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Happy Father's Day! Fathers serve as role models for their children and families in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Hawaiian Native communities. They're responsible for instilling important values and beliefs that help their children navigate through life. These values include respect for elders, gratitude for the natural world, and an appreciation for community and family. All of which are vital to keeping Indigenous culture alive and well. We hope you will celebrate





Red-necked Grebes. Photo: Edwin Liu/Audubon Photography Awards

Species: Red-necked Grebe

Location: Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada

Bird Lore: Grebes are often considered primitive birds, but they take a modern approach to family life: Both parents share essentially equal roles in raising their young, a relatively unusual avian dynamic. Together the male and female build a floating nest, anchored to marsh plants in shallow water. They take turns incubating eggs; then the hatchlings ride on the back of one parent while the other dives for aquatic creatures to feed them.





The Cherokee Native Americans have a very special ritual through which children become adults.

When the boy begins his adolescence, his father takes him to the forest, blindfolds him and leaves, leaving him alone.

The young man is required to sit on a log all night and cannot remove his blindfold until the sun's rays shine again at dawn.

He can't ask anyone for help. But once he survives that night, he's a man. This is a personal experience, and the young man is forbidden from discussing or commenting on his experience with the other boys.

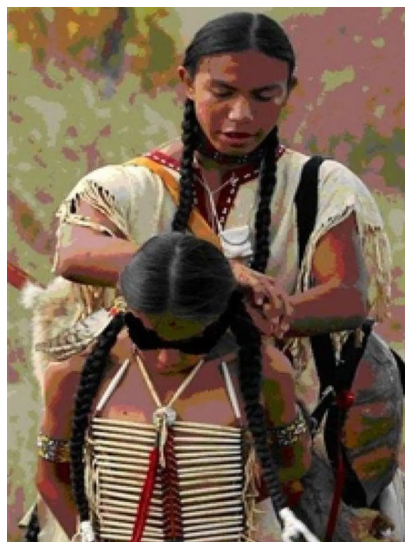
During the night, naturally, the young man is terrified.

He can hear all kinds of noises: wild beasts prowling around him, wolves howling... or perhaps even a human who might harm him.

He hears the wind blow and the grass rustle, but he must remain seated stoically on the log, without removing the blindfold, as this is the only way he can become

A man before the elders of his tribe. Finally, after that horrible night, the sun appears and the boy removes the blindfold... it is then that he discovers his father sitting beside him.

His father has not left his side for even a moment, watching silently through the night, ready to protect his son from any danger without him even realizing it.



[Derek Hinkey](#) :

"There is your Big man standing there, ever waiting, ever present, like the coming of a new day," Medicine Man Pete Catches "He is both spirit and real being, but he can also glide through the forest, like a moose with big antlers, as though the trees weren't there... I know him as my brother... I want him to touch me, just a touch, a blessing, something I could bring home to my sons and grandchildren, that I was there, that I approached him, and he touched me." Ray Owen, son of a Dakota spiritual leader. "They exist in another dimension from us, but can appear in this dimension whenever they have a reason to. See, it's like there are many levels, many dimensions. When our time in this one is finished, we move on to the next, but the Big Man can go between. The Big Man comes from God. He's our big brother, kind of looks out for us. The existence of The Big Man is taken for granted throughout North America, and so are his powerful psychic abilities. The Big Man knows when humans are searching for him and that he chooses when and to whom to make an appearance, and that his psychic powers account for his ability to elude man's efforts to capture him or hunt him down. In Indian culture, the entire natural world -- the animals, the plants, the rivers, the stars -- is seen as a family. The increasing appearances of The big man are not only a message or warning to the individuals or communities to whom he appears, but to humankind at large. A messenger who appears as a warning from the Creator that man's disrespect for His sacred instructions has upset the harmony and balance of existence!



Bigfoot and Our Need to Believe

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Is Bigfoot a contemporary manifestation of our psychological need for mystery and wilderness?

The following is from 50 Favorite Places to Camp in America Right Now.

[Hipcamp](#), a U.S. based company that provides online bookings for campsites, RV parks, glamping and more, analyzed data from over 500,000 campsites in every state in the U.S. to narrow down their favorite spots including private land, public parks and RV parks.

Check out the full list of campsites across the U.S. [here](#).

Sunset View Campground is a free, first-come, first-served campground adjacent to the Navajo National Monument Visitor Center in northern Arizona.

It sits on a paved road and features 31 small campsites nestled among pinyon pine and juniper forest, offering tranquil sunset views and close proximity to interpretive trails and the visitor center. Each campsite has a picnic table and grill, while all roads and pads are paved for easy vehicle and RV access (limit 28 feet per vehicle).

Although the campground does not have site-specific reservations, its popularity means it fills quickly, especially in peak seasons and on weekends.

