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PRESS RELEASE

Community Invited to Share Chumash Culture at Supak'a

Hosted by four Central Coast tribes at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

- Saturday, November 9 from Noon-5:00 PM
- Held at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
2559 Puesta del Sol, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
- Free admission and parking
- For more information, visit sbnature.org/supaka.

Santa Barbara, CA (October 17, 2019)—On Saturday, November 9, four local Chumash tribes will co-host a day of traditional Chumash activities and educational opportunities for their communities and the public at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Held from Noon to 5:00 PM, this free event shares the diversity of the Chumash tribes, the rich ongoing traditions of the indigenous peoples of this region, and the cultural preservation efforts of the Chumash communities for future generations.

Involved in the gathering are four Chumash tribes from around the tri-counties area: the Barbareño Band of Chumash Indians, Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, and yak tityu tityu yak tiłhini Northern Chumash Tribe of San Luis Obispo County and Region.

The California Indian Advisory Council shares, "Supak'a gives our tribal communities the opportunity to briefly expose and provide a greater understanding about who we are culturally and a glimpse at what values we hold true. This event is also a testament to a common practice amongst Native communities—partnerships with neighboring entities to enhance the overall experience for all, a sharing of resources to create this phenomenal annual event, Supak'a!"

Cultural activities include singing, dancing, storytelling, basket weaving demonstrations, crafts, games, and more. Support for the event provided by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Foundation and the City of Santa Barbara.

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About the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Powered by Science. Inspired by Nature. Founded in 1916, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History inspires a thirst for discovery and a passion for the natural world. The Museum seeks to connect people to nature for the betterment of both, and prides itself on being *naturally different*. For more information, visit www.sbnature.org.



Chumash clapperstick



Chumash baskets containing acorns, a staple food