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Excerpt from **DIARY OF WILLIAM ADDISON BUSHNELL**, CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

Oct. 8 A detachment of the second Inf. Co. 2 consisting of three companies under command of Lieutenant Col. Pollock leave Fort Yuma enroute for Arizona. Our destination is said to be Fort Goodwin. We get over the river by 7 P.M. and pass through Arizona City, thence on a mile from town and encamp on a slough, the remaining companies are destined for Fort Breckenridge.

Oct. 10- Reville sounds at 3 A. M. and an hour later we are on the ride. After traveling 19 miles we encamp at Gila City, so called consisting of the remains of two or three willow houses, occupied by an American and his Mexican Senorita, together with a few Greasers and half-clad Indians. Gila City lies at the foot of a range of rocky hills, and on the Gila River. Some little mining is done in the hills nearby and the place was the scene of considerable mining excitement 3 or 4 years ago.

Oct. 11, Travel 17 miles and encamp at Mission Camp. "No Inhabitants". Road sandy and rock. A species of Cactus is found through the country here which much resembles the trunk of a standing tree. It rises to the height of 15 or 20 feet and is profusely covered with thorns the center of the tree is the largest part, from which it tapers gradually to either end. Some of them are two feet thick and where a few of them are standing together they present quite a picturesque appearance. But majestic as they are, they can never rise too much importance as a shade tree, not having any limbs. The only kind of wood found here is a species of thorny wood known as mesquite.

Oct. 12, Distance the same, as yesterday, encamp at the foot of Antelope Peak. A mountain that rises abruptly to the height of 4 or 5 hundred feet, towering in majestic style, and throwing a splendid shade over our camp from 2 P. M. The nites here are much cooler than at Yuma, rather too cold for comfort. Unless with about three blankets over us. Some Mexicans live here, one



family at least. Their only means of support seem to be selling a occasional glass of Tarantula juice, at 25 cents.

Oct. 13, March 16 miles and encamp on the river among heavy willows and weeds, interspersed with cottonwoods. Capt. Stewart caught a splendid Salmon. A train of Emigrants camp near, they are from Texas Hill and represent themselves as being "hard up".

Oct. 14 Leave camp as usual at 5 A. M. In two miles pass Mohawk Station. Nine miles further pass Texan Hill and still six miles further reach, Teamsters or Shady Camp, and halt for the day. A portion of the command got on the wrong road, or rather on no road at all, for which they were indebted to Captain Noyes. Shady Camp consists of a few cottonwood trees, standing on the banks of the Gila, and were it not for the dust, and wind would be an agreeable place. McGinnis shot a crane across the river. The boys caught some nice fish.. Distance 17 miles. (not the fish)

Oct. 15, Travel 14 miles and encamp at Grinnells Station, on the Rio, at a nice grove, and a sort of house made of poles or logs set on end. The occupants were two or three white men, and as many Mexican women, Watermelons for sale at tres reales, a piece. Some of the teams are sent over the river after barley for the mules. Our time of traveling since we left is pretty regular, "Reville" sounds at 4 A. M. immediately after comes "Role Call" then follows the "General", which means for all hands to hurry up and get ready for the road. About five the "Assembly" sounds and the companies fall in, and await the call "forward" which soon sounds off and off we go. In two hours we halt and rest a few minutes, and at the end of every hour thereafter until we halt for the day.

Oct. 16, Were compelled to make a departure from our ordinary starting hour on account of the teams being sent after barley. It was 8 ½ A. M. when we got under way and 11 ½ A. M. we encamp at Burke's Station (an old overland stage station) distance 12 miles, no houses nor any evidence of inhabitants except an Emigrant Train from Texas. They represent themselves as being destitute of provisions and money. They are bound for California. The train consists mostly of women and children. - Pass over plains of dry grass which would have made excellent hay and it been cut in due season. My prediction is that the valley of the Gila will some day contain nice farms and fields of cotton where nothing grows now but luxuriant grass and willows.