Flush toilets are available year-round in a heated comfort station. Drinking water is seasonally available at the campground and always available at the visitor center, but water at campsites is sometimes turned off in winter due to freezing conditions. There are trash cans and recycling at the campground. No hookups or dump stations are provided for RVs, and there are no showers or camp store. The campground is quiet, with a strong emphasis on enjoying the natural and cultural resources of the area. Visitors are within walking distance of the museum, mesa-top trails, and the trailheads for ranger-led tours to the Ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings.

Open campfires are strictly prohibited throughout the park, though charcoal grills are provided at each site for cooking. The site supports both RV and tent camping, but sites are generally small and best suited for vehicles or combined vehicle/trailer rigs no longer than 28 feet. Several pull-through and double-wide sites exist for maneuvering and parking next to smaller trailers.

Surrounding the campground, guests can enjoy ranger programs, easy access to Navajo National Monument's interpretive trails, and nearby views of the region's striking canyonlands. The remote setting offers quiet nights and stunning dark skies, making Sunset View Campground a favorite stop for those traveling between the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, and other Four Corners attractions.

What this place offers

No campfire allowed; No pets allowed; No showers; No toilets. No potable water; No picnic tables; No sewage hookups; No electric hookups

Explore 349 campgrounds near Navajo National Monument - Available campgrounds nearby
Top-rated for location, privacy, and amenities near Navajo National Monument

Arrowhead Campground 7 sites · RVs, Tents; 5 acres · Monument Valley, UT

Greetings!
Welcome to Arrowhead Campground! Arrowhead Campground is roughly 5 acres of land, sitting right in Monument Valley, Utah. Come stay with us to experience one of the most amazing views in the world! You'll get to experience a full 360 degree view of all the towering red sandstone buttes and mesas. This is great for capturing the best views in the area. You'll experience breathtaking sunsets and sunrises right from your campsite. Great for pictures and photoshoots. The campground offers one of the largest shade structures in the area, with durable white picnic tables. We do allow campfires, so there is a fire-pit for that. The campground is only 2 1/2 miles away from the tribal park and 1 1/4 miles from the nearest highway. It's tucked away and secluded from noise and light pollution. The stars at night are bright and shinny, so you can pitch your tent right underneath them. With that said, Arrowhead Campground will be one of the best campgrounds you'll ever stay at. If you have any other questions feel free to message me with any of your questions. Note: This is a dry campsite. Although, we do offer potable water to fill any water containers up to 10 gallons. Pets; Potable water; Toilets; from \$40 / night

Humming Bird Campsite 3 sites · RVs, Tents; 5 acres · Oljato Monument Valley, UT

First day of my campsite I start with 2 campsites then I built 1 more campsite. I then made fire pit an after that I built an outhouse its a restroom so of the guest don't know what an outhouse is we tell them it doesn't take no water to flush. After that I built a wooden fence around the whole campsite from horses a cows get into our property. So that how I started a campsite. Now our guests love our campsite a some of them came back an we have a short hiking trail to the rims to overlook the whole valleys its beautiful to take pictures from there. Learn more about this land: Guest can pitch a tent or park RV within the campsite having access to own picnic table and fire pit. The Campsite is 10-15 mins to the Valley View of the Famous Monuments and close to Navajo Tribal Park. Access to Restroom (Outhouse) within the site. Guest can request Navajo Taco Dinner with Navajo Tea for extra cost to enlighten their stay here in Beautiful Monument Valley. Guest can bring pets as well. We are pet friendly and have two well behaved dogs name spike and diamond. Also we rv size will be 25 ft long .. 30 ft. Long is going to button out on the cattle guard. Pets; Potable water; Toilets; from \$35 / night

Sunrise camping 4 sites · RVs, Tents; 4 acres · Oljato Monument Valley, AZ

It's not only a camp ground it has background scenic view an also a walking trail an you can build a fire by ur camping site :)) Sunrise walk or sunset walk an picture view our campground has shower an trashcan an table an shade for our guests an restroom women an men's separate also we have 2 dogs an 2 horses Pets; Toilets; Campfires; from \$32 / night

Antelope "Canyon" Hogan B&B 5 sites · Lodging 20 acres · Le Chee, AZ

We are on the Navajo Reservation and welcoming visitor from all over to enjoy many night stays with us in your own private earth-home Hogan. To enjoy the hogan, stars and many other activities we have to offer. Come and enjoy the outdoors on our reservation with piece and quiet. Fact: Navajo land is bigger than the state of West Virginia. Pets; Potable water; Toilets; from \$292.50/ night

Chiefs Campsite 4 sites · RVs, Tents; 4 acres · Oljato Monument Valley, UT Learn more about this land: A western style camping site. Join the quiet peaceful and sun rise or sunset under

the stars. Please have your own camping gears. We do have fire pit, bbq grill, picnic tables available with shades, outhouse (restroom) and outside shower with cold and hot water. We have a gas station and grocery store about 4 miles away. For additional people ten dollars per person additional. Please feel free to send me a message if you have any questions. [Pets](#), [Potable water](#), [Toilets](#), [from \\$38 / night](#)

