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### **Māori Dancers Slay Beyoncé Song With Indigenous Dance**

What do you get  
when New Zealand's  
indigenous Māori  
dancing bows down  
to the sounds of  
Queen Bey?  
Poioyoncé: A new  
type of dance that  
we're really hoping...

[www.huffingtonpost.com](http://www.huffingtonpost.com)

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### **National Self-Help Housing Conference**

**San Antonio, TX**

**7/21/2015 - 7/23/2015**

**Times vary**

This year's conference theme, 50 Years of Building Dreams, celebrates the half-century success of the USDA Rural Development Section 523 program and construction of the 50,000th home.



The conference will feature informative and interactive workshops delving into timely topics, as well as providing opportunities for sharing best practices, networking and motivational keynote speakers. [Register](#)

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**Join us for a week of service in the Crown of the Continent – Glacier National Park**  
– as we conduct Citizen Science Research on mountain goats, bighorn sheep, and picas.

Traveling up Going-to-the-Sun Road toward Logan Pass

*by Marc Ankenbauer*

Watch our four-minute video invite for full details: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tn-hSHUo2iY>.

## Event Details

**WHO:** Anyone in good hiking shape 16 yrs old and up

**WHAT:** Citizen Science survey service project

**WHEN:** Sunday August 2nd through Friday August 7th, 2015

**WHERE:** Kalispell MT and Glacier National Park

**Questions/RSVP:** If interested contact Par Rasmusson, [parasmusson@gmail.com](mailto:parasmusson@gmail.com) or 702-215-9119

Add Service to your hiking and help us study and protect these wonderful animals,

Par Rasmusson, Service Leader, Southern Nevada Group of the Sierra Club  
Jane Feldman, Conservation Chair, Southern Nevada Group of the Sierra Club

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## Impact Aid Program Tribal Consultation

The Impact Aid Program is considering whether to propose changes to its regulations at 34 CFR Part 222. We are seeking input from tribal leaders, specifically on whether we should make changes to [the regulations governing Indian Policies and Procedures](#), and if so, what changes should be made. Please let us know your suggestions by participating in an online consultation session. Two dates are available:

Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 2:30 PM EDT                      OR  
Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 2:30 PM EDT

There are a limited number of spaces for each date, so we ask that you register for one session only.

### To register

1. Visit <http://educate.webex.com>.
2. In the header menu, click on Training Center, then the Upcoming tab.

3. Select the session you would like to attend and click the registration link on the right hand side of the page. The registration password is Consult16.
4. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to the Webex session, as well as instructions for how to dial in to the proceedings.

If you have questions about the registration process, please contact Amanda Ognibene at [Amanda.Ognibene@ed.gov](mailto:Amanda.Ognibene@ed.gov).

Following input from tribal leaders, if the Department decides to proceed with amending the regulations, we will publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Federal Register, at which point the general public (including tribes) will have an opportunity to comment.

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**[Good-bye plastic: Lego announces a huge change in the future of its toys.](#)**

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**[River conservation efforts under way](#)**

In response to the worst drought on record, the SNWA has teamed up with Colorado River Basin partners on numerous projects aimed at protecting and conserving Colorado River system resources. [Read More](#)



*"Wilderness is not only a haven for native plants and animals but it is also a refuge from society. It's a place to go to hear the wind and little else, see the stars and the galaxies, smell the pine trees, feel the cold water, touch the sky and the ground at the same time, listen to coyotes, eat the fresh snow, walk across the desert sands, and realize why it's good to go outside of the city and the suburbs. Fortunately, there is wilderness just outside the limits of the cities and the suburbs in most of the United States, especially in the West." ~John Muir*

**With These  
Glass Tiles  
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Generate  
Electricity**

SolTech Energy, a Swedish company selling solutions for solar power, has developed a unique glass tile solar energy solution that is available as an...