Oct. 17. Leave camp as usual at 5 A. M. and arrive at Oatman Flat at 8 ½ A. M. distance 12 miles. The country over which we travel today is rough and rocky. The entire country is strewn with a species of burnt rock resembling lava. After leaving the upland for the river bottom by descending a steep rocky hill, we find ourselves on "Oatman Flat". About a quarter of a mile after leaving the bluff, on the left had side of the road is a small enclosure about six feet square at one end of which may be seen a board bearing the crude inscription "The Oatman Family, 1851". Here it was that the ill fated emigrants perished at the hands of the blood-thirsty Apaches - and over yonder bluff in a southerly direction, they bore their pale-faced captives. Seven of the family are said to be buried in the grave by the roadside viz, the two Oatman brothers, the younger brother's wife and 4 children some of which, I believe, belonged to the elder Oatman who was a widower. We encamp at the upper end of the Oatman Flat on the river.

Oct. 18. Leave camp at the usual hour and arrive at Canyon Station, on the river, at 10 A. M. Distance 16 miles. Met a train of wagons going toward California consisting of 10 mules to the

wagon. Road much the same as yesterday. Another train of wagons camp near us, which have been to Camp McDowell with supplies and are going to Yuma for more.

Oct. 19. Arrive at "Gila Bend" at 10 A. M., pass two teams of emigrants camped on the road. Our camp abounds in willows, cottonwoods, dust, etc. One company of Cavalry (Cal. Volunteers) are encamped here, also a large emigrant train from Texas. From here to our next camping ground it is said to be 45 miles, the whole distance is without water - very pleasant to contemplate. We shall probably try it tomorrow.

Oct. 20. Leave camp at 3 P. M. (the hottest part of the day) and halt at 11½ P.M. at the remains of an old stage-station, said to be half-way between Gila Bend and Maricopa Wells. We pass some very tall cactus, some 40 feet high. No water here.

Oct. 21. After building fires, making coffee and replenishing our canteens from the barrels in the wagons, we resume our march with renewed energy at 2 A. M. In 8 miles pass the "Tank", no water. At 8 A. M. we arrive at Maricopa Wells which takes the name from the tribe of Indians residing here. They are innumerable, or seem to be, and flock around our camp with fine water-melons for sale. They are fine looking Indians and are on good terms with the whites. They speak considerable Spanish and make some pretensions to clothing themselves.

Oct. 22 Lay over to-day and rest ourselves after our big march. Had a thunder shower in the evening accompanied with a strong wind, which came near lifting our tents off the ground, but little rain fell, however. A store is kept here.

Oct. 23 Our road, after leaving Maricopa, for three or four miles was thought one continuous line of Indian houses. Judging by the number of houses, the village must contain 4 or 5 thousand inhabitants. Some estimate the number as high as 8,000. Their houses are constructed of a kind of framework of willows, are generally flat on top and are thatched with grass and dirt. Everything around their town is scrupulously neat and clean. Between the village and the river, lie their farms which are fenced in with small poles. They raise pumpkins, water-melons, corn and wheat etc. At half past nine A. M. we arrive at Pima Villages 12 miles distant. Here is a 10 horse power steam flouring mill and store, black-smith shop, eating-house etc., a few whites and Indians without number. They are the Pima tribe and farm quite extensively, raising fine crops of wheat, corn etc. The Pimas and Maricopas are allies against the Apaches, between which there seems to be a hereditary hatred. There is also a Co. of them enlisted in the service of the U. S. , under command of Lieut. Walker. They fight the Apaches in their own way and in this respect are superior to our soldiers, perhaps.

Oct. 24. Travel 12 miles and arrive at Sacaton. Indian houses were in sight nearly all the way and Indians of both sexes passed us frequently on the road. They are generally mounted on their ponies the squaws ride a-straddle, and upon them devolves the labor of transporting their stores from one place to another, hence you may often see a squaw mounted on a pony and astride a bag of wheat going to mill, or carrying a huge basket of water-melons, to market on their back. The parties who own the mill purchase their wheat, convert into flour and find a ready market for it in the territory. Sacaton is on the Gila and is the last place we shall see the river on the road. Our road to-day was level with broken ranges of mountains on either hand. Water is easily

obtained in many places, though it is generally brackish and unfit to drink. Copper ore is found in the mountains, though the mines, as yet, are not much worked.



