

MAYA DAY/ 2012 PLANNING 2012

"Towards the New Era: Celebrating our Identity"

Tuesday, March 6th 2012- Flames of our Ancestors Torch Run: For the Maya, 2012 is a significant year and with this in mind, the annual torch run that Tumul K'in organizes aims to have a national coverage and will seek the participation of various organizations and groups in Belize.

March 6th 2012/13 Tz'i': Torch Run will commence in Corozal Town with a spiritual ceremony at the sacred temple of Santa Rita. The run will travel to Orange Walk town.

March 7th 2012/1 B'atz': Run travels from Orange Walk to Belize District

March 8th 2012/2 E Run travels from Belize District to Belmopan

March 9th 2012/3 Aj: Run travels from Belmopan to Dangriga

March 10th 2012/4 I'x: Run travels from Dangriga to Independence (San Roman)

March 11th 2012/5 Tz'ikin: Run travels from Independence (San Roman) to Tumul K'in

Sunday, March 11th 2012: Torch run ends at Tumul K'in with a Maya Ceremony, official opening of the Maya Day and 2012 activities. Live Marimba and harp music and performances. (Perhaps a spiritual dance such as the deer dance)

Friday, March 16th 2012/ 10 Ajpu

Maya Food for women; clay pot making. Parade in PG with performers (stilts)

Friday, March 16th 2012/10 Ajpu Maya Festival

This Maya festival will showcase Maya cultural performers from Belize, Mexico and Guatemala. Additionally, the 2nd Annual Miss Maya competition will be integrated into this night of cultural celebrations. Young ladies from Toledo will be competing for the prestigious title of Miss Maya 2012. Parish Hall, Punta Gorda Town

Sunday, March 18th 2012/12 Iq: Lord of the Rainforest Bicycle Race

This beach cruiser race aims to promote healthy physical wellbeing and community spirit. The race will commence at Tumul K'in in Blue Creek and will travel through the unpaved roads heading to Corazon, Midway, San Felipe Junction, Dump, Silver Creek, Colombia Junction and back to Blue Creek. The event will end with a fund raising marathon at Blue Creek.

Friday, March 23rd 2012/ 4 Kej: Educational Events

Activity for primary school which can include poetry, song and story writing storytelling competition. For secondary, we can have a debate/ essay.

Sunday, March 25th 2012/6 Toj: MAYA DAY 2012

The series of events will conclude with the grand Maya Day at Tumul K'in Center of Learning. The day's event will kick off at with a Maya spiritual ceremony. On display will be Tumul K'in student exhibitions, crafts displays and information booths (traditional medicine, intercultural education, traditional agriculture, Maya language etc). Live marimba and harp music, cultural competitions, demonstrations, cultural food and lots of games and presentations.

Towards 2012 Proposed Activities:

2012 Forum: Invite archeologist, spiritual leader (from Guatemala?), anthropologist etc. to give their presentation on "the true meaning of 2012". June 2012.

Chaj Chaay: The Sacred Maya Ball Game. September 2012

Giving back to Mother Earth- Environmental Activity- October 2012

21st December 2012: Grand event, possibly at Tumul K'in. Healers, vigil, maya ceremony, march of the people, stella, cultural celebration etc.