

Tule Lake Community Cookbook



One of the most powerful things about the Tule Lake Pilgrimage are the relationships that emerge as a result of being together and hearing powerful stories of elders. Whether people attend the Pilgrimage with family members or friends, they always leave with an even larger clan they can call their own.

So much of that relationship building happens over food – on the bus sharing are and snacks with your neighbors, enjoying the meal catered by the local firefighters, and meeting people in the cafeteria over Oregon Institute of Technology meals. The shared meals embody our community's generosity and resourcefulness, and remind us of the deep connections between us.

Stacy Kono and Nina Kahori Fallenbaum are taking on a project to record these stories into a Tule Lake Community Cookbook and we invite all pilgrims, those formerly incarcerated, family members and other community members who support our effort to join us.

The book will include stories and recipes from pre-war, camp time, resettlement, redress movement, and the present. We invite anyone related to Tule Lake to send in their stories and recipes and participate in this important project. We will hold a series of free workshops and potluck dinners to share oral history techniques and discuss the cookbook. If you cannot attend a potluck, we can email you a story/recipe template to work from at home. We hope you join us!

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<http://tulelakecommunitycookbook.wordpress.com/about/>

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