[Teardrop Arch B&B](#) 1 site · Lodging 2 acres · UT

This is Navajo owned B&B. It is located within the Navajo Reservation. Here the view is unique and the experience is memorable to witness. The Scenery changes at every season, with sunrises, sunsets, with laden stars. Hike up the sandy landscape trail to amazing photographic Teardrop Arch. (It is not bike friendly.) [Pets](#); [Potable water](#); [Toilets](#); [from \\$98/night](#)

[FireTree Camping](#) 2 sites · Tents 6 acres · Monument Valley, UT FireTree offers you peace and serenity in an atmosphere of rustic charm for your desert camping experience. Outside your tent, you can sit and sip a drink in the pure clean air, read a favorite book, have a picnic, or simply gaze at the scenery. Accommodations include restroom with hot showers and potable water. Short walk to campsite (about 50 to 100 feet). We allow car and van camping, but we're not specifically set up for that. Parking spaces may not be level. Please print or download a map from our website, and DO NOT FOLLOW Google Maps or other navigation.

<https://firetreeinn.com/map.html>

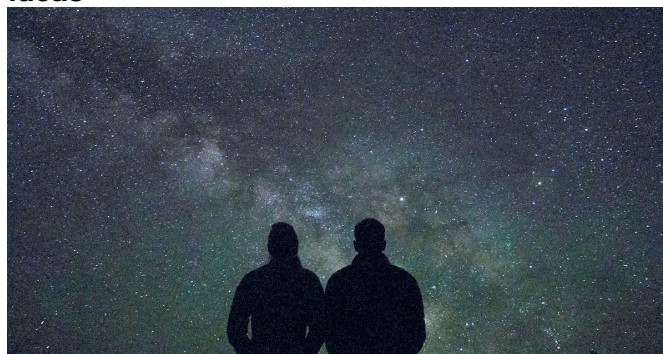
[Potable water](#); [Toilets](#); [Campfires](#); [from \\$5/night](#)

[Antelope Canyon Navajo Hogan](#) 6 sites · Lodging 20 acres · Le Chee, AZ

The Navajo Reservation is one of the biggest which is bigger than the state of West Virginia of the Navajo People. The Navajo People are more caretakers of the beautiful landscape that's very secluded. The family where I come from own a big property because of our livestock of horses, cattle, goats and sheep. We been on this property for 100s of years and still going strong and it's the land of the infamous of the "Upper Antelope Canyon" which is literally our backyard. There is so much history and culture meaning to the (Diné) Navajo land that the Diné people hold and cherish. Learn more about this land: We provide a private Navajo Hogan experience with a beautiful view 360 degree view. We are nearby all beautiful locations like the infamous Upper/Lower Antelope Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, Lake Powell, Antelope Point Marina, Little Colorado.

[Potable water](#); [Toilets](#); [Campfires](#); [from \\$200/night](#)

And they have an added suggestion: <https://www.hipcamp.com/journal/camping/stargazing-road-trip-ideas>



Nevada leaders urge Trump administration to save Sierra Nevada Job Corps

Center: "The center, located in Reno, has been a crucial resource for Northern Nevada, providing education and job training to low-income individuals for over 60 years. A letter, signed by a group of bipartisan lawmakers in Nevada including Governor Joe Lombardo, Senators Cortez Masto and Rosen, as well as Congressman Amodei, was sent to the secretary of the Department of Labor Thursday." (Via [News 4](#))Reminder:\

Artists tell stories of heritage, history at Nevada Arts Council event (elkodaily.com)

— Artists from across Nevada, including Cesar Piedra from Reno, showcased their work at the Nevada Arts Council event in Ely. Piedra's art, inspired by Mesoamerican culture, highlights his connection to Aztec mythology and his search for identity.

House Republicans propose \$5 billion for private school vouchers

House Republicans want to set aside up to \$5 billion a year for scholarships to help families send their children to private and religious schools, an unprecedented effort to use public money to pay for private education. [Read more.](#)

The program would be funded by donors who could contribute money or stock. In turn, they would receive 100% of the contribution back in the form of a discount on their tax bills. It would allow stockholders to avoid paying taxes that would be levied if they donated or transferred the stock. **Critics decried the proposal, saying it would aid the wealthy at the expense of the public school systems** that serve the overwhelming majority of students. They said it would set up a tax shelter allowing savvy investors to make money under the guise of a donation.

