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Cliffs, tunnels, canyons, and spires! With nearly 70% of Utah designated as public land, there's an abundance of spectacular terrain waiting to be explored beyond the park borders.

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Reminder: America's Field Trip – A Nationwide Contest for Native Youth

America's 250th anniversary is an opportunity for Native youth to share their perspectives. America's Field Trip is a nationwide contest inviting students (grades 3–12) to create artwork or writing answering, "What does America mean to you?"

Winners will earn a behind-the-scenes experience at historical sites like the National Museum of American History, the National Archives, Yellowstone National Park, and more. Encourage Native students to submit their entries!

Deadline: April 16, 20

[**Learn More**](#)

Reminder: Application Open for the 2025 Leading Tribal Nations Executive Education Program at Harvard Business School

In collaboration with Harvard Business School, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) offers the Leading Tribal Nations Program, designed to equip tribal leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to advance their capacity for strategic governance. During the five-day program, tribal leaders will engage in collaborative learning and problem-solving through the case-study model facilitated on the Harvard Business School campus.

Topics covered in the program include:

- Strategic mindset and leading senior teams
- Leadership in context and crisis
- Principles of environmental and resource management
- Negotiations and systems thinking for social change
- Corporate governance and inclusive governance systems
- Strategic negotiations

The Empowering Leaders program is made possible through the generous support of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Google, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Program Details: Dates: June 22-27, 2025

Cost: \$2,500 per participant, which includes lodging at Harvard Business School, meals, and amenities on all participant days. It does not include airfare or lodging before or after the program ends.

- All participants will receive a certificate of completion from Harvard Business School and NCAI.

The program is designed for elected tribal leaders. Non-elected leaders and tribal professionals may apply, but elected tribal leaders in good standing will receive preference.

Successful participants will be added to the LinkedIn Tribal Leaders group, become part of the Empowering Leaders alumni network, receive one free professional development training, and receive 50% off of NCAL's 82nd Annual Convention in Seattle.

To apply to the Leading Tribal Nations Executive Education Program at Harvard Business School, please complete the application below. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, and **the application deadline is April 18, 2025**

[Apply Here](#)

Inside the decades-long battle to restore the Klamath River

“Last year, Indigenous tribes in California and Oregon realized a longstanding dream: the removal of four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River. It was the largest such environmental restoration project in U.S. history, opening the way for salmon to return home to the Klamath and for tribes and other advocates to begin restoring the ecosystem that once flourished there. And last week, Grist’s Jake Bittle and Anita Hofschneider published a five-part, 14,000-word feature delving into the decades-long history of how it all happened. In their story, they describe the dam removal as “the result of an improbable campaign that spanned close to half a century, roped in thousands of people, and came within an inch of collapse several times. Interviews with dozens of people on all sides of the dam removal fight, some of whom have never spoken publicly about their roles, reveal a collaborative achievement with few clear parallels in contemporary activism.” Over many months, Bittle and Hofschneider interviewed dozens of people — tribal leaders, activists, farmers, former members of Congress, and beyond — about the battle to remove the dams. “It’s hard to do a call on this topic that’s, like, less than two hours long,” Hofschneider said. They paired these in-depth interviews with archival newspaper research to piece together the story as it had unfolded across decades, in many cases rebuilding scenes from years ago. ... ” [Read more from Grist](#).

Celebrating Klamath Dam Removal Through Art

https://open.spotify.com/show/43KeP7TyknVgTTST340MAJ?go=1&sp_cid=b0011e1500dc52340156bdcc4c862bc1&nd=1&dlsi=e91afaf512704371



Calling all documentary filmmakers telling stories that bring American history to life! There's still time to submit your documentary for the Library of Congress Lavine...



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[Prize for U.S. History Documentaries](#)

[Submissions for the 2025 Library of Congress Lavine/Ken Burns Prize for Film will open on February 26 at 12:00 am PT and close on May 1 at 11:59 pm PT. Subscribe to our mailing list for updates. Photo: Jonathan Lavine, Dr. Carla Hayden, Ken Burns, Director Nicole](#)

[Learn More](#)

RootsTech 2025 on Demand

Hundreds of sessions from RootsTech 2025 are now available on demand. Watch these new sessions and also see what you may have missed from previous years.

