

Powwow, Highway Closure, Giving Campaign, Upcoming Events, Forest Recovery Project, Legacy Gifts

Children of Many Colors Powwow Returns to Oxnard College June 2-4

Southern California Edison, the Moon Family Trust and Oxnard College make the 21st Redbird powwow possible

A powwow is a Native American cultural celebration. Community powwows are important social and cultural events, weaving together the lives of native people across an urban fabric.

Redbird's powwow offers a number of opportunities for multicultural immersion without compromising the integrity of the gathering. Our Friday evening open flute circle invites all wind instruments and their players to enjoy a relaxed coming together and an open microphone format. People of all ethnicities, skill levels and ages are welcome to share their music.

Throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday there will be intertribal dances.

During these sets of songs, guests are welcome in the dance arena. There are some dress and conduct guidelines and you probably are familiar with them - revealing clothing is not appropriate for men or women, touching dancers' hair, feathers or regalia is not okay, and children should not be allowed to run through the arena.

On Sunday morning around 11:30 AM there will be a Veterans' honoring. All Veterans regardless of ethnicity or branch of service are welcome and encouraged to participate.

We offer the powwow as an event that we hope bridges ethnic and socio-economic boundaries in a healthy way, without compromising its integrity as an indigenous cultural gathering.

There is no charge for admission, and everyone is welcome. Oxnard College is very close to the ocean and so the weather is typically mild with the potential for fog/mist/moisture/high humidity.

Powwows are expensive and labor intensive undertakings, and the Redbird powwow would not exist without the generous support of our sponsors and supporters. If you come to the powwow and you like what you see and feel, please consider becoming a donor and helping us continue to host the longest running Native American event in Ventura County.



Family
Friendly

No drugs,
alcohol or
firearms

June 2-4, 2023
Oxnard College, Gymnasium Field
4000 S Rose Avenue,
Oxnard CA 93033

**Redbird's 21st
Children of Many Colors
Native American
Intertribal Powwow**

Friday evening vendor preview and
open flute circle - all wind instruments
and their players welcome
6 PM - 9 PM
Saturday 11 AM Gourd Dance-
12 PM - 7 PM
Native American Powwow
Sunday 11 Am Gourd Dance
12 PM - 6 PM
Native American Powwow

All powwow
drums and
dancers welcome

Public welcome

Hosted by Redbird, a 501(c)(3) Native
American and environmental
non profit association
promoting the awareness and
celebration of indigenous cultures
and people and creating
a sustainable future

MC Randy Pico
AD Victor Chavez
Head Man Dancer Mario Sanchez
Head Woman Caitlin Ashmore
Head Gourd Dancer David Patterson
Host and Invited Drums Wildhorse,
Blue Star, Hale and Company
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Highway 2 Closure still in effect beyond Mount Wilson Road

Image by Nicole Okarma Shaw, March 2023. Angeles Crest Highway in Mile 46. We watched the portion these people are standing on collapse as we drove by a few days later.



Caltrans is working to repair this washout in mile 46, and a number of areas between mile 38 and mile 42. The Angeles Crest Highway remains closed as of May 2023 beyond Red Box/Mount Wilson Road.

We were blessed with wonderful winter weather. It was not the many feet of snow which took out the highway. It was an incredible March rain and wind storm which washed away much of the snow pack.

We do not have a date for the reopening of the Crest beyond Red Box. We have heard rumors of June. We have cancelled or rescheduled all of our programs at Chilao School until October. If the highway opens sooner we will resume Moto Yoga. We are looking for alternate yoga instructors who are willing to work with the rather informal donation basis/chair massage/brunch relaxed atmosphere that Moto Yoga is. Yogis split the donations with Chilao School, who provides the food and beverages.

Redbird's Giving Campaign and Monthly Giving - An affordable way to support Redbird

I have to wax slightly personal on the issue of giving. In short...it's good for you. It makes you feel good (and if it doesn't, then absolutely, change your giving pattern). It's an expression of love, and it brings balance to the universe. I really believe that.

