



# Marin American Indian Alliance

In Honor of all Nations

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## WORDS FROM THE PAST

We have lived upon this land from days beyond history's record, far past any living memory, deep into the time of legend. The story of my people and the story of this place are one single story. We are always joined together.

- Pueblo elder

## APRIL 2020 MAIA GATHERING CANCELLED

As per our email blast, the April 2020 MAIA Gathering is cancelled. We are praying that May will bring more clarity on our progress with the Coronavirus outbreak and that we may be able to meet at that time.

We hope you are all well and coping with the current restrictions. If you need help or need someone to talk with please contact us, email us: [Marinindnuz@aol.com](mailto:Marinindnuz@aol.com), or call us: 415.342.2049. Please keep us updated on news and the status of your families. Stay safe. We will always be here for you and look forward to seeing and talking with you all again soon. Blessings to you all.

## GATHERING LOCATION

As you may have heard, on February 13th, we received a call from the church where we gather monthly to say they had a major fire in the kitchen at the church community room. At that time no one was permitted to go into the community room and we could not get to our supplies. We temporarily met in the church building across the street, corner of Greenfield St. and Ross Valley Drive.

**For the May 19th Gathering, however, we will be back in our regular location in the community room downstairs below the church.** We hope to finally be watching a presentation from Stephanie McNally, Canal Alliance Advocacy and Policy Manager, regarding the 2020 Census! **Please stay tuned for updates on the MAIA website ([marinamericanindianalliance.org](http://marinamericanindianalliance.org) or [marinndn.org](http://marinndn.org)) and via email in case the May Gathering is cancelled.** If you are not on the email blast but would like to be added, please email [Marinindnuz@aol.com](mailto:Marinindnuz@aol.com).

We will not have access to the kitchen. Because of this, the food should be simple and ready to serve. Bring a serving spoon if you need one. Also, if you really want to help out, please bring your own plate and eating utensils. Remember no plastic or Styrofoam. If you have any questions please call Sally at 415-454-5969.

## LOCAL BAY AREA INDIAN HEALTH CENTERS

In addition to the numerous Native American Health Centers in the East Bay and San Francisco (<https://www.ihs.gov/california/index.cfm/>), Sonoma County Indian Health Project (SCIHP), [www.scihp.org](http://www.scihp.org), has a wonderful health center with current information about the Coronavirus, as well as a Coronavirus symptom checker on their website. Located in Santa Rosa, they currently provide medical, dental, nutritional, behavioral health, pharmacy and health education services. SCIHP has expanded care to non-Indians with Medi-Cal on a limited basis if this is beneficial to your family. Please use these resources. These centers are here for you!

### ***READ NEWS ON MARINNDN.ORG***

#### **INDIAN COUNTRY'S DAILY CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

Nearly 120 positive cases have been reported in the Indian health system and seven people have died, according to data collected by Indian Country Today ([indiancountrytoday.com](http://indiancountrytoday.com)). The Navajo Nation continues to have the most Coronavirus cases. As of Saturday evening, the number is 92 and the Navajo Nation confirmed two deaths related to the Coronavirus on Friday.

#### **TRIBES SAY PERSISTENT EFFORTS PAY OFF IN MASSIVE STIMULUS**

The sweeping bill that the government has approved will help better equip health care systems that serve Native Americans, improve the emergency response time on tribal lands, provide economic relief for tribal members, and help with food deliveries to low-income families and the elderly.

#### **WHERE CORONAVIRUS COULD FIND A REFUGE: NATIVE AMERICAN RESERVATIONS**

The federal health agency that serves more than 2.5 million Native Americans has only limited ability to monitor and investigate Coronavirus cases across American Indian communities and reservations, slowing its ability to respond to outbreaks and raising fears that a lack of reliable data could compromise national efforts to eradicate the virus.

#### **UTE TRIBE SIGNS A NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH - ADDING A STIPULATION FOR THE USE OF "UTES"**

The Ute Tribe has agreed to continue allowing sports teams at the University of the Utah to compete as "Utes" — though as part of an update to the longstanding deal, the school must educate all incoming students about the tribe.