Oct. 25. Leave camp at 5 A. M. and arrive in camp at 12 M. at an old overland stage station called Blue Water. Distance 24 miles. A mile or so after starting we passed the limits of the Indian Reservation. Upon a raised mound is seen a pole with the inscription cut into it, P. & M Reservation 1858. In 10 miles pass a dilapidated uninhabited old adobe, formerly a Stage Station. Level country and good roads. Our supply of water here comes from a well nearly a hundred feet deep and raised by a windlass. The water is good, being of a clear and slightly blue color, to this the station is indebted its name. The boys have a great time in the evening, shooting a beef animal. Nearly the whole command turned out in masse with muskets in hand to shoot him. Several shots were fired without much effect and the animal becoming demoralized, threatened tents and such frail property with destruction, when a

lucky shot from Sergeant Dulin, forced him to capitulate and thus the skirmish ended.

Southern Paiute women (Kaivavits Band) at the Kaibab Plateau in Arizona - 1873

Oct. 26. Make another long march of 46 miles. Leave camp at 5 A. M. and arrive in camp at Point of Mountain at 8 P. M., find a good well of water 70 or 80 feet deep and apparently inexhaustible. Eight miles from our last camp we passed an old stage station called Pocatch, did not halt, no water. Halted about noon, had coffee, refilled our canteens and after resting for 3 hours, resumed our march. Splendid roads and level country. Passed a high, bold projecting rock on our right and a similar one on our left at the same time.

Oct. 27. Lay over at Point of Mountain.

Oct. 28. Eighteen miles brings us to Tucson, an old Mexican town, built entirely of adobe houses. It is quite a place and the population with the exception of a detachment of soldiers, consists entirely of Mexicans. We pass on through the town and encamp about a mile from it on a nice stream of water.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~steelquist/WmBushnell.html>

“Tons” more @ <http://www.over-land.com/diaries.html>

Student Conservation Association

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is America's conservation corps. Our members protect and restore national parks, marine sanctuaries, cultural landmarks and community green spaces in all 50 states.

Youth Programs

Are you a high school student who is passionate about conservation? Do you like working as part of a team to get things done? Do you just love being outdoors?

Join an SCA Crew and plug yourself into SCA's nationwide network of young conservationists – thousands of students who are as passionate as you are about preserving wildlands, protecting nature in urban areas, and keeping the planet green.

SCA offers a range of programs for youth ages 15-19. Whether you want to serve in your local community or explore public lands across the country, SCA has something for you!

Community Crews

Make a difference in your own neighborhood by joining an SCA Community Crew. Crew members are recruited from the local community and commute to local parks or other work sites each day. Whether you want to get out in the field on weekends during the school year or work five days a week during the summer, community crews allow you to improve trails, restore parks, and learn about the environment in your own region.

Working with other teenagers from your community, you'll have the chance to explore green job opportunities and prepare for a career in urban conservation... all in your own backyard. [Read more](#) about SCA Community Crew programs.

Regional Crews

Have a National Crew Experience in your own backyard. Members of Regional Crews take on essential service projects at national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges near their communities. Members are often recruited locally and camp or commute while serving on protected lands closer to home. [Read more](#) about SCA's Regional Crew programs.

National Crews - 2016 National Crew Deadline Has Passed

Explore public lands across the country by joining an SCA National Crew. National Crew members are recruited nationally and participate in camping programs in parks, forests, and refuges throughout the country. Whether you're working in the California backcountry or on a national seashore in Georgia, National Crews allow you to build trails, conserve critical habitats, and experience the natural world firsthand, all while camping on site. Working with other teenagers from around the country, you'll learn outdoor skills and meet new leadership challenges. [Read more](#) about SCA National Crew programs.

Field Leaders Ages 21+. Short- and long-term paid positions leading youth or young adults in SCA conservation crews and projects.

Help lead the way to a sustainable future by leading young people in a conservation service project. You won't just supervise but will mentor, motivate, and inspire. Along the way, you'll gain experience and expertise in areas as diverse as trail building, habitat restoration, fire management, and visitor outreach.

Do you have what it takes to be an SCA Field Leader?