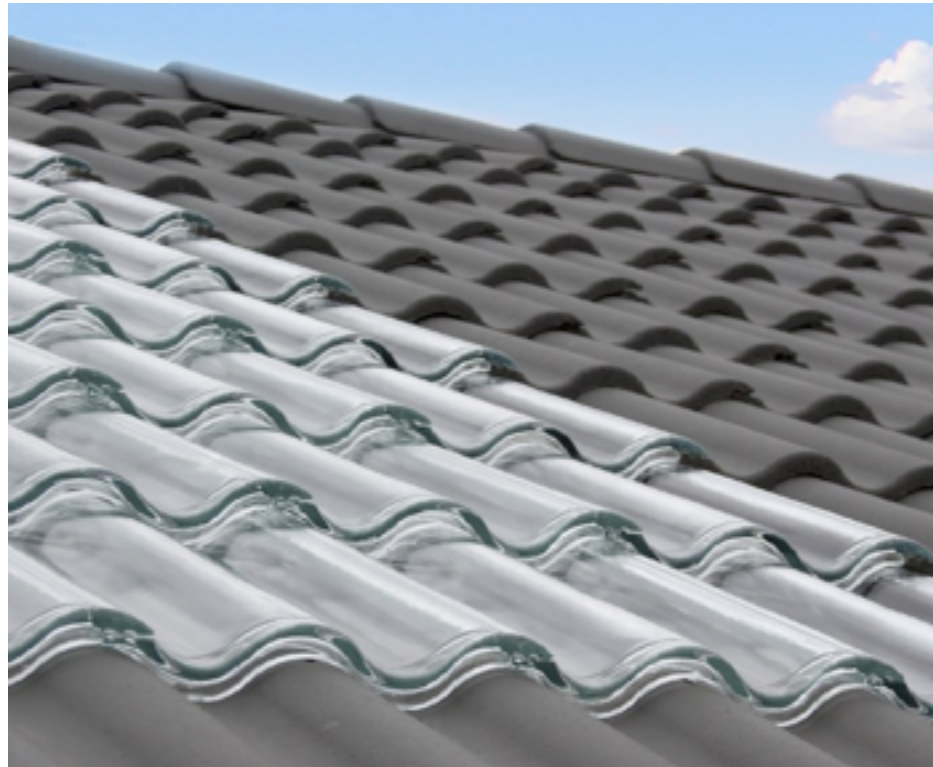
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A fully  
transparent  
solar cell  
that could  
make every  
window and

screen a power source | ExtremeTech

Ubiquitous Energy and Michigan State University researchers have created a fully transparent solar concentrator, which could turn any window or sheet of glass (like your smartphone's screen) into a photovoltaic solar cell.

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## Stewart Indian School: Remembering The Good And Bad

Sherry Rupert heads the Nevada Indian Commission and has been working for the past decade to preserve the site of the Stewart Indian School in Carson City.

kunr.org|By Michelle Bliss

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- "Happy Birthday To You" drum song Stewart Indian School Native American Indian Pow



wow 1996

1996, old video footage of Stewart Indian School Native American Pow wow drum group singing Happy Birthday To You in Carson City, Nevada USA. Happy Brithday ...

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If you decide to apply for a scholarship for my UCLA On-Line Course - Protecting Cultural Property in the Biotech Age, beginning July 8, 2015, be sure to let me know so I can support your application. This course is part of a Tribal Law certificate program offered by TLCEE, but can be taken independently as well. Here are the links: <https://www.uclaextension.edu/pages/Course.aspx?reg=257139> Full scholarship applications can be accessed at: [https://docs.google.com/.../1fI-tWADMcnTDOF\\_uDCYB0b.../viewform...](https://docs.google.com/.../1fI-tWADMcnTDOF_uDCYB0b.../viewform...)