[Explore Sessions](#)

Steaks and Burgers Are Pricey

“As of January, the U.S. cattle herd has dwindled to 86.7 million head, marking its lowest level since 1951.”

<https://www.marketwatch.com/articles/beef-price-tariff-texas-roadhouse-89aba7f4?siteid=bigcharts&dist=bigcharts>

Amid attacks on Endangered Species Act, Trump's pick to lead wildlife conservation faces confirmation hearing

“Some big changes could be coming soon in the world of U.S. wildlife policy. On Tuesday, the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee held a legislative hearing to discuss several proposed bills, including one that could undermine the Endangered Species Act—a bedrock environmental law that ensures federal protections for vulnerable animals and plants in the country. The next day, Brian Nesvik, former head of Wyoming's Game and Fish Department, sat before members of the Senate for a confirmation hearing as President Donald Trump's pick for director of the

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. If confirmed, he would play a key role in carrying out the mandate of the Endangered Species Act—and juggling industry interests and wildlife protection in an administration that’s prioritizing the former over the latter. ... ” [Read more from Inside Climate News](#)

Today's encore selection -- from *The Wilderness Warrior* by Douglas Brinkley.
<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?e=085bdd9791&u=6557fc90400ccd10e100a13f4&id=c248b4a8bb>

From the Library of Congress (Couldn't fit this in Monday)

On March 30, 1867, Secretary of State William H. Seward agreed to [purchase Alaska](#) from Russia for 7.2 million dollars. Critics attacked Seward for the secrecy surrounding the deal, which came to be known as “Seward’s folly.” The press mocked his willingness to spend so much on “Seward’s icebox” and [Andrew Johnson’s](#) “polar bear garden.”

Alaskans approved statehood in 1946 and adopted a state constitution in 1955. On January 3, 1959, [President Eisenhower](#) announced Alaska’s entrance into the Union as the 49th state.

View the private souvenir album created collectively by the members of the scientific expedition along the Alaskan coast funded and accompanied by railroad magnate Edward H. Harriman in the summer of 1899: [The Harriman Alaska Expedition: Chronicles and Souvenirs May to August 1899](#). Included are photographs by Edward S. Curtis, paintings by Louis Agassiz Fuertes, notes on the region’s indigenous trees from pioneering forester Bernhard E. Fernow, and essays by conservationists George B. Grinnell, John Burroughs, and John Muir.

Teachers may find the lesson plan [The Alaska Purchase: Debating the Sale from Russian and U.S. Perspectives](#) a helpful resource on this topic.

View the Library of Congress exhibition [In the Beginning Was the Word: The Russian Church and Native Alaskan Cultures](#).

Can your land be searched? Western conference session details Fourth Amendment and ag ([newtoncountytimes.com](#)) — The Western Water, Ag & Environmental Law Conference will be held in Reno on June 19-20, 2025. The event will feature discussions on the Fourth Amendment and its implications for agricultural lands, with a focus on warrantless searches.

A new molecule formed in Berkeley: Scientists working at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory created berkelocene using the ultra-rare radioactive element berkelium. It could lead to a solution to [safely dispose of radioactive waste](#), a study said.

