At the Shoshonean Reunion Executive Committee June meeting in Wyoming, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe offered to host the 2017 Shoshonean-Numic Language Reunion XVIII in Fort Hall, Idaho.

Darrell Shay, Sho-Ban Representative, let the Committee know that the event would probably take place the week of the Shoshone-Bannock Festival on August 7, 8, & 9, 2017. This would be the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the Festival.

Once their Planning Committee provides a tentative schedule of events and registration packet, it will be posted on the website.

The Shoshonean Reunion Executive Committee discussed changing the Reunion Logo so that it was more inclusive of all the Numic Tribes. The logo, to the right, is the new logo.

A map of the Numic Language Tribes can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

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This June, over 1300 people registered for the 17th Annual Shoshonean Reunion in Ft. Washakie, Wyoming.

From Sunrise Services, honoring veterans, guest speakers, workshops, parade, & arbor activities and traditional games, everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time.

Fashion Show

Participants were treated to an outstanding fashion show that was accompanied by an Eastern Shoshone speaker describing each outfit.
SR Game Winners

This year’s winners of the 2016 Shoshonean Reunion Hand Drum Contest was Alan Mike from Duckwater, NV (Brown vest)

Song & Dance Presentations

At the arbor participants were treated to dancing and singing. A bear dance demonstration by the Ute Tribe was led by Joy and Jonah Grant.

Native Strut and Ann Abeyta shared their hoop dance skills with other children in the arbor.

Participants honored the hand drum singers by dancing a few round dances.

Workshop & Presentations

This year, workshops and presenters included language, Big Horn water rights, treaties, genealogy, basket weaving, medicine plants, and a Ute presentation on story telling using a coyote prop.

We also had the 3 young lady hoop dancers entertain the crowd with their athletic prowess at the arbor and the Rocky Mountain Hall.

Tours & Relay Races

On the Sunday, prior to the Reunion, participants were able to take a tour of the Eastern Shoshone Reservation, cemetery, and casino.
When the People gathered back in 2000, the Shoshone-Bannock hosts invited people to participate in activities that involved:

“Cultural Teaching, Traditional Crafts, Horse Usage, History, Traditional Games, Story Telling, Social Dancing, Singing, Language Preservation, Power of Prayer, Photographs, Genealogy, Foods, Cultural Exchange, Gift Exchange”

So as we approach our 18th year of the Reunion, we need to look back and see that we have been meeting the goals that our hosts initiated.

**Cultural teachings** have included many speakers, displays and teachers that have presented through the years. Many of our crafts people have contributed their knowledge and skills to the Reunion through demonstrations, displays and classes.

**Treaty presentations** have informed our people as to the history of each of the areas that we visit each year.

Language presenters share the similarities in our **Numic Language** Family through speakers, activities and sharing of words.
Through **Speakers, Social dancing, Fashion shows, Prayers, Cooking, Hand games, Parades, and Crafts,** we have shared our culture.

**Traditional games** have always shown the easy camaraderie between the different tribes.

Through **Geneology,** our families have connected and shared their family histories.
Future Gatherings of the Shoshonean Reunion

The Goals of the Shoshonean-Numic Language Reunion have not changed. Our language is interspersed throughout our daily life. Utilizing recognized masters of traditional Shoshonean life ways, the Shoshonean-Numic Language Gathering covers the many unique facets of our tribes that we have practiced from time immemorial. The traditional Shoshonean lifeways activities will continue to:

- Recognize and learn about traumatic war experiences of military and traditional warriors through ceremony
- Share and learn traditional dances and protocol of ceremonies
- Share and learn traditional songs and oral history
- Share and learn traditional hunting techniques
- Share and learn traditional strength & endurance games
- Identify, prepare, and cook traditional foods
- Identify, prepare, and use traditional plants for medicinal purposes
- Identify, prepare, and construct household tools, baskets and cooking implements
- Identify, prepare, and construct traditional clothing and regalia
- Identify, prepare, and construct daily living/household tools

And most importantly, social interaction through visiting relatives, old friends & making new friends.

Hosting the Reunion

The Executive Committee meets during each Reunion to discuss future sites for the Reunion.

It is our goal to reach out to those Numic speaking communities that would be able to host the reunions.

Criteria for hosting the Reunion include:

1. Facility large enough to host at least 800 + visitors for general sessions. Facility could be outdoors as long as there is shade for the people.

2. Ability to feed at least 800+ people at the same location. We have had both indoors and outdoor feeds.

3. Good Sound system. We have a lot of elderly people that need to hear what is being said.

4. Break-out areas for workshops and activities. Should be physically accessible areas.

5. Community that can provide lodging for at least 800+ visitors.

If you are interested in hosting the event, contact the SR Executive Committee.
Each year, the hosting committee sends out the registration packet and asks participants what activities they want to be involved in and if they would like to do a presentation or workshop.

If you are interested in presenting or teaching a workshop, then let the committee know on your registration packet.

If you have any ideas or would like to see a certain workshop, the committees would also be interested in knowing what activities the participants would like to see.

Presenters & Workshops

The Numic language family is divided into 3 areas. Western Numic which are those tribes along the eastern Sierra Range, Oregon and western Nevada. The Southern Numic are those tribes along the Colorado River in southern Nevada & Utah, Colorado and Northern Arizona. Central Numic includes the Shoshone and Comanche Tribes.

The Numic language is just one of the northern language branches of the Uto-Aztecan language family.
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If you have newsletter ideas, articles or pictures that you would like to share in the newsletters, send them to Leah at shoshonebradyl@yahoo.com. Pictures should be in a jpeg format.

Shoshonean-Numic Language Reunions

* 2000-Fort Hall, Idaho 2001- Shoshone Nations
* 2002 - Lawton, Oklahoma— 2003- Ft. Washakie, Wyoming - Preserving Our Traditions
  * 2004 – Elko, Nevada - We are all Related
  * 2005 - Fort Hall, Idaho - Honoring Our Native Heritage
  * 2006 - Lawton, Oklahoma - Our Families Coming Together
* 2007 – Reno, Nevada - Sharing Our Similarities in Language, Culture & Traditions
  * 2008 – Ft. Washakie, Wyoming - Don’t Forget the Language
* 2009 -Lawton, Oklahoma - Many Trails, One Purpose, Survival of the People
* 2010 - Ft. Duchesne, Utah - Singing Our Songs, Traditions, Language Back to Life
  * 2011 - Elko, Nevada - Continuing Our Traditions
* 2012 - Jackson Hole, Wyoming - Shoshoni Homelands - Always Remembered, Never Forgotten
  * 2013 - Ft. Hall, Idaho - All of Us People Gather
* 2014 - Lawton Oklahoma—Reuniting of Relatives through Song, Language & Traditions
  * 2015 Elko, Nevada - Our Great Basin Language through Language & Song
* 2016 - Ft. Washakie, WY - Generations Coming Together Preserving our Cultures
  * 2017 - Fort Hall, Idaho

With our language, we can retain our culture.