## UCLA Extension : Protecting Cultural Property in the Biotech Age (Online)

Indigenous cultural property of all forms, tangible and intangible, oral and written, ancient and contemporary, is under constant threat from exploitation, theft, misrepresentation, misuse, and


commodification. Genetic material and Indigenous Knowledge are significant aspects of cultural property th... uclaextension.edu

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The Latvians kept their ancient shamanistic culture later than any other area in Europe, as seen in the Ligo Midsummer festival we just enjoyed. Here are a few of the symbols still used in clothes, jewelry, etc.

## [Baltic Ethnographic Symbols & Mythology](#) [basic symbols in Latvian design](#) [pinterest.com](#)

### Basic Symbols in Latvian Design

	<b>Dievs</b> - (God) is the supreme god. In ancient Latvian mythology, Dievs was not just the father of the gods, he was the essence of them all. This symbol represent the sky, as a roof over the earth.
	<b>Māra</b> - She is strongly associated with childbirth; children are said to enter the world "through the gates of Māra". She is the protector of women, especially mothers, and children. She is also the goddess of the hearth. Māra is also linked with death, and often takes the form of black animals such as ravens or black hens. She is also the goddess who was responsible for the land, the waters, and every living thing.
	<b>Laima</b> - (Goddess of Destiny) the name Laima derives from the word laime, which means "happiness" or "luck". Laima determines whether one's life will be short or long, fruitful or poverty-stricken, carefree or worrisome. She also determines the moment of a person's death. The sign is thought to bring luck.
	<b>Jumis</b> - fertility and well-being are personified through Jumis. He is associated with "double-plants," such as two corn stalks or trees which have grown together and share a trunk or stem. The basic symbol appears on wraps and jewellery from the Iron Age.
	<b>Ūsiņš</b> - was the god of horses, bees and light. On Ūsiņš' Day, which falls in early May, the animals are let out to pasture for the first time. His sacrificial offering was a prize rooster. Ūsiņš is said to drive the chariot of the Sun across the sky with his two horses.
	<b>Zārkis</b> (Serpent) - symbolized a deity which was significantly connected with general well-being, judging from the popularity of the symbol. This sign is very ancient, also dating from the Iron Age, and is seen often on the borders of shawls, on jewellery, and leatherwork.
	<b>Krusts, krusta krusts, Māras krusts</b> - (Cross and Cross of Crosses) the oldest ornamentation in all cultures. It guards, blesses and brings happiness.
	<b>Ugunskrusts</b> - (Sign of Fire or Thunder Cross) the sign of thunder, is one of the most ancient symbols in the world and has been used by all nations. The Latvian sign of thunder symbolizes light, fire, life, health and prosperity. No other nation has used the swastika so widely, nor developed so many variations of it as the Latvians.
	<b>Saule</b> - (The Sun) was the goddess of fertility, patron goddess of the unlucky, including orphans. The design was originally a simple circle, which evolved over the years into many variations. Sun designs now usually consist of eight parts.
	<b>Mēness</b> - (Moon) was the god of war. Warriors wore Moon signs for protection. The Moon Sign has been found on men's bracelets dating back to the Iron Age. Sword embellishments also boasted Moon Signs, as did pendants and pins.
	<b>Auseklis</b> - (The Morning Star or Guardian Star) is the symbol of the morning star, the usher of the new day. Auseklis is thought to protect people from the forces of evil which roam at night. He is represented by the complex eight-sided star, which must be drawn in one continuous line without lifting your hand to receive the benefit of his blessings.
	<b>Jānis</b> - (Summer Solstice Deity) was sometimes referred to as a son of God. His Midsummer's Night festival (which is called "Jāņi" and which takes place on the evening of June 23rd) is the most important festival of the year for Latvians. Once every year, Jānis at midsummer came to bring luck and fertility to the people of Latvia.

