



Blue Creek—Ah Pah Traditional Yurok Village is the result of the will and desire of a group of Yuroks to recreate, as nearly as possible, a traditional Yurok village on the Klamath River in northern California, where not only Yuroks, but other people as well, can come and renew their cultural and spiritual roots. The village will be self-sustaining.



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**Individuals responsible for implementing the project:**

- Willard Carlson Jr., village headman and project overseer
- Per-Gish Carlson, dance leader, brush dance pit architect
- David Frye, construction coordinator
- David Tripp, mentor, director Hoopa/Yurok Vocational Rehabilitation
- George Wilson, maker of regalia, traditional bows and arrows, and master canoe builder
- Merkie Oliver, mentor, traditional artist, craftsman and fisherman
- David Gensaw, traditional artist and fisherman
- Dale Ann Frye Sherman, design consultant
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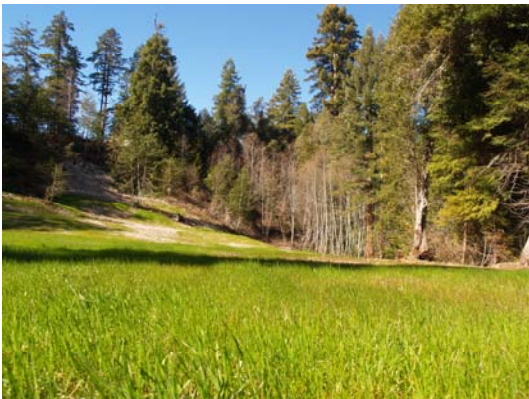
Photo of Yurok Plank House built by Willard's uncle Charlie Frye for the Margaret Keating School, Klamath, CA. Structures similar to this are being prepared at Blue Creek - Ah Pah Traditional Yurok Village.

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The **goals** of the village project will be to see the completion of:



- Traditional redwood plank houses and sweat house
- Brush Dance pit
- Visitor and camping areas and infrastructure (water system, sewer/septic, and bathroom and showers)
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Community supported organic garden
- Fish camp and boat dock on the river bar
- Seeding with indigenous grasses, flowers, sorrel and other vegetation (3.5 acres)

Over time, Blue Creek Ah Pah village will **facilitate** and **encourage**:

- Traditional means of fishing and preserving
- Gathering of traditional plants and herbs



- Preserving and promoting the continuity of Native cultures
- Rehabilitating the land, forests, river, salmon, habitat, traditional values and spirituality, and the people.
- Replication for other Indians and their families, as well as a model for redevelopment of Indigenous cultures
- Protecting sacred sites
- Physical & mental health through the return to indigenous cultures

Blue Creek-Ah Pah Village will make a difference in the **community** by:

- Rehabilitating and bringing people home to reconnect with their ancestors & community
- Reawakening traditional Yurok community, society and governance
- Facilitating ways Indigenous people can reconnect to the land
- Facilitating ways Indigenous people can exercise true tribal sovereignty
- Facilitating ways to recreate sustainable Indigenous cultures
- Promoting ecological awareness locally and globally

