



History

On November 23, 1941 the Constitution and By-Laws for the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community were ratified and adopted by the tribe's original 45 members.

At the time of ratification, the Colusa Indian Community resided in the heart of Northern California's agricultural land on an 80-acre reservation. This original site stretched along the bountiful Sacramento River, about four miles north of the Colusa city limits on Highway 45. Two years later, the tribes land increased an additional 210 acres just one mile south of the original reservation. It is at this location where the current Colusa Casino and Cachil Dehe Village Complex stand today.

It is from these beginnings that the Colusa Indian Community has grown and prospered to its current 84 members.

Culture

The Colusa Indian Community strongly believes in preserving their past to help pave their

future. In 1969, several tribal members began the spiritual journey of building a traditional roundhouse to honor the Creator. At the time, resources were scarce and members used what they had from the surrounding area - chicken wire, willow poles, and most importantly, the center pole, harvested from a tree across the Sacramento River. With steady determination, the roundhouse finally received its roof two years later.

In 1993, tribal funding allowed for the purchase of some modern materials. With tribal members working side by side, the roundhouse was brought to the current condition as it stands today.

Should you visit our community, we ask that you refrain from entering this area. As with many religious areas, we also ask that you please respect our privacy and right to areas of private ceremonial practice. If you have any questions regarding a specific area, please check in at the Administration building for further direction.

Language Preservation

In 2004, the Colusa Indian Community Council published the first edition of the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians language book. The project was a collaborative effort by elders and the University of California, Berkeley linguistics department for future generations.

Although the publication of this book was an initial step towards the restoration of our native language, this project and others are still in their infancy and will continue to expand to include additional words on CD and DVD tutorials for all members to use.