[from nevadaonline.org](http://www.nevadaonline.org) - See more at: <http://www.onlinenevada.org/categories/history-nevada-diversity?page=1#sthash.qAYrCgbS.dpuf>

### **Sunshine Locality**

The Sunshine Locality is a National Historic Register Palaeoarchaic archaeological site located in Long Valley, White Pine County, Nevada. This site, which gets its name from the nearby Sunshine Well, has been the focus of archaeological interest for more than fifty years because of its extensive surface deposits, believed to be representative of some of the earliest occupants of North America. [Read more](#)

### **Stillwater Indian Reservation: Sewing and Quilting**

The Baptist Indian Mission located on the Stillwater Indian Reservation near Fallon, Nevada, not only served as a church for Paiute tribal members, but also as a gathering place for many reservation social events, classes, and other activities (1911-1931). Baptist missionary women such as Lillian R. Corwin and Mary Brown offered classes on sewing and quilting to Paiute women and young girls. [Read more](#)

### **Rock Art of Nevada**

“Rock art” is the collective term for a variety of forms of visual representation made on natural rocky surfaces (boulders, cliff faces, cave walls, etc.) and are found throughout the world. Pictographs and petroglyphs represent the two main techniques used to make rock art. Pictographs are made through an additive process, where they are applied to the rock surface, and include paintings, charcoal drawings, stencils, prints. Petroglyphs are made by a reductive process, in which they are cut into the rock by engraving, pecking, incising or abrasion.

**Pyramid Lake War**      The Pyramid Lake War of 1860 was the single greatest confrontation between American Indians and whites in Nevada's history. It was caused by the onrush of thousands of settlers to the Washoe country, lured by reports of valuable silver and gold deposits on the Comstock, combined with the lack of any effective organized government in the area. By the spring of 1860, the often unruly influx of Euro-Americans approximately equaled the Northern Paiute population in the area, impinging on their scarce resources and food supply. [Read more about Pyramid Lake War](#)

### **Pueblo Grande de Nevada: Lost City**

Beginning about 300 BC, a native culture developed and flourished for over 1000 years in the Moapa Valley of Southern Nevada. This culture's development paralleled the well-known Puebloan cultures of the Southwest in the Four Corners area of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. It was related to neighboring Southwest cultures by its technology and agricultural lifestyle. It may or may not have shared language and kinship. The modern Hopi culture in Arizona claims all of these people as their ancestors. In the Hopi language these "ancient ones"



are known as Hisatsinom.      Read more

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From NARF:

After a decades' long process, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe received notice today that the United States acknowledges the Pamunkey Indian Tribe as an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law. "The Native American Rights Fund has had the distinct honor and privilege of representing the Pamunkey people since the mid-1970s. We applaud Assistant Secretary Washburn and OIA Director Fleming for their careful review and decision" said NARF's Executive Director, John Echohawk. Along with the tribe's legal co-counsel, Mark Tilden of Tilden McCoy + Dilweg LLP, NARF would like to congratulate the Pamunkey Indian Tribe on today's victory! Here is the Pamunkey Indian Tribe's official press release.

## **PAMUNKEY TRIBAL GOVERNMENT**

### **ASSISTANT SECRETARY – INDIAN AFFAIRS ACKNOWLEDGES THE PAMUNKEY INDIAN TRIBE**

**July 2, 2015**

Today, after years of research and participation in the federal acknowledgment regulatory process, the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA), U.S. Department of the Interior published a Final Determination for Federal Acknowledgment of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe.

The Pamunkey Indian Tribe, located on the Pamunkey Homeland in Virginia, has a rich and well-documented history. In the course of collecting evidence for the federal acknowledgment petition, researchers compiled thousands of documents recording the tribe's existence and enduring presence.

The Pamunkey Indian Tribe played a vital role in the Europeans' first contact with the New World. Documents have been preserved in the archives of the United States and England that clearly show the continuous existence of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe as an independent sovereign since the first visit of Captain John Smith in 1607, when the English settled Jamestown. The Pamunkey still honor the treaty relationship forged between the tribe and Great Britain in 1646, and reasserted through the Treaty of Middle Plantation in 1677. One expression of the perseverance of this treaty relationship, performed as recently as November 2014, is the annual tribute ceremony where deer and other wild game are presented to the Governor of Virginia by the Pamunkey Chief and members of the Tribal Council in Richmond, Virginia. The continuity of the tribe's community and political authority has helped the tribe preserve its cultural traditions and a tight-knit community. Federal acknowledgment will serve to strengthen these bonds for the future.

