

A Festive Fish Fry: Yurok Tribe to host 57th-annual salmon festival

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The Yurok Tribe's 57th-annual Klamath salmon festival is set for Aug. 17, with this year's theme Skue'n 'Owook ("Can't Wait Until Tomorrow").

Held in Klamath, 21 miles south of Crescent City, the annual festival celebrates the bounty of the Klamath River.

Fresh-caught Klamath salmon will be served for \$11 and include water and three homemade side dishes.

The festival also will offer a number of family-oriented events, including a basket-weaver demonstration, stick-game tournament, kids' fun zone, Indian card game tournament, live music by Blue Rhythm Revue, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, petting zoo, Ney-Puey Color Run, Archie Thompson Memorial Softball Tournament, and Yurok elder George Smoker and his wife Marla's 10th-annual classic car display.

The basket-weaver demonstration will feature representatives of the California Basketweavers Association, as well as tribes of the Pacific Northwest, demonstrating how to create a range of basketry and traditional regalia.

Nearly 100 vendors will be selling gifts, fine artwork and sweet treats.

The festival kicks off at 9 a.m. with registration for the annual Ney-Puey Color Run. Participants will convene at the Yurok Justice Center on Klamath Boulevard before the start of the run at 10 a.m.

Sign-ups for the Indian Card Game Tournament will be 9-10 a.m. at the amphitheater next to the Yurok Country Visitor Center. The single-elimination tournament begins at 10 a.m., with a \$25 buy-in and \$300 cash prize.

The parade starts at 10:30 a.m. The Stick Game Tournament and 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament both are at 11 a.m.

Humboldt County's Blue Rhythm Revue performs at noon and 2:30 p.m.

Parking for the festival is in the secure lot off U.S. Highway 101 exit 769. Follow the signs to Klamath Mill Road.