

# News Release



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Public Service Announcement

## Maidu Culture Featured In Native Ways Celebration

The sights, sounds, scents, tastes, and warmth of the Maidu culture can be experienced at the fourth annual Native Ways Celebration on Saturday, October 4, at the Lake Oroville Visitor Center. This will be a free public event between 10:00A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

The fragrance of sage, the thumping of the pestle in the mortar, the scent of cooking and fry bread, the beat of a drum, an occasional chant or song, or melodies of flute and whistle will engage your senses and sensibilities. The chatter of voices and laughter will enhance the memorable character of the day.

The public is invited to stroll about the covered patio to examine and sample activity and vender booths that feature Native inspired crafts, skills, activities, or food.

Participate in activities such as acorn meal preparation, use of musical instruments, playing native games, or basket making. Chat with the artisans, teachers, and venders who will share stories and insights about their work, their lives, and about Native culture.

Tour the museum and walk back into time through a diorama featuring local Maidu people who posed as manikins in a life-size village setting that includes bark house and food preparation activities. Watch movies that feature traditions and practices of Native culture.

For more information, contact the Lake Oroville Visitor Center, 917 Kelly Ridge Road, Oroville, CA 95966. Or call 530-538-2219.

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