



**2026 Tule Lake Pilgrimage**  
**“Resistance & Solidarity”**  
**Program Schedule**  
**July 3 – 6, 2026**

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**PLEASE NOTE: THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**NOTE:** For questions regarding your Ireicho stamping appointment, please contact the Irei staff.

## **Friday, July 3, 2026**

**3:30 – 5:30 PM:**

**Buses and drivers arrive at OIT.**

**Drivers check-in at College Union, Sunset Room.**

**5:30 – 7:00 PM: Dinner – Cascades Dining Room, overflow dining College Union Deck & Mt. Shasta Lounge**

**7:30 – 8:30 PM: Welcome Program – Resistance & Solidarity – College Union Auditorium**

- Master of Ceremonies – **Barbara Takei**
- Business/Housekeeping
- Castle Rock Information – **Stan Shikuma**
- Keynote Presentation
- What's Happening Next

**8:45 – 10:30 PM: Multiple Activities in the College Union**

There will be several activities going on at various locations in the College Union during this time. Feel free to attend as many as you like. No prior sign up is required.

**Sales Room Open – Sunset Room**

Books, T-Shirts, DVD's and other Tule Lake merchandise and literature are available for purchase. (**Cash or check only**)

**Reflections I – Mt. Scott**

Participants, including survivors, will be involved in circles of reflection and processing.

**A Gathering of Youth: High School to Young Adults (Ages 1 - 35) Youth Program – Union Peak Lounge**

A majority of this year's attendees are first time pilgrims, so this is a new experience for many of us. Join us to connect with and get to know each other, what people and stories have brought us here, and reflect on what we are seeking from attending this pilgrimage. Snacks will be provided!

Organized by **Emma Ishida** and **Reina Matsumoto** from the Asian Community Development Corporation, Boston and **Go Sasaki**, Tule Lake Committee.

**Tule Lake 101 – Mt. Bailey**

What is it that makes the former concentration camp at Tule Lake significant and unique? This session will discuss the so-called "loyalty questionnaire" and the transformation of Tule Lake into a maximum-security segregation center, the experiences of the "no-no's," and the circumstances that caused over 5,000 Nisei and Kibei to renounce their U.S. citizenship.

**The Cats of Mirikitani – Mt. Theilsen**

"Make Art Not War" is the motto of Jimmy Tsutomu Mirikitani. This 80-year-old Japanese American artist survived the trauma of WWII incarceration, the loss of his ancestral city of Hiroshima, and a harsh life on the streets of New York City by making art. Join us for a screening of *The Cats of Mirikitani*, an intimate exploration of the lingering wounds of war and the healing power of community, art, and cats.

**Healing Circle Facilitator Preparation — Cascade Dining Room**

Facilitators, please attend this meeting to review preparations for Sunday's sessions.

## **Saturday, July 4, 2026**

**6:00 – 6:20 AM:** Castle Rock Hikers gather & board buses.

**6:30 AM:** Buses Depart

**7:15 – 9:30 AM: Castle Rock Hike** - Hike leader, **Stan Shikuma**

**Breakfast will be brought out to the buses.** Hikers must wear hiking boots/shoes and be in good physical condition. Smoking or vaping is NOT permitted during the hike due to the danger of wildfire. The hike is not recommended for children under the age of 10, or those with physical or medical conditions that could lead to dizziness, falls, or other injuries. ***Hikers must complete the hike and be on the return buses by 9:00 AM.***

**6:30 – 8:00 AM: Breakfast – Cascades Dining Room**

**7:45 – 8:45 AM: Board Buses for the Memorial Service**

Please board the first available bus. Buses will depart when seats are filled.

**10:00 – 11:30 AM: Memorial Service**

A memorial service to honor those that died at Tule Lake and for those who survived the vengeful and vindictive treatment of the government for the dissent and protest of their unjust and unconstitutional incarceration.

**11:30 – 12:00 PM: Board Buses for Tulelake Butte Valley Fairgrounds**

**12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM: Lunch at Tulelake Butte Valley Fairgrounds**

Catered Box lunches provided by Sodexo USA will be distributed to all participants. Beverages and water will be available.

**1:30 – 4:30 PM: Site Tour of the Tule Lake Segregation Center**

This tour includes key features of the Tule Lake concentration camp site, some areas managed by the National Park Service.

Volunteer docents assigned from the Tule Lake Committee will serve as tour guides.

Tule Lake is unique as the maximum-security segregation center that developed multiple prison areas used to punish dissenters.\* The Tour features the following sites:

**Block 73 Latrine Foundation:** The latrine built upon this concrete pad served the 250 – 300 men, women, and children prisoners in Block 73.