Basic Qualification

- Outdoor experience
- Conservation service experience, specific or general
- Experience working with youth and/or young adults
- Demonstrated leadership experience
- Medical certification - Wilderness First Aid, Wilderness First Responder, or Basic First Aid, dependent upon position
- Valid driver's license (required for most positions)
- Ability to pass SCA's criminal background check

Desired Qualification

In addition to the basic qualifications, competitive applicants also have experience working with agency partners, have a great work ethic, are good role models and teachers, and are excited for new experiences and adaptable to change. SCA Field Leaders are outdoor professionals who make important decisions daily regarding the safety and well-being of their members.

Don't have these skills yet? Acquire them through our other [internships](#) or our [Conservation Corps](#) positions.

How Do I Apply?

Learn more about our [Current Openings](#), [Types of Programs](#), [FAQ](#), or [How to Apply](#). Apply Now: [Login](#) or [Sign Up](#)

Contact Us

- Call us: (603)543-1700
- Join our [live chat sessions](#) to learn more: 9 am – 5pm every Friday.
- Have questions? Ask us. Leaders@thesca.org
- [Connect with other leaders via our online leader group.](#)

Young Adult Programs

Are you a high school graduate, current college student, or college graduate with a passion for the environment? Are you ready to travel to new places and take on new challenges? Do you want to find a way to turn your conservation interests into a career?

SCA's Young Adult Program:

- Open to anyone 18 or older with a high school diploma or GED. You do not need to be in school; college graduates welcome.

- Positions last from eight weeks to 12 months; a three-month summer internship is our most common internship type.
- Are a 40-hour-week commitment (unless otherwise noted).
- Are [expense-paid](#).
- Are found in a wide [variety of fields](#).
- Online [application](#)
- Have a Question or want to know more? Look at [our FAQ page](#)

Tap into SCA's nationwide network of young conservationists and explore green career opportunities with professional internships in the field. Whether your dream is to lead public programs as a park ranger, trek the backcountry as a field scientist, or explore new sustainability solutions as an urban planner, [SCA has something for you](#).

SCA updated our application this fall!

Visit the [How to Apply](#) page to learn what that means for you.

Ready to serve? [Learn more](#)

Individual Internships

Are you interested in environmental education? Water quality monitoring? Forestry? Archaeology? Public outreach? Whatever your environmental passion, SCA has an internship that will give you the opportunity to work closely with a partner agency or organization to get firsthand experience in the field. SCA internships include thousands of unique opportunities to gain hands-on conservation and sustainability experience all across the country. SCA interns are placed individually with a partner agency. They gain critical hands-on conservation experience working as a member of an agency, organization or sustainable business. Internships range from 12 weeks to 12 months and are open to high school graduates ages 18 and up. [Learn more.](#)

Team-based Programs: SCA Corps

Do you want to live and work on site, forging close bonds with other members of your crew? Do you want to work in the backcountry, building trails, preventing forest fires, or restoring critical habitats? SCA's Corps Programs are built on a team-based model and are managed by SCA field staff. These programs give you the opportunity to join up with other young people who share your passion for the outdoors and accomplish hands-on conservation projects as a team. Corps Programs range from 3 to 12 months and are open to high school graduates ages 18 and up. [Learn more.](#)

Special Programs

Are you looking for a different way to give back to the planet? Maybe you only have a week free to serve the planet during Spring Break, or you have unique qualifications, such as being a recent military veteran. Perhaps you looking for career opportunities aimed at diversifying the National Park Service or the Fish and Wildlife Service? SCA has a selection of unique programs that might meet your specific qualifications and needs. Many of these programs provide a mix of team-based orientations and trainings with

individual or small group site placements. Others have unique time commitments or very specific requirements. Check these programs out to discover the myriad of ways you can serve the planet with SCA. [Learn more.](#)

Have a Question or want to know more? Look at [our FAQ page](#)

American Indians in Connecticut

Did you know the name "Connecticut" is an [Algonquian](#) Indian word? It means "long river" and refers to the Connecticut River.

