

NATIVE YOUTH PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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The Drum

This month, our theme focuses on drumming. In Paiute, the word for drum is “kwepoy’unump.” We hold the drum in high regards within Native American culture.

There are different types of drums, such as hand drums or the big drums they use for singing at powwows. Hand drums are used for things like round dance events or to sing circle dance songs. It’s important to recognize that with so many tribes in the world, what one tribe uses a drum for may not be the same as another tribe.

Some people refer to the drum as *grandpa* while others may see it as its own *respected entity*. What’s important is that we all treat it with respect.

Upcoming Events

Monthly Theme:
kwepoy’unump (drum)

- **April 3:** Fashion Show, South Campground Amphitheatre, Zion National Park, 6 pm
- **April 4:** Prayer Run, Zion National Park, 8:30 am
- **April 6–10 :** ICSD Spring Break. NO SCHOOL
- **April 8:** WCSD Title VI: Basket, Coral Cliffs PLC, St. George, 6–8 pm
- **April 22:** Youth Book Club Meeting (meeting times on second page)

See full calendar of events at [PITU.gov/Native-Youth/](https://pitu.gov/Native-Youth/)



Honoring Mother Earth

In honor of Earth Day on April 22, we would like to take a moment to talk about our Mother Earth.

As Indigenous people, Earth Day isn't just one day; it's every day. We thank the air, the water, the plants, and the animals. We all play an important role in protecting the land and environment around us.

Hiking is a fun way to explore and appreciate the land. Here are some ways to protect Mother Earth while hiking:

- **Stay on designated trails** - Venturing off the trail can lead to soil erosion, damage to plant life, and disruption of wildlife habitats.
- **"Pack it in, pack it out."** - This means carrying out everything you bring into the wilderness, including food wrappers, tissues, and even biodegradable items like fruit peels.
- **Observe, don't disturb.** - Maintain a safe distance from animals and never feed them. Feeding wildlife can alter their natural behaviors and diets.

Youth Book Club

Reminder! If you are signed up for the Youth Book Club, our next virtual meeting will be on April 22. Below are the times for each age group:

- 5-8: 4 pm
- 9-12: 4:30 pm
- 13-17: 5 pm

If you have any questions please reach out to anyone on the Youth team! 435-586-1112

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.

