



AMERICORPS \* HOOPA TRIBAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS

# Hoopa TCCC Newsletter

## CORPS MEMBERS BECOME CERTIFIED EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

For the last two months, Corps Members became certified in emergency response trainings.

In December, Corps Members completed the *Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT)* and the *First Responders Training* through a partnership with the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) and the Mountain Plains Health Consortium.

The *Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)* training educates participants about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operation. Members are also trained



Above: Corps Members—Matthew Boardley and Gabriel Godsey practice taking each others blood pressure during CERT training.



Above: Corps Members assess the victim pulled from the disaster.

how to properly deliver basic life support (CPR) and First Aid, assess and care for patients at the scene of injury or illness and the use of a Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Corps Members from the Hoopa TCCC and Hoopa AmeriCorps on Native Lands put their skills to the test. Trainers and second year Corps Members arrived at the "disaster site" preparing the site and prepping the "victims" with fake blood, scars, and wounds.

Next, all first year Corps Members were briefed on the accident and prepared to assess the damage, conduct search & rescue, while some Corps Members waited in

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triage to care for the victims. During this 2 hour drill, Corps Members worked side-by-side and were able to complete. Corps Members and trainers then had a chance to reflect on the day as well as providing feedback on how to make it better, in case of a real emergency.

The purpose of this drill was to test the readiness of the Hoopa TCCC and AmeriCorps on Native Lands programs as well as showing the Hoopa Valley Tribe what a valuable asset the two Hoopa AmeriCorps programs are.

For more information about the Administration for Native Americans, please visit their website at:

[www.acf.hhf.gov/programs/ana](http://www.acf.hhf.gov/programs/ana).



Pictured above: Corps Members from TCCC & AmeriCorps on Native Lands hold up their certificates after successfully completing the two week training in December 2007.



# Corps Members of the Month



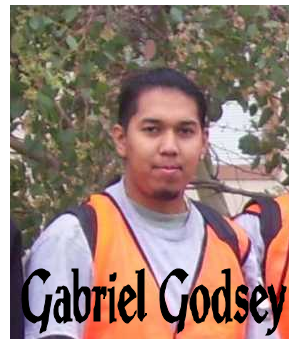
**Sandi Wallace**

Hoopla Tribal Member  
Willow Creek, CA  
October 2007



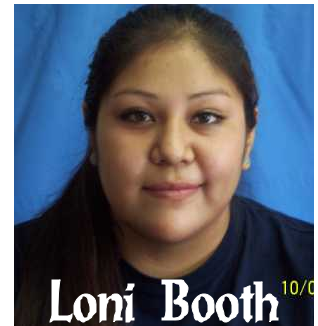
**Dusty Brown**

Hualapai Tribal Member  
Peach Springs, AZ  
November 2007



**Gabriel Godsey**

Shingle Springs Rancheria Tribal Member  
Placerville, CA  
December 2007



**Loni Booth**

Washoe Tribal Member  
Carson City, Nevada  
January 2008

Every month, one corps member is selected by staff as the Corps Member of the Month. This member show leadership qualities as well as outstanding performance throughout the month. So far, four Corps Members have been selected.

# Swift water Rescue &



**Creating Something  
From Nothing**



**Overcoming Obstacles**



**Team Work**



**Caring for Others**

# Wilderness Survival

In January, Corps Members braved the cold winter weather for one week while participating in the *Swiftwater Rescue Technician* /course.

During this portion of the training, Corps Members were given one day of classroom instruction by Julie Munger and Abigail Polsby, founders of Sierra Rescue. Following classroom instruction, Corps Members then completed two-days of developing and practicing their water rescue skills. TCCC second year Corps Members completed the Technician I course during their first year (2006-07) and were able to receive the *Swiftwater Rescue*

*Technician II* class this year.

Corps Members worked in self-rescue, water dynamics, handling hazards/obstacles, using basic rescue equipment, setting up technician rope systems and much more.

## WILDERNESS SURVIVAL / FIRST AID

Due to the remote location of the Hoopa TCCC campus, TCCC has offered the *Wilderness Survival and First Aid* course to all Corps Members. During this portion of the training, Corps Members are taught basic life support techniques as well as environment issues that can arise in the wilderness.

Following daytime instruction and hands-on training, Corps Members then participate in a night scenario. Corps Members put their knowledge to use while caring for a patient with minor to serious injuries, building a campsite with a shelter big enough for a 4-5 man group, building a small containable campfire and gathering wood to last overnight while providing care to the injured Corps Member.