.....more Indian news can be found on the MAIA website ([marinamericanindianalliance.org](http://marinamericanindianalliance.org) or [marinndn.org](http://marinndn.org)).

## EVENTS

**Please note: Many events have been cancelled due o the Coronavirus.  
Check ahead for potential cancellations not listed.**

April 4 – 40th Annual UC Berkeley Powwow, Lower Sproul Plaza, 2465 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Grand Entry 12 Noon. **CANCELLED**

April 5 – Mills College Pow Wow, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland. **CANCELLED**

April 10 – 6th Annual UC Davis Indigenous Arts Market, UC Davis East-West Quad. 10 AM - 5 PM. **CANCELLED**

April 11 – 48th Annual UC Davis Powwow, UC Davis Cross Cultural Center: 1 Shields Ave. East-West Quad. 10am-10pm Grand Entry 12 Noon., Contact: Mary Jane Andreas, Phone: 530-752-6620, Email: mjandreas@ucdavis.edu. **CANCELLED**

April 21 – **MARIN AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE** gathering, 9 Ross Valley Dr., San Rafael, United 1st Methodist Church, downstairs community room (Potluck). 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Email marinindnuz@aol.com with questions. **CANCELLED**

April 25 – 45th Annual SFSU Powwow, 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco. Gourd Dancing 11 AM, Grand Entry 12 Noon. Go to sfskins.org or call (415) 338-1929 with questions. **CANCELLED**

May 2, 3 – 33rd Annual Fresno State Powwow, O'Neill Park 5241 N. Maple Ave., Fresno. Grand Entry 6 PM Friday, 12 Noon and 6 PM Saturday and 12 Noon Sunday. **Check online for potential cancellation.**

May 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Santa Clara University Powwow, Santa Clara University Mission Gardens. Grand Entry 12 Noon. Contact: Catherine-Elizabeth Moore, Phone: 916-742-8773, Email: naccscu@scu.edu **CANCELLED**

May 8, 9, 10 – 49th Annual Stanford Powwow, Eucalyptus Grove at Galvez and Campus Drives. Grand Entry 7 PM Friday, 1 PM and 7 PM Saturday and 1 PM Sunday. Call 650-723-4078 with questions. **CANCELLED**

May 10 – 27th Annual Mariposa Powwow, Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa. Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM. Contact Pam Martinez-Darcy or Nancy Dondero (209) 966-3245 with questions. **Check online for potential cancellation.**

May 19 – **MARIN AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE** gathering, 9 Ross Valley Dr., San Rafael, at United 1st Methodist Church, downstairs community room (Potluck). 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Email marinindnuz@aol.com with questions. **Status to be determined.**

May 30-31 – 39th Annual Yuba-Sutter Pow Wow, Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Ave., Yuba City. Open Gourd Dancing starts both days at noon Grand Entry at 1 PM. Call (530) 749-6196 with questions.

June 12-14 – Table Mountain Rancheria 20th Annual TMR Pow-Wow, Big Fresno Fair: 1121 S. Chance Ave, Fresno, Contact: 559-316-6399, Email: tmr.pow.wow@tmr.org.

June 16 – **MARIN AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE** gathering, 9 Ross Valley Dr., San Rafael, at United 1st Methodist Church, downstairs community room (Potluck). 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Email marinindnuz@aol.com with questions.

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Phone: 415.342.2049

Check the MAIA website and Facebook for more information.

***Please remember to verify dates, times and location for the above events, as they can change due to weather, funding, etc.***

GRANDMOTHER

By Ray A. Young Bear (Mesquakie)

if i were to see  
her shape from a mile away  
i'd know so quickly  
that it would be her.  
the purple scarf  
and the plastic  
shopping bag.

if i felt  
hands on my head  
i'd know that those  
were her hands  
warm and damp  
with the smell  
of roots.

if i heard  
a voice  
coming from  
a rock  
i'd know  
and her words  
would flow inside me  
like the light  
of someone  
stirring ashes  
from a sleeping fire  
at night.