



KOYOOE TUKADU:
PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE KIT



◆ WE ARE ALL PEOPLE OF THIS EARTH

- ✿ Pyramid Lake and Winnemucca Lake were connected for 9 to 10 thousand years. Artifacts older than 9000 years were found in Spirit Cave that helped to prove that there has also been people around the lake for that long.
- ✿ **1844** John Fremont was the first non-Indian in the Pyramid Lake Area.
- ✿ A culture that existed for thousands of years faced enormous change.
- ✿ **1849 GOLD RUSH**
- ✿ Thirsty emigrants gestured to the natives for water. The Numu responded Paha meaning water and UTE meaning this way - Pahaute.
- ✿ The **1860s** brought the **Comstock Lode**.
- ✿ **May/June 1860 Pyramid Lake War**
- ✿ The government stepped in and negotiations began. The Paiutes were able to fight for the land they were native to, but many smaller tribes were uprooted and given land in areas they were not familiar with.
- ✿ **1864** Nevada, formerly Utah Territory, becomes a state.
- ✿ **1873** An executive order was signed by Ulysses S Grant stating that Pyramid Lake was established as a reservation.
- ✿ **1905** Derby dam was built on the Truckee River.
- ✿ For the past 70 years, the tribe has been fighting for water rights to protect the fish and environment.
- ✿ Today, there are 583 federally recognized tribes in the US. Federally recognized tribes allow each tribe to govern everything within its own boundaries. Each tribe has its own language, culture, form of government, and history. In Nevada there are Northern Paiutes, Southern Paiutes, Washoe, and Western Shoshone tribes - broken down into 29 groups with their own tribal council and language. Of the 29 different bands, 23 speak the same dialects. There are approximately 19 Paiute dialects. Since Pyramid and Winnemucca Lakes were so vibrant with life the local tribes came here so often that the Kooyooe Tukadu have a mixed dialect of the Northern Paiute with a northern dialect and Northern Paiute with a southern dialect. The Northern Paiute Tribes called themselves Numu meaning “the people”.
- ✿ In **1997** the Kooyooe Tukadu became the only tribe to form a writing system for their language because in 1996 a survey was taken and out of 1600 people only 61 people (all over 65) spoke the language fluently.

Timeline

