

TAMEJAVI

Our Voices, Our Stories: A Path to Inclusion

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Peace & Dignity Tamejavi Run



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A “plaza” or cultural market – a place of meeting and exchange

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5TH TAMEJAVI FESTIVAL
September 19, 2009
Radio Park + Fresno Art Museum
10:00 am – 8:30 pm
FREE ADMISSION

For more information call
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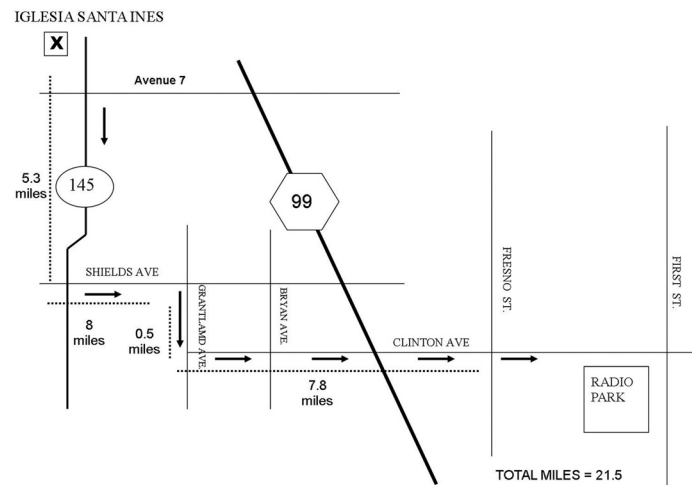
From 6:00a.m. - 10:00a.m.

The Peace and Dignity Tamejavi Run Madera to Radio Park

The Peace and Dignity Tamejavi Run will start at 6:00 am at Saint Agnes Church in Madera. Mexican Indigenous community members will join Native American runners in a sunrise ceremony. Runners from the Peace and Dignity Journey will run from the church to Radio Park where they will be greeted by the traditional Tamejavi Blessing Ceremony.

The Peace and Dignity Journey is a run that is held every four years and has been on-going since 1992. It originates from a prophecy of the Encounter of the Condor of Urin and the Eagle of Hanan. This prophecy was related during the First Encounter of Indigenous Peoples in Quito, Ecuador in 1990. The Peace and Dignity Journey is run by people from all Indigenous nations with the aim to unify all tribes from North, Central, and South America. The runners from the North run from Chikaloon, Alaska to Panama, where they meet the runners from the South.

“We want to do a Peace and Dignity Tamejavi Run with the intention of unifying our Indigenous people in our own community – California’s Central Valley.” – Lance Canales



TAMEJAVI FESTIVAL 2009 ACTIVITIES

- Artistic Presentations
- Cultural Kitchen
- Films Series
- Our Voices, Our Stories Circle
- Outdoor Marketplace
- Peace and Dignity Journey
- Pláticas
- Poetry Corner
- Tamejavi Gallery
- Theater

We need Tamejavi because it...

- Offers a medium through which immigrants express themselves and voice their ideas.
- Builds new relationships and understanding among immigrants and long-standing residents in the Valley who share a commitment to fostering civic participation and who seek public recognition of community diversity.
- Opens a public space that enhances expressions of creativity to stimulate a sense of belonging and promote civic participation.

What is Tamejavi?

Tamejavi is a space where diverse cultures converge to express and share stories, music, food, traditions, and ways of interpreting the world. Through cultural exchange and artistic expression, Central Valley immigrants participating in Tamejavi join voices and create new bonds, thus forming a solid sense of community and establishing foundations for active civic engagement.