

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation hosts 17th annual Dee-ni' Day

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A day to honor Tolowa culture and celebrate California Indian Day.

Smith River, CA. – The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is excited to announce their 17th annual Dee-ni' Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, at the Howonquet Hall Community Center, across from Lucky 7 Casino. The free event is open to the public and the entire community to enjoy.

The event will feature cultural demonstrations, a tribal citizen art show, men's card games, shell dice tournament and a regalia showcase. There will also be 60-plus art and food vendors, children and adult activities such as disc golf, archery, bull roping, a bounce house, and a horseshoe tournament. Traditional food samples will include sand bread and clam chowder.

A highlight of the Nation's annual Dee-ni' Day are the stick games, starting at 11 a.m., with athletes of all ages battling for bragging rights and cash prizes. The games, held on the beach, is a strenuous sport for men

and women that combines the strength and agility of wrestling and rugby with the quick action of field hockey. Game play can get rough, with players tackling or wrestling one another to the ground.

If you go:

Visitors are encouraged to park in the overflow parking area at the Howonquet Cemetery and Lucky 7 Casino. Parking at the Howonquet Hall Community Center, basketball court and UIHS is reserved for elders. When walking across Highway 101 to and from Lucky 7 Casino to the event please use the crosswalk and be cautious of fast-moving vehicles. A shuttle will be available. A portion of North Indian Rd. at the Hall to the Howonquet Cemetery will be closed for the safety of all attending the event.

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The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation of Tolowa Dee-ni' People. The Nation is headquartered 3 miles south of the Oregon-California border in Pacific Northwest California. The Nation's general membership consists of over 2,000 Tribal Citizens. The Nation strives every day to make Del Norte County and Curry County a great place to live and work.