<https://www.rsn.org/001/trump-says-he-slapped-tariffs-on-foreign-films-because-subtitles-encourage-reading.html>

Trump administration moves to abolish California's two newest national monuments

“The Trump administration is moving forward with plans to abolish California's two newest national monuments, S  t  tla Highlands National Monument in the state's far north and Chuckwalla National Monument near Joshua Tree. The push to eliminate the designations, issued earlier this year by former President Joe Biden, was revealed in a U.S. Justice Department memo this week, responding to legal questions from the administration about rolling back the California monuments. S  t  tla Highlands monument was established in January to protect a remote 224,000-acre volcanic landscape northeast of Mount Shasta, known for lava beds and caves. **The designation was sought by Northern California's Pit River Tribe to prevent geothermal power production at tribally sacred sites.** The Chuckwalla monument safeguards 624,000 acres of desert that was similarly under threat of energy development. ... ”
[Read more from the San Francisco Chronicle.](#) | [Read via MSN News.](#)

Scholarships with July 17-31 Deadlines

Donovan Kayne Lujan Memorial Fund Scholarship	\$2,500	July 17, 2025	
Jane Silverstein Ries Foundation Annual Student Scholarship	\$2,500	July 18, 2025	
PMMI Foundation	\$5,000	July 18, 2025	
University of Iowa Need-Based Academic Award	\$24,000	July 19, 2025	
Joy Cappel Scholarship	\$2,500	July 20, 2025	
Prince Kuhio Hawaiian Civic Club Scholarships	\$1,500	July 20, 2025	
Liberty University Academic Scholarship	\$26,000	July 23, 2025	
Liberty University Champion Award	\$8,000	July 23, 2025	
Liberty University Middle America Scholarship	\$25,580	July 23, 2025	
The Phyliss J. McCarthy Scholarship for Excellence in Writing	\$1,000	July 23, 2025	
CIAM Academic Excellence Scholarship	\$12,000	July 25, 2025	
Excellence in Character Scholarship	\$500	July 25, 2025	
NOPHNCSE Scholarships	\$1,000	July 26, 2025	
Adam Charles Ports Foundation Scholarship	\$8,000	July 31, 2025	
Anders Scholarship	\$1,000	July 31, 2025	
Arnold M Miller Find A Way Scholarship	\$15,000	July 31, 2025	
Barbara Caras Memorial Scholarship for Film Studies	\$2,000	July 31, 2025	
Beta Sigma Psi University of Nebraska Lincoln Scholarship	\$1,000	July 31, 2025	
Beth E. Marcus Scholarship Fund	\$1,000	July 31, 2025	
Emily's Light CF Foundation Scholarship	\$3,000	July 31, 2025	
HUSTLE Hearts Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000	July 31, 2025	
Jack Scura Fund Scholarship	\$10,000	July 31, 2025	
JFEW-CUNY Hillel Scholarship	\$12,000	July 31, 2025	
Joseph Sumner Smith Scholarship	\$1,000	July 31, 2025	
Kids' Chance of Michigan Scholarship Program	\$7,500	July 31, 2025	
New Silver Fintech Scholarship	\$5,000	July 31, 2025	
Niche \$10,000 No Essay Scholarship	\$10,000	July 31, 2025	

<u>NYSOEA Environmental Studies Scholarship</u>	\$500	July 31, 2025	
<u>Otto M. Stanfield Law Scholarship</u>	\$500	July 31, 2025	
<u>Outlier.org x Golden Gate University Full Ride Scholarship</u>	\$8,940	July 31, 2025	
<u>PACIM Polanie Legacy Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	July 31, 2025	
<u>PestNet Future Entomologist Scholarship</u>	\$500	July 31, 2025	
<u>Roy E. Jorgensen Memorial Scholarship</u>	\$15,000	July 31, 2025	
<u>Secular Student Activist Scholarships</u>	\$3,000	July 31, 2025	
<u>Texas Tech University Transfer Scholarships</u>	\$12,000	July 31, 2025	
<u>Thomas H. Macbride Leadership Scholarship</u>	\$40,000	July 31, 2025	
<u>U.S. Naval Intelligence Essay Contest</u>	\$5,000	July 31, 2025	
<u>University of Georgia Baldwin Scholarship</u>	\$8,000	July 31, 2025	
<u>University of Georgia Classic Scholarship</u>	\$38,080	July 31, 2025	
<u>University of Georgia Presidential Leadership Scholarship</u>	\$12,000	July 31, 2025	
<u>University of Lynchburg Hopwood Scholarship</u>	\$96,000	July 31, 2025	
<u>US Cup Tae Kwon Do Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	July 31, 2025	
<u>Walkin' Pets Veterinarian & Rehab/Vet Tech Scholarships</u>	\$1,000	July 31, 2025	
<u>Women of the Vine & Spirits Foundation Student Educational Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	July 31, 2025	
<u>WREDI to Launch Behavioral Health Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	July 31, 2025	
<u>WWF Conservation Leadership Award</u>	\$5,000	July 31, 2025	