



Reclaiming Native Voices – A Resource Guide to Promote Language Preservation and Revitalization

ANA publishes this monthly newsletter to serve as a resource to ANA Community Partners that are working to revitalize and safeguard Native languages for future generations.

Language Highlight – Thlopthlocco Tribal Town

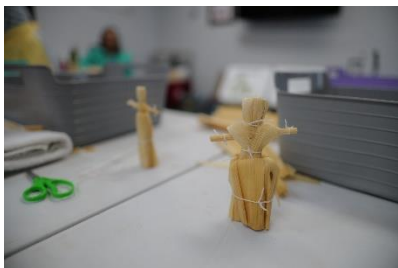


Hesci omvkatskat! ‘Hello everyone!’ Thlopthlocco Tribal Town received an Emergency Native Language Project grant, which is being utilized to increase conversational Mvskoke ability among our youth through intergenerational means, which is mainly through summer camps. The focus of each camp is to utilize our Mvskoke language as much as possible, while also

incorporating cultural activities. The language component of the 2022 camp used language through daily language lessons with accompanying presentations/activities. The cultural component of the camp included stickball, Mvskoke hymns, and food preparation. We also had various art forms such as sewing, finger weaving, and storytelling.



For the 2023 camp our focus was the same, but we also included our Mvskoke fluent speakers. The language component of the 2023 camp focused on teaching the campers a version of an important Mvskoke lullaby, Pipē Nocv ‘Sleep Baby’ and the story Lucv Hopoyet Aynvks ‘He went looking for turtles.’ This story was inspired by the lullaby. A fluent speaker attended the camp each day, so the campers could hear the language being spoken. This was to encourage them to



continue learning the language. The cultural component of the camp included learning about dyeing with natural items, like plants and flowers. We also brought in other cultural activities like using blow guns and making corn husk dolls. As we continue to prepare for our 2024 camp, we continue to make sure our beautiful Mvskoke language is at the forefront of each camp. Mvto! to ANA for allowing us to share our story.

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Upcoming Events and Training Opportunities

- March 12, 2024 and more: Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage's Language Vitality Initiative Language Lodge. Learn more [here](#).
- March 13, 2024: ANA Webinar on Durbin Feeling Act Survey. Register [here](#), see flyer below.
- March 26-30, 2024: National Association for Bilingual Education conference. Register [here](#).
- April 4-5, 2024: Symposium on American Indian Languages in Tucson, AZ. Learn more [here](#).
- May 3-4, 2024: 26th Annual Workshop on Indigenous Languages at the University of California, Santa Barbra. Register [here](#).
- June 21-22, 2024: Northern Arizona University, American Indian/Indigenous Teacher Education Conference. Learn more [here](#).
- June 23-29, 2024: Northwest Indian Language Institute Summer Institute 2024. Learn more [here](#).
- November 12-24, 2024: Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums conference. Register [here](#).
- Multiple dates: Indigenous Language Institute Language Training Workshop. Learn more [here](#).

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Request for Public Comment



**ANA wants to hear from you to help us design the
National Native Languages Survey!**
**Join us in learning more about the survey and how to
provide your input!**



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Funding Opportunities

- [National Film Preservation Foundation Basic Preservation Grant](#) – Registration Deadline: March 22, 2024. Application Deadline: April 26, 2024.
- [Institute of Museum and Library Sciences Native American Library Services: Enhancement Grant](#). Application Deadline: April 1, 2024.
- ANA posted on Grants.gov the forecasted NOFOs that we intend to publish in FY24. Please use the following CFDA number in the “Advanced Search” feature on www.grants.gov to find the language forecast: 93.587 – Native Languages Preservation and Maintenance and Native Languages Preservation and Maintenance – Esther Martinez Immersion.

News

- [Yakama Nation member and linguist Virginia Beavert dies at age 102](#)
- [ANA Notice of Public Comment on Proposed NOFO Changes](#)
- [Tedx Talk: Native American Culture – Language: The Key to Everything](#)
- [National Museum of the American Indian: Native Words, Native Warriors](#)
- [Notice for Public Comment on Administration for Native Americans' Survey To Measure Native American Language Vitality](#)

Additional Resources

- [National Indian Education Association Native Language Immersion Model](#)
- [ANA Native Language Community Coordination \(NLCC\) Report](#)
- [Indigenous Early Learning Collective](#)

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