9 library cafes worth visiting: The era when the public resource was focused on books is over. Public libraries have become free co-working spots, community spaces, and places to grab a bite. [Here are nine spots with that third-space vibe.](#)

US Naval Academy ends affirmative action in admissions

Scholarships with April 16 - 23 Deadlines

CREW Chicago Scholarship	\$25,000	April 16, 2025
Whitney French Design Scholarship	\$10,000	April 16, 2025
Mike Rowe Work Ethic Scholarship	\$20,000	April 17, 2025
NINA Journalism Scholarship	\$1,000	April 17, 2025
Ohio EPA Scholarship	\$5,000	April 17, 2025
The Mckenzie Family Scholarship	\$20,000	April 17, 2025
WWIN Star Scholarship	\$20,000	April 17, 2025
AbbVie Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship	\$25,000	April 18, 2025
AMS Named Scholarships	\$10,000	April 18, 2025
Believe in Ohio Statewide STEM Scholarship	\$2,000	April 18, 2025
Fund Your Future PAVE Student Aid Program	\$1,000	April 18, 2025
LEADS! Scholarship	\$5,000	April 18, 2025
OnenessRun Scholarship	\$1,500	April 18, 2025
Paul S. Honda Scholarships	\$1,000	April 18, 2025
SAME Seattle Post & PSE&SSF Scholarships	\$4,000	April 18, 2025
AIA Northeast Illinois Scholarship	\$3,000	April 19, 2025
Americans Against Gun Violence National High School Essay Contest	\$3,000	April 19, 2025
BCC Foundation Donna Johnson Memorial Scholarship	\$1,200	April 19, 2025
IBTTA Foundation Scholarship Program	\$5,000	April 19, 2025
Joseph B. Ezhaya Memorial Scholarship	\$3,000	April 19, 2025
Junior League of Greater Springfield Annual Scholarship	\$4,000	April 19, 2025
Justin Troy Page Memorial Foundation	\$1,500	April 19, 2025
Salvation Army Linden Scholarship	\$3,000	April 19, 2025
The Pearl Mae Foundation Scholarship for Healthcare and First Responders	\$1,000	April 19, 2025
Allegra Ford Thomas Scholarship	\$5,000	April 20, 2025
Anne Ford Scholarship	\$10,000	April 20, 2025
Central Coast Greenhouse Growers Association Scholarship	Varies	April 20, 2025
Edwards Lifesciences Foundation Scholarship	\$10,000	April 20, 2025

St. Boniface Young Artist Showcase	\$1,500	April 20, 2025
Wisconsin Women in Lodging & HSMIAI-WI	\$1,000	April 20, 2025
AIA Silicon Valley Ehrlich Rominger Scholarship	\$5,000	April 21, 2025
AIA Silicon Valley William R. Hawley Scholarship	\$5,000	April 21, 2025
AIGA Worldstudio Scholarships	\$5,000	April 21, 2025
American Sports Builders Foundation Scholarship	\$2,500	April 21, 2025
APCF Best Formulations Scholarship	\$20,000	April 21, 2025
APCF First General Bank Scholarship	\$2,000	April 21, 2025
CRA All-Access Scholarship	\$5,000	April 21, 2025
Houston Marathon Foundation Scholarship	\$10,000	April 21, 2025
Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarship	\$3,000	April 21, 2025
NPG Graduate School Essay Scholarship	\$5,000	April 21, 2025
NPG Undergraduate Essay Scholarship	\$3,500	April 21, 2025
Schwallie Family Scholarship	\$3,000	April 21, 2025
Synchrony Scholarship for Autistic Students of Color	\$3,000	April 21, 2025
#RAREis Scholarship Fund	\$5,000	April 22, 2025
COMTO North Texas Scholarship	\$2,500	April 22, 2025
Healthline Stronger Scholarship	\$5,000	April 22, 2025
LaSPACE LURA Program	\$4,500	April 22, 2025
Memo I'm Still Here Epilepsy Scholarship	\$2,000	April 22, 2025
New Mexico Engineering Foundation Scholarships	\$3,000	April 22, 2025
SVCF Honmyo Nguyen Family Trust Scholarship	\$2,000	April 22, 2025
The B.O.G. Pest Control Scholarship Fund	\$1,000	April 22, 2025
Vince Dooley Scholarship	\$12,000	April 22, 2025
Generation Google Scholarship	\$10,000	April 23, 2025
Google SVA Scholarship for Student Veterans	\$10,000	April 23, 2025
The Hyacinth Scarlett Music Memorial Scholarship	\$500	April 23, 2025