**\*WRA Citizen Isolation Center (Camp Tulelake):** Civilian Conservation Corps workers built this complex of buildings on Hill Road in the 1930s and is now part of the Tule Lake National Monument.

**Tule Lake Concentration Camp Cemetery:** Of the 331 WRA recorded deaths at Tule Lake, families of the deceased typically had their loved ones cremated and kept their ashes. Those incarcerated who died without family were buried at the Tule Lake Cemetery site next to the concentration camp funeral parlor.

**California Historic Landmark 850-2 Monument:** Built in 1979, the State Historical Marker project was chartered by the Sacramento JACL and Northern California/Western Nevada District Council. The California State Historic Landmark No. 850-2 shares the same listing number as Manzanar (850-1). Use of the word "racism" in the inscription raised controversy at the time.

**\*Tule Lake Stockade:** Concentration camp authorities used two separate areas as stockades. In 1943, the original stockade known as "Area B" was centered within the military police area, adjacent to the hospital. Military Police referred to the tents first used to confine prisoners as the notorious "**\*Bull Pen.**"

## **Saturday, July 4, 2026 (cont.)**

Today this location is within the fenced off migrant housing compound.

In 1944, camp authorities moved the stockade to “Area 99” located between the jail (see Tule Lake Jail) and the main highway (CA-139). Four structures were surrounded by a warning fence, which was surrounded by a barbed wire-topped man proof fence, and four guard towers watching over the stockade and the adjacent jail.

**\*Tule Lake Jail:** The iconic concrete jail was built in late 1944. Originally designed to hold twenty inmates, at times more than 100 men were held here. The War Relocation Authority and Department of Justice used this building to hold and process renunciants and Issei before sending them to the internment camps at Santa Fe, New Mexico and Bismarck, North Dakota, as the U.S. government prepared to deport them to Japan. Jail restoration work begun in 2014 was completed in 2022.

**4:30 – 5:30 PM: Return to OIT**

**5:30 – 7:00 PM: A Gathering of Youth: High School to Young Adults (Ages 1 - 35) Youth Program – Mt. McLoughlin**

Come again to this space to process the experiences of the day and the pilgrimage so far. In the past it has helped us to reflect on powerful and challenging experiences like the pilgrimage with others. We hope to be able to process together with you with both somatic and reflective activities. Day 1 attendance is highly recommended, and snacks will again be provided. Organized by **Emma Ishida** and **Reina Matsumoto** from the Asian Community Development Corporation, Boston and **Go Sasaki**, Tule Lake Committee.

**5:30 – 7:00 PM: Dinner – Cascades Dining Room, overflow dining College Union Deck & Mt. Shasta Lounge**

**5:30 – 7:00 PM: Healing Circle Facilitator Preparation Meeting — Cascades Dining Room**

Facilitators, please bring your Cascades Dining Room meal to this dinner meeting to review preparations for the next day’s sessions.

**6:45 PM – 10:30 PM: Sales Room Open – Sunset Room**

**7:00 – 9:30 PM: Reflections II – Mt. Scott**

Participants, including survivors, will be involved in circles of reflection and processing.

**7:00 – 8:30 PM: Open Mic – Union Peak Lounge**

Come sing, dance, play a musical instrument, recite a dramatic vignette or poem, or tell us a story, read a passage, or share your writings. This is a time to relax and enjoy the community of individuals who have come together for the 2026 Tule Lake pilgrimage. **Terry Takeda** will be the MC of this open mic session.

## **Sunday, July 5, 2026**

**6:30 – 8:00 AM: Breakfast – Cascades Dining Room, overflow dining College Union Deck & Mt. Shasta Lounge**

**8:00 – 9:30 AM: The Lim Report in the 21st Century, And What It Says to Us Today – College Union Auditorium**

Was segregation at Tule Lake conducted at the suggestion of the wartime Japanese American Citizens League? That was one of many troubling questions examined in the research report on JACL's wartime policies and actions compiled in 1990 by attorney Deborah Lim. Moderator **Frank Abe** will take us inside the origins of that report, activist **Chizu Omori** will reflect upon the report's findings, and Tule Lake descendant/Norman Y. Mineta Policy Fellow **Katie Masano Hill** will speak to how a new generation at JACL is addressing this difficult legacy.

**8:00 -9:30 AM: They Took My Father Too - Adapting a Tessaku Story for Film – Mt. Scott**

Filmmaker **Konrad Aderer** (director of *Resistance at Tule Lake*) will screen portions of his ongoing film project, *They Took My Father Too*. Aderer will discuss the creative and historical process behind the production of this dynamic adaptation of a short story originally written by Fujiwo Tanisaki and published in *Tessaku* [Iron Fence], a Japanese-language literary journal produced at Tule Lake. Aderer will be joined by literary historians and translators **Junko Kobayashi** and **Andrew Way Leong**, who will discuss the translation challenges posed by Tanisaki's story and the historical significance of the *Tessaku* literary journal. (This workshop is the first of a two-part series; it will be followed by *Recovering Hidden Voices of Resistance: Translating Tessaku*).

