



SPORTS AND RECREATION POLICY

I. Mission

The Bear River Band desires to encourage sportsmanlike, responsible participation of recreational activities for its Tribal Members to promote general health and wellness and character building. The Bear River Band believes that everyone has the right to healthy living.

II. Goal

To equally and fairly assist Tribal Members in their quest to actively participate in athletic sports and forms of recreation and ensure that Bear River Tribal Members have the same opportunities to succeed in these realms as their peers.

III. Definitions

Recreational – For the purposes of this policy, this shall be defined as equipment and gear that is not stationary in its entirety and promotes active participation which benefits the physical health of a tribal member.

COVERED ACTIVITIES

SPORTS

- a) Sports Clinics, Classes, Camps and Lessons. Proof of participation is required for youth under the age of 18.
- b) Individual team, league and race fees including all-star team and elite team participation fees. Proof of participation is required for youth under the age of 18.
- c) Sports equipment, including athletic gear.

RECREATION

- a) National Parks Annual Pass, California State Parks Annual Pass, USDA Annual Forest pass
- b) Amusement/ Theme Parks-day/annual passes
- c) Hunting, Archery, and Fishing gear, licenses and chartered trips
- d) Day and overnight Summer Camps (Tribal Youth under 18 only)
- e) Membership Fees (ex. Golf, Gym, Health Club Memberships)
- f) General workout gear for hiking, swimming, biking and running.
- g) Recreational equipment including recreational gear

IV. Eligibility

1. In order to receive the full amount awarded for this policy, the beneficiary **MUST** be an enrolled member of the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria (full or adopted).
2. Please reference “Available Award Amounts” below for biological, adopted, or step children
3. Non-member Parents/Guardians applying for benefits should have legal custody of the Tribal Beneficiary in order to receive benefits. If there are no legal custody documents on file or any formal agreement in place, the Social Services Department will verify the beneficiary’s domicile/residence with reasonable best efforts and diligence and has the authority and discretion to approve or deny benefits being sought when applicant is a non-Member parent applying on behalf of a Tribal Member beneficiary.
4. Applicant must submit a completed benefit request application 7-14 days in advance.

V. Available Award Amounts

Tribal Members may receive up to \$1,000.00 in any given calendar year.

Children of enrolled members (biological, adopted, or step children) may receive up to \$500.00 in any given calendar year.

Funding for this program is subject to the availability of Tribal resources and annual allocation and budget authorization by the Tribal Council.

IV. Limitations for payment

1. Athletic Gear is defined as gear that is specific to a particular sport and required for participation in a particular sport.
2. Payments will be reimbursed with a receipt or made directly to the vendor or program
3. Travel (e.g. gas, toll fees, vehicle rental, ticket fares, and airfare), food, cabins, hotel rooms and overnight lodging are not covered. Team sponsorships that may cover some of these types of expenses will be reviewed by the Bear River Tribal Council.
4. Gear, equipment, clothing items or any other accessories are reimbursement only.
5. Reimbursement to the parent or legal guardian may be approved if an application is submitted within thirty (30) days from the date of the expense for the eligible activity.
6. Notification in advance of an expense for an eligible activity to the Social Services Department is required.
7. Firearms and ammunition are not covered by this policy.

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This is to certify that the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Tribal Council duly assembled in Loleta, CA adopted the foregoing policy on April 27, 2021 by a vote of

5 For, **0** Against, **0** Abstentions, **2** Absent.



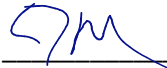
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