RESTORING TRUTH AND SANITY TO AMERICAN HISTORY

(This is not an April Fool's article)

[Executive Orders](#) [March 27, 2025](#)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose and Policy. Over the past decade, Americans have witnessed a concerted and widespread effort to rewrite our Nation's history, replacing objective facts with a distorted narrative driven by ideology rather than truth. This revisionist movement seeks to undermine the remarkable achievements of the United States by casting its founding principles and historical milestones in a negative light. Under this historical revision, our Nation's unparalleled legacy of advancing liberty, individual rights, and human happiness is reconstructed as inherently racist, sexist, oppressive, or otherwise irredeemably flawed. Rather than fostering unity and a deeper understanding of our shared past, the widespread effort to rewrite history deepens societal divides and fosters a sense of national shame, disregarding the progress America has made and the ideals that continue to inspire millions around the globe.

The prior administration advanced this corrosive ideology. At Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania — where our Nation declared that all men are created equal — the prior administration sponsored training by an organization that advocates dismantling “Western foundations” and “interrogating institutional racism” and pressured National Historical Park rangers that their racial identity should dictate how they convey history to visiting Americans because America is purportedly racist.

Once widely respected as a symbol of American excellence and a global icon of cultural achievement, the Smithsonian Institution has, in recent years, come under the influence of a divisive, race-centered ideology. This shift has promoted narratives that portray American and Western values as inherently harmful and oppressive. For example, the Smithsonian American Art Museum today features “The Shape of Power: Stories of Race and American Sculpture,” an exhibit representing that “[s]ocieties including the United States have used race to establish and maintain systems of power, privilege, and disenfranchisement.” The exhibit further claims that “sculpture has been a powerful tool in promoting scientific racism” and promotes the view that race is not a biological reality but a social construct, stating “Race is a human invention.”

The National Museum of African American History and Culture has proclaimed that “hard work,” “individualism,” and “the nuclear family” are aspects of “White culture.” The forthcoming Smithsonian American Women's History Museum plans on celebrating the exploits of male athletes participating in women's sports. These are just a few examples.

It is the policy of my Administration to restore Federal sites dedicated to history, including parks and museums, to solemn and uplifting public monuments that remind Americans of our extraordinary heritage, consistent progress toward becoming a more perfect Union, and unmatched record of advancing liberty, prosperity, and human flourishing. Museums in our Nation's capital should be places where individuals go to learn — not to be subjected to ideological indoctrination or divisive narratives that distort our shared history.

To advance this policy, we will restore the Smithsonian Institution to its rightful place as a symbol of inspiration and American greatness — igniting the imagination of young minds, honoring the richness of American history and innovation, and instilling pride in the hearts of all Americans.

Sec. 2. Saving Our Smithsonian. (a) The Vice President, in consultation with the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and the Special Assistant to the President and Senior Associate Staff Secretary, Lindsey Halligan, Esq., shall work to effectuate the policies of this order through his role on the Smithsonian Board of Regents with respect to the Smithsonian Institution and its museums, education and research centers, and the National Zoo, including by seeking to remove improper ideology from such properties, and shall recommend to the President any additional actions necessary to fully effectuate such policies.

(b) The Vice President and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall work with the Congress to ensure that future appropriations to the Smithsonian Institution:

(i) prohibit expenditure on exhibits or programs that degrade shared American values, divide Americans based on race, or promote programs or ideologies inconsistent with Federal law and policy; and

(ii) celebrate the achievements of women in the American Women’s History Museum and do not recognize men as women in any respect in the Museum.

(c) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Secretary of the Interior shall take any other measures within their authority to promote the policy of this order.

(d) As appropriate, the Vice President shall, in consultation with the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and Special Assistant to the President and Senior Associate Staff Secretary, Lindsey Halligan, Esq., work with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Majority Leader, to seek the appointment of citizen members to the Smithsonian Board of Regents committed to advancing the policy of this order.

