

Inter Tribal Sports The Rattle

2019 APRIL EDITION

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6
Flag Football Opening Day at
Barona & San Pasqual
Earth Day

April 13
Dream The Impossible
Conference

April 15ITS Scholarship Deadline

April 21
Easter Sunday

April 27
Pauma Community Outreach

May 4
Flag Football and Cheer
Picture Day

May 10
Softball Team Registration &
Uniform Order Due @ 12pm

May 12 Mother's Day

May 18 Flag Football Championship Day

> May 27 Memorial Day Office Closed

June 1 Softball Camp

June 7
ITS 10th Annual Golf
Tournament Fundraiser

June 15 Softball Opening Day C & D -League

> **June 16** Father's Day

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP DAY 1 & 2



The 2019 basketball season ended with a two day tournament with over 700 players participating. We hope everyone enjoyed their time on and off the courts. For the first time ever, our Basketball Championships were held across two days at the Pechanga Recreation Center. On Saturday, March 9th the A & B-Leagues competed on the first day of championships.

The community was given the opportunity to see the amazing performance from our DreamCatchers Cheer team (Bottom Right). Then on Sunday, March 10th we had our C & D Leagues participating on the second day of the championship tournament (Bottom Center). While games were being played, we had our famous exercise wheel, a raffle, snacks, and our infused water at our Rez Dog Refreshment booth (Bottom Right).

At the end of the day, the winners of the single elimination basketball championship tournament were: Mesa Grande for A-League (Top Left), Pechanga for B-League (Top Center), and Rincon for C-League (Top Right).

We would like to thank our coaches, parents, Nike, and community volunteers for their time and energy! We will also like to give a special thanks to the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians for the use of their facilities.

FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP





The 2019 Flag Football season kicked off with our camp at San Pasqual on March 30th. ITS partnered with the PROWAY to bring a fantastic camp to our youth. The youth participated in various games and drills that helped them sharpen up their skills for the upcoming season. The day ended with a short motivational speech from the facilitators to all of the youth.

ANNOUNCEMENT

ITS SPOTLIGHT: LARRY EDMONDS SDAIHC BOARD MEMBER



ITS is honored to highlight our ITS board member from San Diego American Indian Health Center (SDAIHC), Larry Edmonds. Larry has been working with SDAIHC since July of 2015 as their youth center program coordinator. It has really been a joy for him working with the youth at the center as he states, "the staff and I, along with the youth, are working together to fulfill the mission of the youth center which is to guide Native American youth and other community youth towards their full potential as healthy, well-rounded young adults. Through the use of cultural, traditional, and non-Western modes of healing, we envision a community of well-adjusted young people who have

reached their full potential." Larry believes he is privileged to be apart of this organization as he has the ability to, "encourage youth to get involved, help them with their self-esteem, help them build character, develop teamwork skills, learn healthy lifestyle habits, and to have fun." He hopes to contribute in any way he can. When asked what he has enjoyed the most since he started working for SDAIHC he expresses that,"the youth, the families, and the community have all made me feel so welcomed. I look forward to meeting more of them and working with them. The highlight is that SDAIHC and the youth center are providing a safe place for these youth. I get a joy from working here and being part of a place where we are helping our community grow and develop." Larry's most memorable moments at SDAIHC since he started working there are when they had an art show at the youth center for the kids called We R Urban. We R Urban was a cultural arts exhibit organized by the San Diego American Health Center that explored mixed media, had live performances, artistic showcases, and talks on the meaning of the word urban. He states, "we were featured in the GB magazine and had some of the kids and staff on TV to advertise this cultural event. That was a very special for all of us. We hope someday to do another We R Urban cultural event."In his time at SDAIHC and with ITS, Larry looks forward to collectively coming together to, "find ways to inspire and motivate the people we work with." He recognizes the importance of taking part in something that is honorable and fun. ITS is excited and fortunate to have Larry join the ITS team and we look forward to seeing the huge impact he sets out to make!



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

ITS IS AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OR CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS.

TO APPLY PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE INTERTRIBALSPORTS.ORG

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Inter Tribal Sports, Inc., announces the 2019 **ITS Scholarship Awards Program.** Under the Program, a total of \$4,000 in scholarships will be awarded to Native American youth from the ITS service area in southern California. Graduating high school seniors or current college students attending a university, junior college, or trade school are eligible to apply. The deadline to submit an application is **April 15th at 5:00pm.**



ITS would like to announce and share that we have added a new sport into our program. Cross Country will be an official sport that will be offered to the ITS service area next fall in 2019!

Our youth will now have the opportunity to participate in a great sport thatoffers many unique benefits that are different from our other sports. Cross Country will be the first ITS sport that features individual competition. All our participating tribes and organizations are encouraged to sign up their youth as there is no required number of athletes needed to join. For those coaches or volunteers that need a little extra help on how to coach and train your youth on cross country, please contact the ITS office. We are in the process of developing an outstanding coaches development program for this sport and we are excited to launch it next fall!

Make sure to check out ITS social media and our Rattle for more news and updates about cross country. We look forward to offering this new sport next fall!

TRIBAL SPONSORSHIP

We would like to thank The San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians, United American Indian Involvement, and The Pauma Band of Luiseño Mission Indians for their generous contributions to ITS. Their sponsorships help ITS to continue to offer outstanding programs for Tribal youth in southern California. This includes providing uniforms, officials, game day support, camps and clinics, Rez Dogg Refreshments, cultural events, and so much more! We are proud to serve more than 1200 children from 20 participating tribes and tribal organizations annually!



The Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians has donated \$10,000.



The San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians has donated \$2,500.



The United American Indian Involvement has donated \$500.

Tribes, independent businesses, corporations, and individuals are invited to become sponsors of ITS!

Your generous support directly benefits youth by allowing Inter Tribal Sports to continue to offer outstanding athletics and enrichment programs.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact the ITS office. To become a sponsor, please complete and submit the following sponsorship agreement below to the ITS office.

Select the link to view our Sponsorship Packages.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OUTREACH CHALLENGE

ITS is challenging all tribes to any ITS sport for an ITS Staff vs Youth game. The prize is a pizza party for everyone who accepts the challenge and wins!

Sycuan is the latest tribe to accept the ITS Outreach Challenge. The flag football match between our undefeated ITS team and their youth will take place on April 18th at 4:30pm.



2019 FLAG FOOTBALL SEASON



March 8th: Team Registration & Uniform Order Due @ 12pm

March 30th: Camp @ San Pasqual

April 6th: Flag Football Opening Day @ Barona

Games are on Saturday

NO GAMES ON APRIL 13

May 4th: Picture Day @ Picture Day

May 18th: Flag Football Championship Day (A,B,C-League) @ TBD

-Please don't forget to register your players online at our website: www.intertribalsports.org

10th ANNUAL ITS GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER:



ITS would like to invite everyone to the 10th Annual ITS Golf Tournament Fundraiser. Participants will experience a great day of fun, food, drinks, and relaxation at the Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon nestled between the natural beauty of Beaumont's breathtaking mountain view. Your involvement, support, and generous donations will help benefit our native youth in southern California as 100% of the proceeds go back into the ITS youth programs! ITS would like to give a BIG thank you to The Morongo Band of Mission Indians for hosting this special event.