**8:00 -9:30 AM: Recent Archeological Discoveries and the Tule Lake Stockade – Mt. Theilsen**

A presentation of findings from a current archeological survey report of the barbed-wire enclosed area known as the Tule Lake stockade, the only interior prison of its kind in all 10 detention centers. The area comprising the stockade has only recently been identified after examining archival records as well as photographs by Life photographer Carl Mydans, the only photographer allowed in the area. Previous accounts of the stockade showed its location to be at the site of the recently renovated Tule Lake jail and stockade area, which has long been confused with the original stockade.

In addition to presenting our findings from the archeological survey, we will also present information regarding the newly discovered buildings that appear to be 2 partial barracks (possibly former stockade buildings) that have extensive Japanese writings on their walls. A team is currently assessing these writings, both by attempting to translate them and by pursuing content found written on them.

A videotaped compilation of our findings will be presented that covers both the archeological survey and the discovery of the two buildings.

Panelists include **Hiroshi Shimizu**, archeologist **Koji Lau-Ozawa**, and project director **Sharon Yamato**.

**8:00 – 9:30 AM: Genealogy Workshop – Mt. Bailey**

Do you want to uncover your family's Tule Lake story but don't know where to start? Have you started studying this history but hit an archival roadblock? Together we will discuss ways to find and interpret incarceration records, with a focus on Tule Lake. Following presentations, there will be time for questions and one-on-one consultations.

## Sunday, July 5, 2026 (cont.)

### **9:45 – 11:15 AM: Plenary Session - Japanese American Voices of Resistance – College Union Auditorium**

For most of the post-WWII years, Tule Lake's story of Japanese American resistance was told and remembered through the racist lens of the government officials overseeing the unjust incarceration. Official history embedded in millions of pages of government documents transformed the righteous anger and dissent of Japanese Americans protesting injustice into a narrative of terrorism and disloyalty. Protesters were dehumanized and demonized, and dissent erased as pro-Japan fanaticism. Three new works by Japanese American women highlight the buried stories of moral and political courage of Tule Lake's nearly forgotten resisters, who spoke truth to power.

Moderator, **Barbara Takei**

**Emiko Omori**, Film Director, *Defiant to the Last, Resistance at the Tule Lake Jail*

**Satsuki Ina**, Author, *The Poet and the Silkgirl, a Memoir of Love and Incarceration*

**Tamiko Nimura**, Author, *A Place for What We Lose, A Daughter's Return to Tule Lake*

### **11:30 – 1:00 PM: Lunch – Cascades Dining Room, overflow dining College Union Deck & Mt. Shasta Lounge**

### **1:00 – 3:15 PM: Healing Circles – Owens Hall/College Union**

Please refer to the Healing Circle assignments.

- For **Owens Hall**, join your group in the designated room number.
- For **Student Union** assignments, join your group in your assigned room (**Mt. Scott, Mt. Bailey, Mt. Theilsen, or Mt. McLoughlin**).

### **2:00 – 5:00 PM: Sales Room Open – Sunset Room**

### **3:30 – 5:00 PM: Finding Courage - College Union Auditorium**

For decades, Japanese Americans embraced mantras of “Never again” and “No more concentration camps” to remind fellow Americans of the trauma and injustice of our community's WWII incarceration. Today, as we see history repeating, our community is compelled with a moral imperative to stand up, speak out, and be the allies our community did not have during WWII. Hear from community activists who are meeting the moment and confronting injustice. Consider how we can apply our community's moral authority in vital, meaningful ways.

Moderated by **Mike Ishii**, Director and Co-founder of Tsuru for Solidarity

**Dr. Satsuki Ina**, psychologist, filmmaker, author, Co-founder Tsuru for Solidarity

**Dr. Karen Korematsu**, Founder and President of the Fred T. Korematsu Institute®

**Rev. Deborah Lee**, Co-Director of Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity

**Peggy Nagae**, lead attorney on Min Yasui Coram Nobis legal team, Reparations and Black Solidarity Campaign Co-Chair, Tsuru for Solidarity

**Carl Takei**, civil rights attorney, founding Co-Chair of Tsuru for Solidarity

### **3:30 - 5:00 PM: Recovering Hidden Voices of Resistance: The Tessaku Translation Project – Mt. Scott**

*Tessaku*, or “Iron Fence,” was a Japanese-language literary journal published at Tule Lake from 1944 to 1945. Of the many magazines produced during incarceration, *Tessaku* had the widest circulation and readership, drawing readers not only from Tule Lake, but from other camps and detention centers throughout the United States. The stories, poems, and essays within *Tessaku* make up

one of the most important, and comprehensive, records of the actual thoughts and feelings of the Issei and Kibei Nisei during wartime incarceration. However, these voices have remained hidden to survivors and descendants in later generations who cannot read Japanese.