For any questions, please contact Robert Gray, Assistant Chief, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, 804.339.1629 or the tribe's legal counsel: Mark C. Tilden, Tilden McCoy + Dilweg LLP at [mctilden@tildenmccoy.com](mailto:mctilden@tildenmccoy.com), 303.818.0310 or 2500 30th Street, Suite 207, Boulder, Colorado



80301 or David Gover, Native American Rights Fund at [dgover@narf.org](mailto:dgover@narf.org), 303.447.8760 or 1506 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

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### **Education Savings Account (SB302).**

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP for PROPOSED REGULATIONS RELATING TO SB 302

OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER DAN SCHWARTZ

Thursday, July 17, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

Meeting via videoconference available at the following locations

Legislative Building, Suite 4100

401 S. Carson Street

Carson City, NV

Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Suite 4401

555 E. Washington Avenue

Las Vegas, NV

For more information <http://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/>

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### **CALENDAR**

#### **July 29-31 Native American Water Association (NAWA) National Conference (Tribal Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals) Las Vegas, NV**

Tribal water and wastewater professionals representing tribal utilities from across the nation gather together to share thoughts, information and knowledge of the issues facing tribal drinking water and wastewater programs throughout Indian Country. 20th Annual Conference brings together Tribal Drinking Water and Wastewater Operators, Managers, Utility Board Members, Council Members, Emergency Personnel and Environmental staffs responsible for providing safe potable drinking water supplies, sanitary facilities and environmental services to develop a greater understanding of roles and responsibilities to protect public health in our tribal communities. For more call (775) 782-6636, [www.nawainc.org](http://www.nawainc.org)

#### **August 4-5 - 42nd Annual Rural Health Conference and 10th Annual Performance**

**Improvement Summit.** Hilton Sedona Resort & Spa. For information check the website: <http://crh.arizona.edu/>

**August 8 - Hopi 10K/5K/2 mile.** 6:00 a.m. State Route 264, Old Oraibi, Hopi Reservation. Fee. Free kids dash. Check the website: <http://www.runhopi.com/>

**August 11-12 3rd Annual Mid-Year Conference.** Arizonans for Prevention.  
"Prevention and Wellness for all Populations."

**August 15 Washo Picnic** is going to be held at Tahoe Paradise Park in Meyers

#### **Aug. 17 Tribal Participation in the Cannabis Industry (Law Seminars) Portland, OR**

The U.S. Dept. of Justice recently issued a "Policy Statement Regarding Marijuana Issues in Indian Country." While the memo did not support marijuana legalization, it was very supportive of Tribal sovereignty and strongly promoted Tribes' authority to ban or legalize marijuana on their own lands. Consequently, this Statement has caused both interest and concern among

Native American Tribes and their legal representatives. This seminar addresses the important legal, regulatory, business, practical, and social and health matters facing those Native American Tribes seeking to enter, navigate, and learn about the cannabis industry and how it may affect Tribal economies and Tribal members. We will analyze and discuss the DOJ's Statement regarding the integration of marijuana on Tribal lands and the interplay between federal, Tribal, and state laws. The seminar will also provide practical tips and strategies for assisting Tribes with their choice of legal marijuana models, including for both recreational and medical marijuana. We will discuss business development concerns including taxation, banking, financing and intellectual property issues, all in the context of what Tribes may encounter should they opt to engage in the cannabis industry. We will also address the emerging ethical tensions of practicing in the marijuana industry in the context of advising Tribes regarding marijuana legalization on Tribal lands. Register HYPERLINK "<http://mercury.lsipenews.com:8080/r.html?uid=1.9w.4k8c.2fg.y2ig51317d>" [here](#) or call us at (206) 567-4490. Live webcast is also available.

