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from California Indian Education [californiaindianeducation.org](http://californiaindianeducation.org)

### **American Indian Christmas**

by Roy Cook, Opata-Oodham, Mazopiye Wishasha: Writer, Singer, Speaker



American Indian public feasts are of great importance to Tribal people. As social events they hold the tribe together. People could meet and talk, with no distractions of daily work needing to be done. Their hearts would be warmed by all the activity and hard attitudes would soften. Feasts are also a good time for young people to see and meet each other.

Also dances and dreams are an important part of our American Indian tradition. This would sometimes prepare individuals for a task, or add to the celebration of a particular event. The story of the tribe is often seen in the dances. They are very special to us. Likewise the customs give us a framework for our lives. Customs surrounding birth, death and initiation into adulthood and so on all played an important part in the development of the tribe and its members.

Many Native American people found that the story of the European Christmas and Christ's birth fulfilled aspects of tribal prophecies and found the message to be consistent with the truth that was handed down by their ancestors. Over time other social customs, that were introduced to them by the European missionaries have become adapted to the native cultures and are an integral part of Tribal Christmas traditions today, just as they are in most non-Indian homes.

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### **Where is Santa right now? Track his sleigh with this handy map**

<https://www.bostonherald.com/2023/12/20/where-is-santa-right-now/>



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### First Native American Christmas Carol

According to Huron tradition, a [Jesuit missionary priest, Fr Jean de Brebeuf](#), around 1640-41, wrote their first Christmas Carol. The Huron built a small chapel of fir trees and bark in honor of the manger at Bethlehem.

**Aloki ekwatennonten shekwachiendaen  
Iontonk ontatiande ndio sen tsatonnharonnion  
Ouarie onnawakueton ndio sen tsatonnharonnion  
Iesous ahatonnia!**

**Within a lodge of broken bark  
The tender Babe was found,  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin  
Wrapped His beauty 'round;  
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,  
The angel song rang loud and high:  
Jesus, your King is born,  
Jesus is born,  
In excelsis gloria.**

The animals at the manger were the Fox, the Buffalo and the Bear. The Huron also made a traditional tent of skins and their nativity figures were all dressed as Native Americans. This Huron Carol, originally written in the Huron language and later translated to French, has become a loved Canadian carol today.

## Santa Claus, St. Nicolas

The American version of [St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus](#) originally came from the Dutch version called Sinter Klaas. This tradition was brought with the Dutch people who settled the East Coast of Indian America at Amsterdam, New York.



Our modern day version of how Santa Claus should look comes from the Christmas poem "A Visit From St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore. Written for his children in 1823, the family poem was later published for the general public and included what became the now famous 1863 picture of Santa Claus by Thomas Nast.

Countless legends are told about the Patron Saint of Giving known as St. Nicholas. He has been the patron saint of Russia, Moscow, Greece, children, sailors, prisoners, bakers, pawnbrokers, shopkeepers and wolves.

His gift-giving role in Christmas rites probably comes from his fame as the friend of children. This Christmas legend tells us that he also used to give anonymous donations of gold coins to persons in need. His cult spread in Europe and Christmas presents were distributed on December 6th when the celebration of St. Nicholas took place.

## Christmas Dances

Many Tribes, including the Laguna Indians, many of whom accepted Christianity some 400 years ago, have the custom of a dance on Christmas Eve or Christmas, where gifts are offered at the Manger.



Other gift bringers come at different times of the year, often in the summertime, but the gifts are always a part of American Indian culture. Gifts are appropriate whenever the tribal gathering occasion is social or ceremonial.

In many other tribes there are many representations of gifts brought to the people. All life is a gift from the creator. Our time on this earth is but a dance. Listen to the wind and the sounds of the earth, there is a song being sung each day.

Celebrate life and share the gifts of the Creator. In this way it will be complete. This and at all times, for all our relations and Indian children, Mehan.





# **Rare Full Christmas Moon**

**December 25, 2015 - 11:11 GMT**

**The full moon hasn't fallen on  
Christmas Day since 1977.**

**It won't be back for another 19 years.**

**Spread This Message, So Everyone Can Enjoy**

*No matter your holiday traditions from Channukah to Kwanza, may your memories,  
not your diet, be sweet.*

*sdc*

## Ending the Year with More History

**December 25 In 1910** US arctic explorer Frederick Cook's defense about his claim to have reached the north pole included a statement that Native Americans have a "well known tendency" to give answers they think will please their questioners.  
Ed note: Obviously Natives had been to the North Pole way before Cook.

**December 26 In 1861**, in the Battle of Chustenahlah, OK, Confederate troops trying snuff Union supporters in Indian Territory launched assault on 9,000 pro-union Natives; tribal force was routed, many forced to flee, a trek that became the "Trail of Blood on the Ice".

