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## **2024 Indigenous Peoples Day Alcatraz Sunrise Gathering**



*Indigenous Peoples Day gathering on Alcatraz Island, October 10, 2022*

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA** - On October 14, 2024, the annual Indigenous Peoples Day Sunrise Gathering, hosted by the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) will take place from 5:00 AM - 8:00 AM on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco, the ancestral lands of Ohlone land (Yelamu). The gathering will honor the strength, resilience, and cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples in California and around the world and will highlight ongoing struggles to protect sacred lands, and the celebration of Indigenous cultures and history. It will also commemorate and honor the original occupation of Alcatraz (1969-1971) which sparked the National and International Indigenous Peoples movement for rights and justice.

The gathering marks 532 years of Indigenous resistance to colonization in the Americas. It will include shared prayers, cultural presentations, and updates on urgent issues by Indigenous leaders and human rights defenders.

Indigenous Peoples Day is celebrated by Indigenous Peoples in various regions of the United States and throughout the Americas as an alternative to "Columbus Day," recognizing truth in history and the ongoing struggles of Indigenous Peoples. This year's theme, "**Resilience and Restitution**," highlights ongoing efforts by Indigenous

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Peoples in California and around the world to defend their sovereignty, preserve their cultural identities, and restore and protect their homelands and sacred places. The gathering will also highlight the vital role of Indigenous Peoples' environmental stewardship and the global fight against climate change.

Indigenous Peoples Day is a time to honor our ancestors, celebrate our survival, and envision a future where Indigenous Peoples' rights and lands are respected and restored," said Radley Davis, IITC Board Vice President, Pit River Nation representative, and a spokesperson for the event. "Alcatraz represents both a site of pain where Indigenous Peoples were imprisoned for their resistance to colonization, and a place where we stood up together for our rights and survival. This annual gathering honors those resisters and reminds us that our fight for justice is far from over."

The event is open to the public and all community members are invited. Boats will leave from Pier 33 in San Francisco starting at 4:15AM. Limited ferry tickets will be available for sale at the pier 33 box office which opens at 4:00AM. Participants are encouraged to purchase ferry tickets in advance on the [City Experiences](#) website. The event will also be broadcast live on KPFA radio, 94.1 FM and online at [kpfa.org](#)

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