Sec. 3. Restoring Independence Hall. The Secretary of the Interior shall provide sufficient funding, as available, to improve the infrastructure of Independence National Historical Park, which shall be complete by July 4, 2026, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Sec. 4. Restoring Truth in American History.

(a) The Secretary of the Interior shall:

(i) determine whether, since January 1, 2020, public monuments, memorials, statues, markers, or similar properties within the Department of the Interior’s jurisdiction have been removed or changed to perpetuate a false reconstruction of American history,

inappropriately minimize the value of certain historical events or figures, or include any other improper partisan ideology;

(ii) take action to reinstate the pre-existing monuments, memorials, statues, markers, or similar properties, as appropriate and consistent with 43 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*, 54 U.S.C. 100101 *et seq.*, and other applicable law; and

(iii) take action, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, to ensure that all public monuments, memorials, statues, markers, or similar properties within the Department of the Interior's jurisdiction do not contain descriptions, depictions, or other content that inappropriately disparage Americans past or living (including persons living in colonial times), and instead focus on the greatness of the achievements and progress of the American people or, with respect to natural features, the beauty, abundance, and grandeur of the American landscape.

Sec. 5. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

DONALD J. TRUMP THE WHITE HOUSE, March 27, 2025

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L.A. fire contaminant levels could sicken the marine food chain, new tests show

“Levels of lead and other heavy metals spiked in the coastal waters off Los Angeles after January’s fires, raising serious concerns for the long-term health of fish, marine mammals and the marine food chain, according to test results released Thursday by the nonprofit environmental group Heal the Bay. For human surfers and swimmers, the results were somewhat encouraging. Contaminant levels from sampled water weren’t high enough to pose likely health risks to recreational beachgoers. But tests of seawater collected before and after the heavy rains that came in late January, after the fires abated, identified five heavy metals — beryllium, copper, chromium, nickel and lead — at levels significantly above established safety thresholds for marine life. Even at relatively low concentrations, these metals can damage cells and disrupt reproduction and other biological processes in sea animals. ... ” [Read more from the LA Times.](#)

Powering up Lithium Valley

“Near the southwest shore of the Salton Sea, a billboard greets visitors. Its brightly colored banners depict an array of activities: golf, boating, fishing, camping and nature trails. A large red arrow pointed toward the lake suggests these recreational opportunities are available nearby. Yet the billboard is tattered: fading, peeling and tagged with graffiti. The signage is an emblem of the former resort destination’s decline. In the 1950s and ’60s, vacationers flocked to the Golden State’s largest lake for water sports, outdoor recreation and entertainment by the likes of Frank Sinatra and the Beach Boys. Today, the sea is shrinking, exposing areas of dusty lake bed, or playa, at its edges. The shoreline is crowded not with sunbathers but with thousands of hay bales — part of a strategy to reduce windblown dust from the playa that sickens nearby residents. ... Yet approximately a mile below the surface of the Salton Sea’s south shore area lies a resource so sought-after that it has the potential to radically transform the area’s fortunes, the sea’s health — and the country’s electric future. ... ” [Read more from the University of Southern California.](#)

Utah becomes first state to ban water fluoridation

“Utah has become the first US state to ban the decades-old practice of adding fluoride to public water supplies, due in part to a mix of health concerns about the practice. Utah Gov. Spencer Cox signed the new law on Thursday, prohibiting fluoridation starting May 7. The move comes amid growing scrutiny of the practice, which started in the 1940s as a strategy to help people prevent cavities and reduce tooth decay. Though more than 70% of the US population receives fluoridated public water supplies and many medical professionals support the practice, opposition has been growing due to studies suggesting fluoride may have neurotoxic effects on fetuses and young children. Newly appointed Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has been calling for an end to fluoridation in public drinking water for years. ... ” [Read more from The New Lede.](#)

Visit a national park. National parks will waive entrance fees for everyone on **April 19** in celebration of the first day of [National Park Week](#). It's one of several [fee-free days](#) this year.

Trump administration cancels clean energy grants as it prioritizes fossil fuels