The original Algonquian-speaking inhabitants of the area that is now Connecticut included:

[About Our Maps](#)

The [Mahican tribes](#) (including the [Pocomtuc](#))

The [Minisink \(Munsee\) tribe](#)

The [Mohegan tribes](#) (including the [Niantic](#))

The [Pequot tribe](#)

The [Nipmuc tribe](#)

The [Quiripi tribes \(Mattabesic, Paugusett, and Schaghticoke\)](#)

There were originally many small American Indian tribes in the Connecticut area, including the Mohegan, Pequot, Niantic, Nipmuc, Mattabesic, Schaghticoke, Paugusett, and others. Though all of them spoke related languages and shared many cultural similarities, each tribe had its own leadership and its own territory. However, European epidemics and warfare devastated the Connecticut Indians, and the survivors had to merge with each other to survive. Soon there were no longer clear distinctions between the groups, and today most Native Americans of Connecticut have heritage from more than one of these original tribes, regardless of which tribe they officially belong to. All of their languages have been lost, but native people continue to preserve their cultural heritage in Connecticut today.

There are two federally recognized Indian tribes in Connecticut today.

Here are the addresses of Connecticut's Indian reservations:

1 Mashantucket Pequot Nation: PO Box 3060 Mashantucket, CT 06339

2 Mohegan Tribe: 27 Church Lane Uncasville, CT 06382 <http://www.mohegan.nsn.us/>

Other Indian tribes, bands and communities remaining in Connecticut today include:

Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation:	P.O. Box 208	North Stonington, CT 06359
Paucatuck Eastern Pequot Tribe:	935 Lantern Hill Road	Ledyard, CT 06339
Schaghticoke Indian Tribe:	PO Box 111	Kent, CT 06757

Teaching and learning activities about Connecticut Native Americans:

Feel free to print these out for classroom use!

[Connecticut Tribes Word Search](#): Printable puzzle hiding the names of Connecticut's Indian tribes.

[Connecticut Language Greetings](#): Learn to say "hello" in several Native Connecticut languages.

[Connecticut Native Animals](#): Learn the Native American names of Connecticut animals.

[Connecticut Indian Facts for Kids](#): Answers to frequently asked questions about the tribes of Connecticut.

We currently have pages for the [Mahican](#), [Minisink](#), [Nipmuc](#), [Niantic](#), [Pocumtuc](#), [Mohegan](#) and [Pequot](#) tribes.

Recommended books about Connecticut Native Americans:

[Connecticut's Indigenous Peoples](#): Good book about Connecticut Native history, culture, and traditions.

[Connecticut Indians](#): Introducing Connecticut's Native American history and culture to kids.

[Encyclopedia of Connecticut Indians](#): Thorough reference book about the Native American tribes of Connecticut.

[History of the Indians of Connecticut](#) **[The Indians of Connecticut](#)**: Anthropology books about the Connecticut Indian tribes.

[Native American Place Names of Connecticut](#): The native etymology of present-day place-names in Connecticut.

Other resources about American Indian history, culture and society in Connecticut state:

[History of Connecticut Through 1690](#): Overview of Connecticut's geography and Native American tribes.

[Indians of Connecticut](#): History and genealogy of the Connecticut Native American tribes.

<http://www.native-languages.org/connecticut.htm>

NevadaMentors.Org - A Different Type of Match Site.

The Community Foundation initiative to help home

less youth You'N-I, identified that kids on the street had few trusted adults in their lives to learn from or talk with. They lack examples of success, of problem solving, or future planning. The Community Foundation learned that local organizations that encourage and offer mentoring programs are critically short of volunteer mentors, especially men. Boys were being turned away because waiting lists were simply too long to feasibly hope for a match.

[Read full story](#)

In Colorado River deal, Ariz., Nev. could lose more *water*

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Top water officials in Nevada, Arizona and California have negotiated a deal to cut their use of the Colorado River and slow the decline of Lake Mead, but the landmark agreement is far from finished.

CHS Book Award: 5/1 Deadline

Calling all historians: Heyday and the California Historical Society are partnering to offer the fourth annual CHS Book Award, and applications are still open--but time is running out! We want to use the award to tell the *true* stories of California; to frame those stories in ways that respect the painful truths of the past, but also to praise the heroism of the people who have withstood; to publish stories that are broad enough to capture Californians' imaginations.

Applications are due by May 1. You can find more details about the award and the application process at www.heydaybooks.com/chsbookaward . We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Ready for a night of California Indian poetry, song, and stories?

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