



KOYOOE TUKADU: PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE KIT



◆ WE ARE ALL PEOPLE OF THIS EARTH

“We’re all people of this earth. Our Main concern with our tribe and with most tribes is our environment. Taking care of Mother Earth. Having respect for natural forces and natural laws.”
Ben

The Pyramid Lake Paiute People have lived on the shores of Pyramid Lake for nine to ten thousand years. The environment, our “Mother Earth” provided everything necessary to sustain life for the people for centuries.

The Paiute People of Pyramid Lake have fought to protect Pyramid Lake since the first contact with Non-Indians in 1844. It is because they fought for their land with all of their hearts and refused to be pushed aside by the boundaries created by settlers that the Kooyooe Tukadu has been fortunate enough obtain Pyramid Lake and its boundaries as part on the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation.

The tribe continues to fight for Pyramid Lake in the modern day. Pyramid Lake is known for its fish the Cui-ui and Lahontan Cut-throat Trout, along with all the life forms in the ecosystem. The Lake has provided for the people for thousands of years, and continues to provide for the people today.

With all of this in mind it is my hope that you view this interpretive kit with the sensitivity that it was created. In learning about the land we now inhabit it is essential to know its history. Through the oral tradition the stories of these people have been passed down for generations. Unfortunately, the language barrier or lack of interest has prohibited much of the tradition of the Old Way to be written down. This kit has been created with the hope to pull together what information could be found so that the children that are growing up in Northern Nevada can have a deeper understanding of its history. We hope that you find this information informative, accurate, un-biased, and with an open mind.

Introduction