## **Sunday, July 5, 2026 (cont.)**

In an effort to recover these hidden voices of resistance, the Tessaku Translation Project – a collective of translators working under the guidance and direction of a community advisory board – has prepared draft translations of six of the nine issues for community review and feedback from Pilgrimage attendees and other members of the Tule Lake survivor and descendant community.

This workshop will feature brief presentations from **Lisa Hofmann-Kuroda, Andrew Way Leong, and Kim McNelly**, Tessaku Translation Project translators, editors, and advisory board members before turning to Q&A and discussion about the draft translations. (This workshop is the second of a two-part series; it will be preceded by *They Took My Father Too: Adapting a Tessaku Story for Film*).

### **3:30 – 5:00 PM: Preserve and Protect Tule Lake — Stop the Desecration of the Only WWII Segregation Center Created to Punish Dissenters – Mt. Theilsen**

This year, the National Trust for Historic Preservation declared the Tule Lake Segregation Center as one of the 11 Most Endangered Historic Sites in America, giving important national validation to the Tule Lake Committee's fight to protect this rare Japanese American civil rights site that existed to punish Japanese Americans who dared to speak truth to power. The major threat to the historic site is the FAA, whose staff and consultants ignored significant findings of cultural and historic resources to enable construction of a massive 3-mile long, 8-foot high security fence that would destroy the fabric, the viewshed and the integrity of the unique Tule Lake Segregation Center site. Join us and learn more about archeological investigations that discovered irreplaceable resources the FAA ignored, treasures that the FAA's bulldozers and trenching equipment will destroy. Learn what you can do to support Tule Lake, to stop the FAA's and Modoc County's continuing efforts to desecrate the only maximum-security WWII Segregation Center.

**Caity Bishop**, State of California Archeologist, led a JACS Study that identified new sub-surface cultural and historic resources in the "Alaska" area of the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

**Janet Eidsness**, Archeological Consultant, Tribal Preservation Officer (retired) who served nearly 20 years as the Tule Lake Committee's pro bono cultural resources expert, stopping the FAA and Modoc County efforts to desecrate the Tule Lake site.

**Huy Pham**, Executive Director and legislative advocate for Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation (APIAHiP), the only National historic preservation organization dedicated to preserving America's APIA historic and cultural sites.

**Barbara Takei**, Tule Lake preservationist, and public historian who has worked to preserve Tule Lake, beginning with her first Tule Lake pilgrimage in 2000.

### **3:30 – 4:30 PM: Ross Ragland Cultural Rehearsal - *Performers board the bus for technical rehearsal and dinner at the Ross Ragland.***

#### **5:15 PM: Tule Lake Babies Group Photo**

Tule Lake Babies please gather on the first floor of the Student Union, near the stairs from the Cascades Dining, for a group photo.

#### **5:15 – 6:45 PM: Dinner – Cascades Dining Room, overflow dining College Union Deck & Mt. Shasta Lounge**

#### **6:45 – 7:15 PM: Board buses for the Ross Ragland Theater in downtown Klamath Falls**

Please board the first available bus. ***Buses will depart when FULL.***

#### **7:30 – 9:00 PM: Cultural Program – Ross Ragland Theater**

In downtown Klamath Falls.

## **Sunday, July 5, 2026 (cont.)**

### **9:15 – 9:30 PM: Return to OIT**

Please board the first available bus. *Buses will depart when FULL.*

### **9:30 – 10:30 PM: Sales Room Open – Sunset Room**

This is your last chance to buy souvenirs of the pilgrimage. The Sales Room will not be open on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **10:00 – 11:00 PM: Farewell – Mt. Shasta Lounge**

An informal gathering to share experiences and say farewell.

## **Monday, July 6, 2026**

### **6:30 – 7:30 AM: Breakfast – Cascades Dining Room**

**IMPORTANT:** Please pick up your bagged lunch at the cafeteria before departing. Bagged lunches are for those who arrived by bus or drove to OIT.

### **7:30 – 8:30 AM: Check Out – Residential Hall Lobby**

You must return your dorm key to OIT staff. **Please return all keys in their original envelope.**

### **8:00 – 8:45 AM: Board Buses for Departures**

Please plan to board your bus 15 minutes before the departure time.

### **~8:30 – 9:00 AM: Buses Depart**

Please confirm your bus' departure time. ***Your bus may depart early to meet individual pilgrims' flight departure times.***

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