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**2024 Tule Lake Pilgrimage ~ Reframing The Narrative**  
**Dates: Friday, July 5 through Monday, July 8, 2024**

Registration forms posted February 19 at [www.tulelake.org](http://www.tulelake.org)

The Tule Lake Committee announces an in-person Tule Lake Pilgrimage this July 5-8, 2024. Registration materials will be posted on February 19, 2024 at: [www.tulelake.org](http://www.tulelake.org).

"We look forward to seeing old and new friends at the 2024 pilgrimage to Tule Lake," pilgrimage chair, Hiroshi Shimizu said. "However, we continue to face challenges caused by the persistence of COVID. With masking, vaccinations and testing, we can protect one another and have another 'best ever' pilgrimage."

The number of spaces for 2024 pilgrims is also impacted by COVID, as those registered for the 2020 pilgrimage canceled due to COVID, were offered pre-registration in 2024. They have until January 31 to complete registration and payment if they wish to join the 2024 pilgrimage.

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Remaining spaces in the 2024 pilgrimage community will be prioritized for survivors and descendants of Tule Lake and those who want to help preserve the historic Tule Lake Segregation Center site. Tule Lake is unique among the 10 WRA concentration camps, converted into the only maximum-security segregation center used to imprison and punish over 12,000 Japanese Americans who said 'no' to America's injustice.

"In today's political climate, Tule Lake is evidence of the threat to democracy caused by racist, anti-immigrant hysteria and greed," says Shimizu. "This is a sacred place that tells an American story of protest against injustice, a place that should be cherished — not bulldozed, fenced off and erased."

## **2024 Pilgrimage Registration**

Pilgrimage registration forms will be posted on the [www.tulelake.org](http://www.tulelake.org) website on February 19 and should be completed and snail-mailed. Payment is by check only. The registration fee is \$650 per person. For those needing assistance, we offer grants that will defray up to \$300 of the registration fee. The registration fee is all-inclusive and covers charter bus transportation, lodging, meals and all activities during the four-day pilgrimage.

If you lack internet access and need registration forms mailed to you, or if you want more information, contact Hiroshi Shimizu, cell: 415-317-2686 or email: [hshimizu@pacbell.net](mailto:hshimizu@pacbell.net)

We expect registration to fill very quickly this year, and encourage families of survivors and descendants of Tule Lake and those who share our passion to preserve Tule Lake's social justice history, to complete their registrations promptly.

## **Pilgrimage Details**

Pilgrimage participants travel together in deluxe, chartered buses that depart from San Francisco, Berkeley, San Jose, Union City, Sacramento, Seattle and Portland.

Accommodations are dormitory rooms at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls. There are two housing options: standard double-occupancy rooms are included in the registration fee; a single-occupancy room is an extra \$50 per person. Rooms in the 4-bedroom/4-person air-conditioned Village Apartments cost an extra \$100 per room/per person. The Village apartments have no elevators and are further from the main activity building.

Activities over the 4-day pilgrimage include a tour of the Tule Lake concentration camp site and a memorial service. Intergenerational discussion groups and open forums provide an occasion to learn, share experiences and help heal the multi-generational wounds of the incarceration. The final night's closing cultural program is held at the Ross Ragland Theater in downtown Klamath Falls.

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Two photos attached, courtesy NARA