

YUROK TRIBE COMMUNITY LANGUAGE PROJECT LANGUAGE POD PARTICIPANT POSITION

The Yurok Tribe Community Language Project will select 24 Community Language Pod Participants to participate in a minimum of 12 language immersion sessions for the 2011 program year.

A minimum of 2 community language pods will be selected in each of the three Yurok service areas. Language Pods will consist of 4-6 participants, each lead by a pod facilitator. Selected participants must commit to all scheduled Language Pod sessions in their area. They will also assist at Youth Camp, immersion camp and grammar workshops and will be responsible for maintaining records of time spent in pod participation and other language learning activities

Pod participants will be selected based on prior participation in Yurok Language Pods, community language class, high school or other Yurok Language learning programs. Applicants should possess life experiences which have lead to the acquisition of the Yurok Language at a minimum of basic competency. In addition to the application, applicants are required to submit a detailed personal statement which should highlight all experiences including but not limited to:

- Commitment to Yurok Language immersion
- Examples of community volunteer services, JOM, Language Camp and other volunteer language work
- Examples of work experience in language
- Experience working with elders on Yurok Language
- Proficiency in use of the Yurok writing system
- Why they want to participate
- Statement of their language goals
- What they hope to gain from being a pod participant
- Knowledge of Yurok Grammar

In addition to pod participation, selected individuals will be encouraged to participate in weekend grammar courses, summer language institutes, community language classes, scheduled group immersion sessions, and other language trainings offered as part of the Yurok Tribe Community Language Project.

Pod Participants will be interviewed and selected by a committee based on their application, personal statement, fluency level, and commitment to Yurok language restoration efforts. Past Pod Participants will also be selected based on participation in immersion sessions and marked progress in the assessment process. All applicants will be given a competency assessment as part of the application process. Participants will be expected to fulfill participation objectives as outlined in the Community Language Pod Participant agreement