



What is Tribal Broadband Bootcamp?

Indian Country often lacks decent Internet access. For decades, Tribes have been overlooked, ignored, and defrauded by telecommunications companies seeking to extract wealth from their people and land. Many Tribal leaders have concluded they need to build their own networks to ensure high-quality Internet access.

In 2021, a small group of people gathered in the southern California desert for the first Tribal Wireless Bootcamp. Organized by a loose collection of people with a long history of building and encouraging nontraditional broadband networks, the focus was on building, maintaining, and troubleshooting wireless networks in Indian Country.

In 2022, we held four additional Tribal Broadband Bootcamps, working with more than 20 Tribes, and added fiber optic training to the curriculum. We kicked off 2023 with a Bootcamp at Gila River Indian Community and are still adding new locations and opportunities to the calendar for the rest of the year.

The Tribal Broadband Bootcamps began as a conversation on how to build on the impressive work of the Internet Society's North American chapter in the Indigenous Connectivity Summit but has continued with the support of many Tribes, individuals, funders, and organizations.

These events are being organized by Matthew Rantanen and Christopher Mitchell, along with many others who have made important contributions. Videos and reflections on the first Tribal Wireless Bootcamp are [available here](#). Additional articles about these events have been published [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

If you want to attend a Bootcamp, help us to host or fund them, or just stay in the loop, use the form below to request an invite and stay informed about upcoming events.

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Tribal Broadband Bootcamp Inquiry Form

At this time, we are only able to invite Tribes and staff to a Bootcamp that are developing or working with their Tribe to determine if they want to build their own network. Please use the following form to express interest in hosting, attending or sponsoring a bootcamp and we will be in touch. We are trying to organize multiple events around the U.S.

Full Name *

Email *

Phone *

Tribe *

Name of Network or Organization *

I am interested in the following: *

The upcoming Tribal Broadband Bootcamp dates and locations are listed after you select the box indicating your interest in attending below.

- Hosting a Bootcamp
- Attending a Bootcamp
- Sponsoring a Bootcamp

What are your top topics to learn about in a Tribal Broadband Bootcamp?

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