**Aug. 17-20 2015 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum Minneapolis, MN**

The 2015 annual Tribal Lands and Environment Forum (TLEF) will feature special trainings, field trips, and breakout sessions focused on solid/hazardous waste management, brownfields, UST/LUSTs, Superfund sites, and emergency response. Also, the 2015 Forum will include breakout session tracks related to tribal water programs – water quality, drinking water, and habitat restoration (including wetlands, streams and fisheries). More info. at: HYPERLINK "[http://www4.nau.edu/itep/conferences/confr\\_tlf.asp](http://www4.nau.edu/itep/conferences/confr_tlf.asp)" [Tribal Lands and Environment Forum](#).

**August 24-26 - Arizona's 15th Annual Transition Conference.** Connecting for Success: Shared Expectations, Responsibilities, and Outcomes. Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale. For information contact [jeannette.zemeida@azed.gov](mailto:jeannette.zemeida@azed.gov)

**Aug. 25-27 NAHASDA Essentials and OMB Circular Changes (HUD/ONAP) Phoenix, AZ FREE.** This popular and interactive 3-day training provides a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing & crime prevention services. Other major topics include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. This foundational course will acquaint tribal and TDHE staff with the basic requirements of the IHBG Program. Training uses case studies, group discussions, team games, lectures & hands-on exercises. Register at HYPERLINK "<http://www.firstpic.org>" [www.firstpic.org](http://www.firstpic.org)

**Aug. 26-28 2015 Arizona Housing Forum Phoenix, AZ**

The Forum is recognized as 'the' state housing conference in Arizona, providing a platform for affordable housing professionals to network and share ideas to improve and create housing choices for Arizonans. For more info., visit HYPERLINK "<https://housing.az.gov/node/1499>" <https://housing.az.gov/node/1499>

## Free, Reduced Lunch Continue Through Summer

*RSIC participates in USDA program for reservation youth*

During the school year, over 21 million children receive free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch each day through the USDA's National School Lunch Program.

But, when school is out, many children who rely on these meals go hungry. The challenge is particularly great in rural areas and Indian Country. In these areas, children and teens often live long distances from designated summer

meal sites and lack access to public transportation. The consequences are significant.

Several studies have found that food insecurity impacts cognitive development among young children and contributes to poorer school performance, greater likelihood of illness, and higher health costs.

The Obama administration has addressed the challenge head-on, investing unprecedented

resources to increasing participation in the food program.

The impact has been significant. In 2014, in the peak operating month of July, over 45,000 summer meal sites were available across the U.S., including at two locations on the RSIC, a 29 percent increase from 2009.

All told, last summer the USDA Food and Nutrition Service delivered 23 million more meals than in the summer of 2009.

RENO SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

*SEPTEMBER*  
*4,5, 6, 2015*

*HUNGRY VALLEY, NEVADA*

# HANDGAMES

**OPEN GAMES ALL WEEEEKEND**

<b>FRIDAY 9.4</b>	<b>SATURDAY 9.5</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.6</b>
TWO MAN TOURNAMENT	MAIN TOURNAMENT	3-MAN TOURNAMENT
\$50 PER TEAM \$800 1ST PLACE	\$150 PER TEAM \$6000 FIRST PLACE	\$75 PER TEAM \$800 1ST PLACE
REGISTRATION 6-8ISH	REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 1230 PM AND ENDS AT 2 PM	REGISTRATION 1 PM

THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY WELCOMES YOU ALL TO OUR ANNUAL HANDGAMES DURING THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN BEAUTIFUL HUNGRY VALLEY, NV. THIS YEAR WE ARE CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF WASHO, PAIUTE, AND SHOSHONE TRADITION. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!



THIS IS AN ALCOHOL/ DRUG FREE EVENT

DRY CAMPING AVAILABLE. BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND ENJOY THE WEEKEND.

CONTACT WINSTON SAM AT 77.221.5620 FOR MORE INFORMATION.