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The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Celebrates Native American Heritage Month

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BROOKS, Calif. (November 1, 2023) —In honor of Native American Heritage Month, celebrated nationally in the month of November, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is partnering with Yolo and Solano county libraries to offer giveaway bags filled with activities and handouts about Patwin culture and language. The Tribe is also sharing on its social media channels daily posts about traditional foods and games, Patwin words and traditions, and other information to educate the public about its history as well as present-day activities.

The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is an independent self-governed nation whose ancestral territories include Yolo and Solano counties, as well as parts of Colusa, Lake and Napa counties in northern California. Central to the Tribe's values is the preservation and revitalization of its culture and traditions for the benefit of its own citizens and the wider Capay Valley community. "We are proud to join in the nation's Native American Heritage Month celebrations by sharing our culture with our neighbors and friends, both within our ancestral territory and beyond, with the message being 'We are Here' and we are as committed to our community as ever" said the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Tribal Council.

Giveaway bags will be available at Yolo and Solano county libraries in the first week of November, and will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Look for posts on Facebook and Instagram @yochadehewn every day in November. Recipes and videos of hands-on cooking demonstrations are also available in the Resources section of the Tribe's website, <u>www.yochadehe.gov</u>.

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is an independent, self-governed nation that supports our people and the Capay Valley, CA community by strengthening our culture, stewarding our land and creating economic independence for future generations.

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