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## **UCSB Celebrates Native American Culture**

Twenty years ago, Mohawk Chief Jake Swamp of the Iroquois Six Nations planted a Tree of Peace at UC Santa Barbara near the northwest corner of Storke Tower.

It is one of over 1,000 trees he planted worldwide in an effort to bring awareness to environmental and social concerns.

As part of American Indian Cultural Days at UCSB, Chief Jake Swamp will return on Monday, May 16, to perform a peace rededication ceremony in honor of the 20th anniversary of planting the Italian Stone Pine.

The program, which includes sacred ceremony, music, dance, and other activities, will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. near the Tree of Peace.

The public is invited.

Other scheduled events of American Indian Cultural Days include a reading and discussion of "Indians'R' Us," written by Ward Churchill, on Tuesday, May 17, at 5 p.m. in the Activity Room in the Education Opportunity Program Building,

At noon on Wednesday, May 18, "Blackfire," a Native American band, will perform in Storke Plaza.

Later that evening, "The Snowbowl Effect," a documentary that examines a controversy surrounding a proposed ski resort expansion and the use of wastewater on the San Francisco Peaks in Arizona, land sacred to 13 Native American tribes, will be shown at 6 p.m. in the Multicultural Center Theater.

A reception with director Klee Benally will be held at 5 p.m. in the center's lounge.

For more information about American Indian Cultural Days, contact the Educational Opportunity Program-American Indian Cultural Services Office, at (805) 893-4292 or visit EOP's web page for ethnic cultural activities at UCSB: [www.sa.ucsb.edu/eop](http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/eop)

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