



# EUZKALDUNAK

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Monthly Member Newsletter

## FROM THE KITCHEN

The Board of Directors have decided to suspend the September & October Monthly Dinners to allow for kitchen upgrades and basement tile removal, and will work in concert with existing rentals for use of the kitchen for their events. We are looking forward to this year's Morzilla Dinner & Bazaar!

## OINKARIS WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

The Oinkari Basque Dancers will welcome new members on [September 14, 21, & 28](#) at noon at the Basque Center. All potential new members must be 14 years of age by September 1 or a freshman in high school. Oinkaris only accept new members during this time period and new dancers must attend at least one (but preferably all three) of the practices. No prior Basque dance experience is necessary. All Oinkaris must be members (or children of members, if under the age of 18) of Euzkaldunak. Please wear athletic clothing. If you have any questions, please email our Dance Directors, Michael Lejardi and Amaya Herrera ([michael@oinkari.org](mailto:michael@oinkari.org), [amayaherrera@oinkari.org](mailto:amayaherrera@oinkari.org)).

## DINNER HOSTS

Basque Foundation Inc. would like to thank the families and organizations who have acted as hosts for a monthly dinner. We are always in need of additional assistance. Please email [vicepresident@basquecenter.com](mailto:vicepresident@basquecenter.com) to get involved!



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## BOISEKO GAZTEAK 2025-2026 REGISTRATION

It's now time to get ready for the 2025-2026 season!

### **Registration:**

Online registration for Boiseko Gazteak will begin on **Tuesday, September 2**. It will be accessible until Tuesday, September 16. In order to access the online registration forms on September 2, please use the following link:

[basquecenter.com/community/boiseko-gazteak/](http://basquecenter.com/community/boiseko-gazteak/)

In order to dance with Boiseko Gazteak, Parents/Guardians (NOT Grandparents) must be members of Euzkaldunak. If you are not currently a member of Euzkaldunak, you may become a member by contacting Patty Gabica ([secretary@basquecenter.com](mailto:secretary@basquecenter.com)) or by registering for Euzkaldunak membership during the Boiseko registration on the evening of September 16.

### **Costume Information:**

Procuring enough fabric continues to be an issue right now, and we are concerned about providing enough costumes for all of our dancers. During registration, we will also be asking for information about your costume needs. If you or someone you know has costumes to sell, please feel free to contact Ruth Manthey-Wray (504-495-4882 or [ruthjmanthey@gmail.com](mailto:ruthjmanthey@gmail.com)).

### **Group Organization:**

- Txikitxuak (txiki) – 4-5 year olds
  - (must be at least 4 by 10/1/25)
- Azkarrak – 6-7 years old
- Txulitoak – 8-10 years old
- Nagusiak – 11-14 years old



## **BOISEKO GAZTEAK REGISTRATION, CONTINUED**

### ***Teachers & Musicians Wanted:***

The board is looking for teaching volunteers to assist the directors for each age group. This program cannot continue without the people who are committed to teaching every Tuesday night for nine weeks before Christmas and nine weeks after Christmas. Teaching is also a great opportunity for current high school kids to earn volunteer hours. Please think about joining the crew that continues to pass on our culture to these wonderful kids year after year. If you are interested, please contact Jill Aldape (208-866-8883 or [jill.aldape@saintalphonsus.org](mailto:jill.aldape@saintalphonsus.org)). Similarly, we are also looking for musicians (txistu, accordion, & tambourine) to provide live music during practices and performances. If you are interested, please contact Nikki Totorica (208-867-2175 or [nikkittotorica@gmail.com](mailto:nikkittotorica@gmail.com)).

### ***2025-2026 Calendar (tentative):***

9/2 - Online registration begins  
9/14, 21, 28 - Oinkari new kids' practice (Basque Center)  
9/16 - Onsite registration at 7PM, including new costume measuring and used costume buying/selling (Basque Center)  
9/23 - First practice at 7PM (each Tuesday until 12/2, no practice on Nov. 25)  
11/8 - Euzkaldunak Morzilla Dinner, hosted by Boiseko Gazteak (Basque Center basement)  
12/7 - Winter Show at 1PM (Basque Block)  
12/20 - Shepherders Ball (Basque Center)  
1/6 - Practice resumes at 7PM (each Tuesday until March 3)  
3/8 - Spring Show at 1PM (Basque Block)  
7/28 - Practice at 7PM  
8/1 - San Inazio performance (Basque Block)

## **BASQUE MUSEUM MUS LESSONS**

Join us this fall for FREE Mus lessons at the Basque Museum! Lessons will be held in the gallery on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6 PM. No need to register- just show up on [October 7, 14, 28, and November 4](#). For more information, call 208-343-1848.



