAY 15TH, 2012. This schedule is
for each quarter disbursement, Feb, May, Aug, Nov. Amounts are undeter-
mined, checks will be mailed by 15th of each quarter.
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE UPDATED YOUR ADDRESS WITH US
AT LEAST 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO EACH DISTRIBUTION!