**In 1977**, saying it was difficult to argue to federal officials that they should reserve water in Stampede Dam for downstream use when the Pyramid Lake Tribe kept pointing out Washoe County water waste (Reno had no water meters), Governor Mike O'Callaghan set in motion a study of water in Washoe County.

**December 27 In 1847**, the High Council in Salt Lake City passed five ordinances "in the absence of any organized jurisdiction of any Territory".

**December 28 In 1899** fourteen cases of smallpox were reported at the Stewart Indian School. In 2006, NARF filed class action on behalf of 250 tribes, joining over 500 individuals involved in the Cobell suit.

**In 1975 Allen Aleck** elected chairman of Pyramid Lake Tribal Chaiman

**December 29 In 1869** Yanix Council invitation to the Modoc onto the Klamath Reservation held.

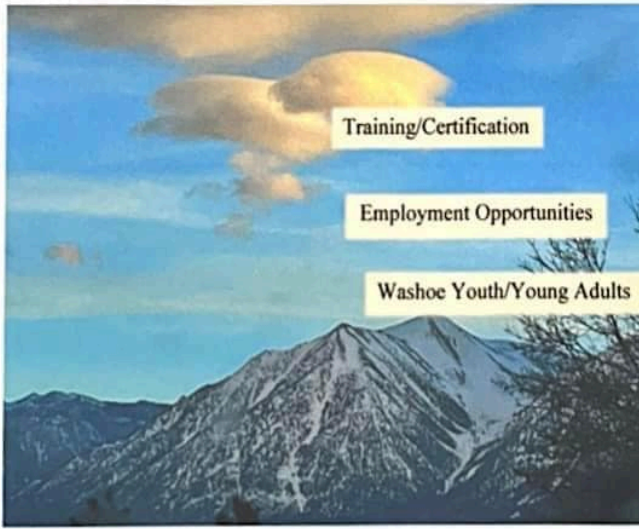
**December 30 In 1899** John Barrett and Frank Brockliss reported to have found petrified canoe and oar a third of the way up Job's Peak.

**In 1953** before legislation was to be signed, Senator Watkins extolled the benefits and advantages of termination to the Paiute bands, Skull Valley and Kaibab Indians in a Fillmore, Utah, meeting.

**In 1977** Judge Aldon Anderson ruled agains Navajo effort to stop immersion of Bridge Canyon religious site behind Glen Canyon Dam.

**December 31 In 1975** State Historic Marker #183 dedicated at Walker River celebrating the centennial of the reservation, proclaimed March 19, 1874. (Although the area around Walker Lake in the Utah Territory was set aside for "Indian purposes" in 1859).

*Ed note: Although these entries are heavily about the Nevada area, I would hope readers would make a New Year's Resolution to begin similar calendars for their own territory.*



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EARN A LIVING WAGE, & RECEIVE  
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VETERANS)

**The Washoe Nation and Woodfords  
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applications for the Washoe Tribe  
Youth Corps**

**We are looking to hire a Project  
Manager, Project Supervisor, Crew  
Member Leads 1&2, Crew Members  
and an Administrative Assistant**

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- Power Tools Safety & Operation
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Phone Call or Text: 775-781-8552  
Email: [Steven.Cruz@washoetribe.us](mailto:Steven.Cruz@washoetribe.us)



## **Job Opportunities in NAGPRA/Historic Preservation**

- **Gray & Pape Heritage Management**
  - *On-Call Archaeology Field Technician Openings – Seasonal (Deadline 12-27-23)*
- **ELI.org and The National Indian Law Library**
  - *ATSCH in CA Law Clerk (Deadline 12-31-23)*
- **Gray & Pape Heritage Management**
  - *Archaeology Field Technicians – Virginia (Deadline 01-03-24)*
- **BIA: Office of Trust Services**
  - *Division Chief for the Indigenous Connectivity and Technology (ICT) (Deadline 01-04-24)*
- **Minnesota Historical Society**
  - *Digitization Technician, Publications (Deadline 01-05-24)*
- **Gray & Pape Heritage Management**
  - *Archaeology Field Technicians – West Virginia (Deadline 01-09-23)*
- **Minnesota Historical Society**
  - *Capital Planning Manager (Deadline 01-14-24)*
- **Minnesota Historical Society**
  - *Historic Properties Property Manager (Deadline 01-14-24)*
- **Minnesota Historical Society**
  - *Program Specialist, Volunteer Services (Deadline 01-15-24)*
- **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**
  - *Marine Archeologist (Deadline 01-08-24)*
- **The Getty Organization**
  - *Project Specialist - Wall Paintings Conservation (Deadline 01-17-24)*
- **Minnesota Historical Society**
  - *Historic Site Guide, Snake River Fur Post (Deadline 01-18-24)*
- **Minnesota Historical Society**
  - *Site Guide I, Charles Lindbergh House & Museum (Deadline 01-18-24)*
- **Clemson University: College of Architecture, Art and Construction**
  - *Assistant or Associate Professor - Historic Preservation (Deadline 01-20-24)*
- **Sealaska**
  - *Underwater Anthropology Intern (Deadline 01-22-24)*
- **Geological Society of America: GeoCorps**
  - *Paid Internships (Deadline 01-28-24)*