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**OINKARI SAGARDETEGI-NOVEMBER 15**

Mark your calendars! The Oinkari Sagardotegi Dinner is back! Please join us on [Saturday, November 15](#), as we transform the Basque Center into a traditional Basque Sagardotegi. Your ticket includes a traditional Sagardotegi dinner cooked by Chef Jesus Alcelay, a silent auction, a night full of txotxing, and more! Tickets will go on sale in October and will only be available for purchase through the Oinkari website, [oinkari.org/sagardotegi](http://oinkari.org/sagardotegi).

**SAN INAZIO PILOTA FESTIVAL**

Forty-two players from Boise, San Francisco, Chino, and Euskal Herria participated in a Basque Pilota Festival during San Inazio. In-person attendees, as well as virtual viewers around the world via online streaming, had an opportunity to watch competitive pala and esku pilota games and a tournament featuring professional women's esku pilota players. The Euskal Herria 4 ½ handball tournament featured Olatz Arrizabalaga, Enara Gaminde, Amaia Alday and Itxaso Erasun, with Enara Gaminde becoming this year's Txapeldun. The tournament was made possible with the help of Lur Intxaurtza of the Munduko Pilota Bazarra (MPB), in order to bring elite women players to Boise with the intention to promote pilota among the younger generations, and especially among girls.

Thank you to all who came to the fronton and to the players who participated in the festival. An added thanks to those who engaged in setup and running of the event!

A final thank you for funding and donations from Euzkaldunak, the Boise Fronton Association, and Michael Lejardi for the new sound system and for our live video streaming setup.

**FALL PALA LEAGUES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 6**

Fall 2025 Pala League begins the [week of September 8](#), and all leagues play their final game December 20 in the afternoon before Shepherders Ball. If you are interested in playing pala or other Basque Pilota at the fronton in an upcoming season, please contact [boisefronton@gmail.com](mailto:boisefronton@gmail.com).



## JaiALDi Corner: Thanks for a great Jaialdi!

It's hard to believe that it's already been a month since Jaialdi, and what an amazing event it turned out to be! It has been said many times "it takes a village" to organize, coordinate and host an event the magnitude that Jaialdi has grown to be and Jaialdi 2025 was no exception; it took a village and a whole lot more. Without the support of Euzkaldunak, our members, volunteers, and the entire community, Jaialdi would not be possible. We hope we can all look back at Jaialdi 2025 and be proud of the tremendous festival Boise put on celebrating our Basque culture.



We would like to say a huge "ESKERRIK ASKO" to the following Committee Chairs of Jaialdi 2025 who worked countless hours to ensure Jaialdi turned out to be the success it was:

<i>Lael Uberuaga-Rodgers</i>	<i>Alicia Knox</i>	<i>Tere Achabal</i>	<i>Henar Chico</i>
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<i>Annie Gavica</i>			

Additionally, we would like to thank the 500+ volunteers (too many to name individually) who gave their time, energy and enthusiasm to the festival. Jaialdi simply couldn't happen without the time and energy given by our community.

### Jaialdi by the Numbers

In the coming months we'll be assembling a more detailed report with more facts and figures, which will be shared at the January annual membership meeting. Until then, here are some preliminary fun facts.

<b>20,000</b> at Expo Idaho	(Basque Block exact numbers are	<b>11,000</b> chorizos
<b>4,000</b> at Festara (sold out!)	anyone's guess, but the Block was	<b>5,700</b> solomo sandwiches
<b>5,500</b> at Sports Night (sold out!)	very well attended all week!)	<b>53,000</b> croquetas
<b>4,000</b> attendees at Dantzaldi		

### Jaialdi Merchandise

If you were not able to make it to the Jaialdi merch booth or would like to get another Jaialdi t-shirt, sweatshirt or other Jaialdi items, there is still time! The online store is currently open and will close September 15, 2025. Visit [www.jaialdi.com](http://www.jaialdi.com) and click on the link for merchandise.