For more information about these trainings or Sierra Rescue, please visit their website at:  
[www.sierrarescue.com](http://www.sierrarescue.com)



# "Getting Things Done" on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation.

## December 2007

- Community Emergency Response Team Training. Through a partnership with the Administration for Native Americans, TCCC & AmeriCorps on Native Lands (ANL) complete the first responders training.
- Christmas Present Wrapping—Over 1,700 presents were wrapped for the Hoopa Community, Child Development & Hoopa Head Start & Kimaw Medical Center.
- Santa's Coming to Town—TCCC Corps Member Dusty Brown dressed up like Santa for the Hoopa Valley Tribes Christmas Dinner. Corps Members also provided set-up and clean-up at the event.
- Santa Visit—TCCC Director Edward Guyer, Sr. teams up with Volunteer Fire for the Hoopa Head Start Program. TCCC Corps Members decorated the stage for Santa's arrival as well as handing out presents to the children.
- Elders Wood Cutting—A collaboration effort from the AmeriCorps on Native Lands (ANL) & TCCC, Corps Members cut and split loads of wood for Elders of the Hoopa Community.



## January 2008

- ANL Quick Build—Charlie McCovey, TCCC Corps Specialist and Corps Members worked to enclose the metal building for the ANL program. Their original office has been condemned due to fire damage. The new building is located on the TCCC Campus. Recruited volunteers.
- Sexual Harassment Training—Hoopa Valley Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) conducted this training for the Corps Members to teach them about sexual harassment in the workplace.
- Fit For Duty Policy Training—Helen Pelegrini, Fit For Duty Officer for the Hoopa Valley Tribe, talked about the expectations for being drug & alcohol free during their term of service.
- Food Distribution—Corps Members stocked food, prepare & boxed food handouts, organized and cleaned around the Food Distribution building.
- Tsemeta Tree Nursery—Corps Members worked along side Tsemeta employees to weed out plants that will be used for profit as well as providing general landscaping of the nursery grounds.
- Tree Planting—Corps Members from TCCC & ANL planted 900 trees on Deer Horn Mountain in Hoopa.
- Recreation—Throughout the month of December & January, Corps Members have been completing their Independent Service Hours helping with volleyball games and the youth basketball league games.
- Plant Management—Along side Plant Management employees, Corps Members helped dig out a trench and relocate the drainage system to another area behind the Lucky Bear Casino. The over flowed water caused damage to the interior of the of the casino. Some Corps Members also helped paint the interior walls of the new classrooms at the Hoopa Headstart Program.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Clean-up of Hwy 96 & downtown Hoopa—Another collaboration of ANL & TCCC, Corps Members cleaned 10 miles of Highway on the Hoopa Valley Reservation as well as picking up trash around the entire downtown area.

## Congratulations TCCC Graduate...

On February 22, 2008, Rene Zospah, TCCC Corps Member will successfully complete her 2nd 9-month term of service. During her service, she completed over 3,400 community service hours.

Name: Rene Zospah  
Age: 25 years old

Tribal Affiliation: White Mountain Apache Tribe  
I joined TCCC for the Education Award, the life time experience of traveling and meeting other Native Americans across the United States.

I have gained so much knowledge from others who have professional backgrounds as well as accomplishing challenges I've faced and proud to be a part of a



Rene Zospah

program that changes people's lives. I've gained a sense of accomplishment of completing the mission given to me, creating new goals and objectives and gaining a perspective on how we all relate to getting the job done. Maintaining self sufficiency is one of many goals I have as a young Native American woman.

As for my Life After AmeriCorps, college is definitely in my future. Where? And When? Are the questions yet to be answered.

I enjoy working with youth & lending a helping hand, but my passion is working with the elders. With that said—Nursing, Social Services and Tribal Law are my top three choices for my future career.

# Corps Member Spotlight

## Matthew Boardley

Age: 21 Years Old  
Hometown: Mashpee, MA  
Tribal Affiliation: Mashpee-Wampanoag Tribe

### Why did you join TCCC?

I joined TCCC for the trainings and the experience of traveling.

### What do you expect to learn or gain from your experience?

The training for fires and the experience of living in a different tribal community. I enjoy being around people that go through similar trials & tribulations.