## **Rolling Deadlines - Some postings may be closed**

### **Archaeology Southwest**

- *Cultural Resource Database Specialist for Tonto National Monument*
- *President & CEO*
- **Boston University**
  - *Director of Preservation Studies and Full Professor*
- **Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians' (CTCLUSI)**
  - *Forester*
- **Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation**
  - *Archaeologist I/Archaeologist II (2 positions)*

- *Field Archaeologist*
- **Department of Religious Studies at Michigan State University**
  - *Great Lakes Anishinaabe Knowledge, Spiritualities, and Cultural Practices Professor*
- **Fort Apache Heritage Foundation, Inc.**
  - *Construction Manager as Adviser*
- **Gray & Pape Heritage Management**
  - *Architectural Historian 2 Richmond, VA*
  - *Senior Principal Investigator – Archaeology, Richmond, VA*
- **The Great Basin Institute (GBI)**
  - *Cultural Resource Positions*
- **Historical Research Associates**
  - *Archaeology Positions*
  - *Historian Positions*
- **Minnesota Historical Society**
  - *1823 Senior Curator, Native American Collections*
- **Missouri Historical Society**
  - *Curator of Indigenous Collections*
- **Native American Land Conservancy**
  - *NALC Job Opportunities*
- **New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs**
  - *Executive Director – Office of Archaeological Studies*
- **NPS: Scientists in Parks Program**
  - *Conservation Legacy - 2024 Positions*
- **Pamunkey Indian Tribe**
  - *Environmental Protection Manager*
  - *Housing Specialist*
  - *Natural Resources Director*
- **Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians**
  - *PBNI Employment Opportunities*
  - *Tribal Monitor*
- **Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Harvard University**
  - *NAGPRA Associate Director*
- **Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians**
  - *Site Monitor*
- **RWE: Renewables Americas LLC**
  - *Tribal Relations Manager*
- **UGA Center for Community Design and Preservation**
  - *Findit Program Coordinator*
- **Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources**
  - *State Lands Archaeologist, Natural Resource Scientist 3*
- **Western Kentucky University**
  - *Specialist, University NAGPRA*
- **Yale Peabody Museum**
  - *Repatriation Coordinator NAGPRA*

## Dakota-led Owámniyomni Okhódayapi seeks to restore St. Anthony Falls area | MinnPost

<https://www.minnpost.com/environment/2023/12/dakota-led-owamniyomni-okhodayapi-seeks-to-restore-st-anthony-falls-area-of-the-mississippi-river-in-minneapolis/>

**Applications for Reno + Sparks Chamber leadership program open through Jan. 2:** The Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for its 2024 Leadership Program. Enrollment is open until January 2, with the program beginning on February 14 at the Chamber's office in Reno. The program aims for diverse participation and covers various topics including economic development and public safety. ([nbnw.com](http://nbnw.com))

### SBA Shorts

If you're a small business owner or entrepreneur seeking to protect your brand and product identities, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's [Trademark Basics Boot Camp](#) is for you! The free training series is a comprehensive overview of the process for federal trademark registration and maintaining a federal trademark. The first training session is Tuesday, January 9 at 2pm ET. [Learn more](#)

Marketing takes time, money, and preparation. One of the best ways to stay on schedule and on budget is to make a marketing plan. It describes the actions you'll take to persuade potential customers to buy your products or services. [Learn how to make a marketing plan.](#)  
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**[CLOSING SOON - Research Librarian \(Natural Resources, Energy, and Earth Science\) \(Vacancy#: VAR002624\)](#)**

- **Opening Date:** November 28, 2023      **Closing Date:** December 29, 2023  
**OPM Control Number:** 76283250      **Vacancy Number:** VAR002624  
**LC Organization Unit:** Library Collections and Services Group    Grade: GS-11    Series: 1410  
**Minimum Salary:** \$78,592.00 per year      **Maximum Salary:** \$102,166.00 per year
- **Availability:** U.S. Citizens Only

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