During Covid, we made some radical changes to the way we operated. For one, we did not solicit donations from our supporters. Covid was a crazy thing. Some people suffered terribly while others found their niche - not always legally - in utilizing hand-out money. If your livelihood depended on events or public turnout, if you ran a small business that could not adapt to an online or delivery platform, you were in deep trouble. Others made the leap to the internet and were able to let go of their dependence on brick and mortar locations.

We started the Highway 2 track days and enjoyed popularity in 2020. 2021 was completely different...there was a brief lull in the Covid crackdown that disrupted the new normal. 2022 saw the return of many public events, but also unbridled inflation. Rather suddenly, Amazon ended the Smile program. Not that we netted huge gains from Smile, but still. It made people feel good and it didn't cost them anything.

Things keep changing, and staying financially solvent is a challenge. Redbird needs to build a support base again. Monthly giving offers an income that stabilizes the highs and lows; that offers some resilience in the face of storm damage, road closures, inflation, and the bills that don't go away no matter what else is happening...insurance, utilities, operating expenses. It offers stability, yes, but also the possibility that we can help others...whether it be temporary assistance to someone in need or hosting an event or giving a presentation or taking part in the event of another organization. It keeps the work alive.

If making a single donation works for you, don't let me discourage you. We need your support, in any denomination; by internet, by mail, in cash...we appreciate you. Please. Send it. Whatever feels right to you...a single donation or a monthly contribution, please visit our website where you can donate securely and easily. With all my heart, thank you. *Corina*

<https://www.redbirdsvisions.org/donate---get-involved.html>

Upcoming Events

Moto Yoga

Moto Yoga will resume at its earliest opportunity, which could be as soon as June. We will post on Facebook and make lots of announcements when that time comes. Moto Yoga also has its own website, which will be updated shortly...but without a yoga schedule there's not much to talk about right now.

Children of Many Colors Native American Powwow June 2-4

<https://www.facebook.com/events/611403563341070>

Highway 2 Track Day on Horse Thief Mile September 24

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2082354358618586>

Knap In with Gary Pickett at Chilao School October 6-8

<https://www.facebook.com/events/448789517370291>

Models in the Mountains Live Model Horse Show and Retreat October 20-22

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3324308454484896>

Redbird's 28th Annual Blanket Drive and Mini Powwow Saturday December 2

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1812840539100351>

Merry Little Mountain Christmas Party at Chilao School Sunday, December 17

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1257076158538603>

Forest Recovery Project

Nature Never Sleeps

The original concept for the Forest Recovery Project was to document the recovery of the Angeles National Forest from the Station Fire for the first post fire year. What happened was a continual cycle of learning and observing and witnessing that change is constant in nature. We tend to think of nature as enduring and unflappable, and hopefully it always will be, but there are processes continuously at work.

In September 2020, the Bobcat fire consumed much of what the Forest Recovery Project had documented over the course of eleven years. And it got into the high country, a land already struggling with the changing climate. The Bobcat fire left many of us who are close to the land emotionally numb.

May this amazing winter offer the trees and the land a kind of environmental re-set. May there be hope after all. The following images are primarily from Chilao in 2023.











Legacy Gifts - *for the generations to come*

Where does our road go from here? In the thirty years of Redbird we have sought to remain relevant, to address issues before they became popular, to be in tune with the local environment.

Today, our programs are diverse, from the celebration of indigenous cultures to the work of understanding how to apply ancient wisdom to today's environmental challenges, and many points in between. Today, we host gatherings for the arts and healing arts, have a motorcycle safety program, and look forward to accomplishing our dream of creating an elder housing facility.

Legacy gifts allow you to choose how you will shape the future. You decide what programs, goals and ideas you will help us carry forward. Learn more by following the link below.

<https://www.redbirdsvisions.org/legacy-gifts.html>