### What are your plans for your Life After AmeriCorps?

To take my training and use it to become a fireman or something along the lines of a civil officer, police officer, Tribal EPA, fisheries etc...



## Loni Boodin

Age: 20 Years Old  
Hometown: Carson City, Nevada  
Tribal Affiliation: Washoe Tribe of NV&CA

### Why did you join TCCC?

I joined for the traveling experiences and to volunteer my time to make a difference in communities. Also, for the Education Award so I can return to school.

### What do you expect to learn or gain from your experience?

I've gained a lot of experience volunteering and assisting in disaster relief. As a returning 2nd year Corps Member I look forward to the new learning experiences and meeting new people.

### What are your plans for your Life After AmeriCorps?

I plan on finding a job with the Environmental department for the Washoe Tribe using the skills I have gained here at TCCC. I also plan on going to school to study nursing.



## Dusty Brown

Age: 20 Years Old  
Hometown: Peach Springs, Arizona  
Tribal Affiliation: Hualapai Tribe

### Why did you join TCCC?

To get some more challenges and help better myself for future plans—plus it's fun!

### What do you expect to learn or gain from your experience?

More on the job experience and more medical trainings so I can become a EMT.

### What are your plans for your Life After AmeriCorps?

I want to become a EMT and start work on a ambulance.



## Gracelyn Cheney

Age: 24 Years Old  
Hometown: Whiteriver, Arizona  
Tribal Affiliation: White Mountain Apache

### Why did you join TCCC?

I joined TCCC to try something different and new.

### What do you expect to learn or gain from your experience?


Altogether a spiritual and physical experience.

### What are your plans for your Life After AmeriCorps?

My plans for my Life After AmeriCorps would be to join the U.S. Marines.



# February 2008

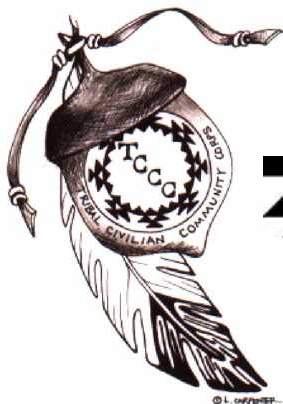
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Service Learning Conference @ HSU	2
3	4 Living on the Fault Line Training Eureka, CA	5 Project: Burn Out—Hoopa, California	6 Phase One (Debris Removal, Clean Up For an Elder)	7	\$Payday\$	8
10 -----Carpenters Union Training—Fairfield, California-----	11	12	13	14 Citizenship Training w/ Democracy Unlimited	15 Volunteer Fair @ HSU Spike Prep	16
17	18 <i>President's Day</i>  SPIKE: Happy Camp (Restoration of older tribal offices) Happy Camp, California	19	20	21	\$Payday\$	22
24	25	26	27	28	29	
SPIKE: Happy Camp (Restoration of older tribal offices) Happy Camp, California						

Calendar Color Code: ■ TRAINING ■ CONFERENCE / FAIR: Service learning opportunities for the Corps Members. ■ SPIKE: A service project away from their normal project area (60+ mile drive) and requires an overnight stay for one or more nights.

# March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Arrival of new Corps Members
2 <i>Arrival of new Corps Members</i>	3 Class V Start SPIKE: Happy Camp (Restoration of older tribal offices) Happy Camp, California	4	5	6	\$Payday\$	7
9  Daylight Saving Time Begins	10	11	12	13 Depart for Chimayo, NM Spike	14	15
16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 	18	19	20	\$Paydays\$	21
SPIKE: Chimayo Youth Conservation Corps—collaboration with CYCC completing environment restoration; Chimayo, New Mexico						
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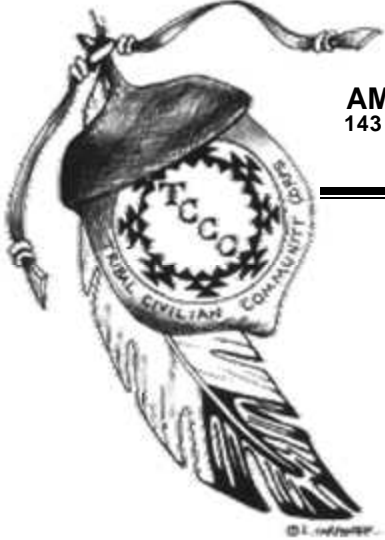
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