

NATIVE YOUTH PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays!

Christmas is a wonderful time to spend with those around you, such as family or friends. It's fun and exciting to receive presents, but it's also good to give presents.

Our theme this month is gifting because one way to show people you care is by making them a gift. You don't always have to spend a lot of money on a gift, as homemade gifts are something a person can cherish throughout the years.

Here are some examples of gifts you can make: You can design a Christmas card. You can make them an ornament to hang on their tree. You can write them a song. You can even do something for them such as cleaning around their home. It all depends on the person you are gifting.

We hope you all have a great holiday and remember to stay warm!

Upcoming Events

Monthly Theme: Gifting

- **Dec. 3:** Last day to sign up for the Youth Book Club!
- **Dec. 10:** Title VI: Traditional Storytelling, 6–8 pm, Coral Cliffs PLC, St. George
- **Dec. 19:** Christmas Bazaar 10 am to 3 pm, PITU Gym
- **Dec. 20:** Cold Winter Walk (5 pm) and Konuv Party (6 pm)
- **Dec. 25:** Merry Christmas!!
- **Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve!

See full calendar of events at PITU.gov/Native-Youth/



Storytelling

As we enter December, we are in the winter months. In Southern Paiute culture, we do our storytelling in the wintertime. Take the time to ask those around you, such as elders, about any traditional stories they may know, as it is now the perfect season to hear these stories.

Playwright Program

On Nov. 24, we had our first Playwright Zoom meeting. It was a fun time, and we are so grateful for the mentors and the youth who showed up! We were able to do some introductions and learn how to write characters. Our next meeting will be in January. The date is still being worked out.

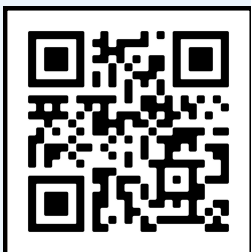
Cold Winter Walk + Konuv Party

On Dec. 20, we will be having our inaugural Cold Winter Walk (*Spaiyaiyan Tom Paixay* in Paiute). We will admire Christmas lights around the Pow-Wow grounds. We will also have hot chocolate and outside heaters so you don't get cold.

Once this walk is over, it will lead into our next event, which will be the Konuv' Party in the PITU Gym. The walk is open to Tribal Members and descendants, while the Konuv' Party is open to all Puow'wan families. Keep an eye out for both flyers.

Youth Registration

Please ensure that all Native youth are registered, as it is required for participation in the activities. To register, visit our website at <https://PITU.gov/Native-Youth> or use the QR code below.



Congratulations to the new Cedar Band of Paiutes Thanksgiving Princess, Grace Lynn Thompson! We are excited to see you represent the crown over the next year.