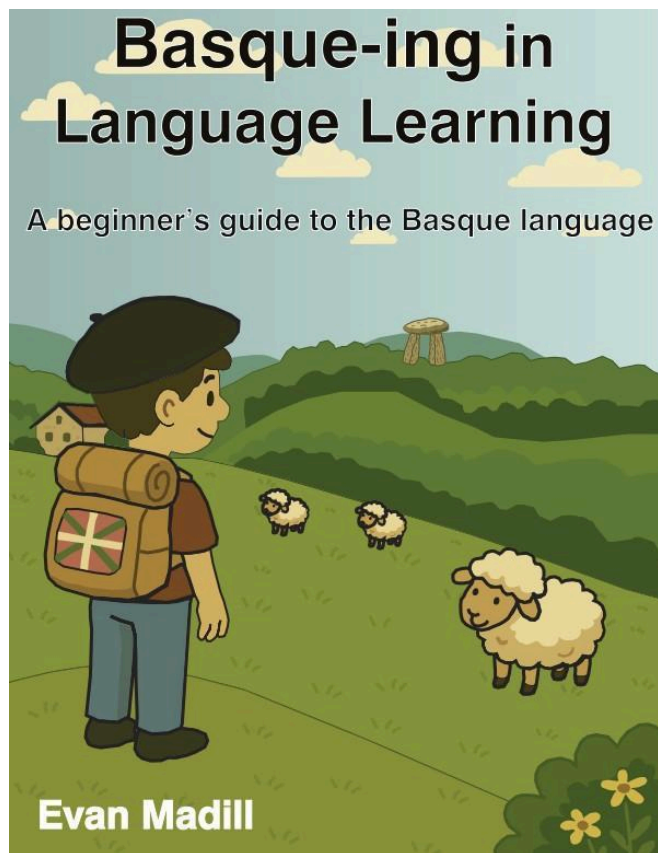
Mil esker! Amy, Ana, Rod, and Tyler

## **BASQUE MUSEUM EUSKARA CLASSES**

Registration is now open for fall Euskara classes, online and in-person. Beginners to advanced levels available! Check out the Basque Museum's website for a full list of classes. For more information, visit [basquemuseum.eus/learn/euskara](https://basquemuseum.eus/learn/euskara).

## **BASQUE-ING IN LANGUAGE LEARNING**

Back when he began learning Basque, Evan Madill, author of *Basque-ing in Language Learning*, was set back by the lack of resources for beginners. Recently, he decided to write the book he wished he had back then. *Basque-ing in Language Learning* is a casual (and occasionally sarcastic) introduction to the Basque language. But don't be fooled by the laid-back tone; there is plenty of trivia on Basque culture, history, and mythology. You'll cover the essentials of this unique language, including getting your feet wet in the endless sea of suffixes, and learning the Nor-Nori-Nork agreements. Available now on Amazon.



## **UDALEKU 2025**

In 2025, Euzkaldunak offered partial scholarships to local Basque children who were interested in attending Udaleku (held this summer in Elko, Nevada). Formerly known as Music Camp, Udaleku came into being in April 1974 when various Basque clubs joined together to create the North American Basque Organizations, Inc. (NABO) with the purpose of promoting and encouraging our common Basque heritage. Since those early days the bonds between Basques in the United States have been strengthened and extended. The annual Udaleku, sponsored by NABO and hosted by one of our member organizations, has contributed much to this growth. The first camp was held in Boise, Idaho (Bogus Basin) in 1975. Since then, hundreds of young Basques have gathered for two weeks each summer in a different city of the extended Basque community in the United States. Under the direction of local and visiting talent from Europe, participants study Basque folk dance, music, singing, and games (such as mus and pala). Besides being a good learning experience, the camp offered the participants a great opportunity to develop ties and friendships with other young Basques from many states whose parents and ancestors came from both the northern and southern parts of Euskal Herria. The relationships they formed increase the present and future interaction between all of our Basque clubs. Those who received partial Euzkaldunak scholarships in 2025 were Jimmy & Johnny Aldape, Nerea & Oihana Arana, and Jaione & Alois Krakau.

## **JAIALDI MERCH AVAILABLE ONLINE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15**

Did you miss out on your Jaialdi souvenirs? Shirts, hats, stickers, coffee mugs? You have ONE LAST CHANCE to get your goodies. Online store closes [September 15](https://jaialdi.com) so don't miss out! Go to [jaialdi.com](https://jaialdi.com) to get your merch!



## **OMENALDIA MEMORIAL MASS--11/2**

Please join us [Sunday, November 2](#) at 2 PM for our annual Omenaldia Memorial Mass, this year at Risen Christ Catholic Church (11511 W Lake Hazel Road). The first Omenaldia was held in 1996 and since then, the Basque community in the Treasure Valley has gathered together to remember the loved ones that have passed away in the past year. If you would like to remember someone that has passed away since last October, please call or email Annie at the Basque Museum, 208-343-2671 or

[annieg@basquemuseum.eus](mailto:annieg@basquemuseum.eus). There will be a potluck after mass, so please bring a dish to share. All dishes should be able to be served at room temperature or brought in a heated container to keep it at temperature. Drinks, plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided.

## **EUZKALDUNAK PHOTOS WANTED**

We all use our cell phones to take a lot of pictures, but have you thought about sharing those photos with future generations? We have a large collection of historical pictures (San Inazio, Oinkari dancing, Morzilla making, Mus Dinner, etc.) from past eras, but will our children have pictures of this era? Do you have photos from past Euzkaldunak events? We are interested in any pictures that capture our rich history and/or our current activities. They can include photos from local events like Jaialdi, San Inazio, Shepherders Ball, monthly dinners, etc., or anything that involves our member activities like Boiseko Gazteak, Txantxangorriak, Aiztan Artean, Biotzetik, or Oinkari Dancers. Historical photos of the Basque Center facility are always appreciated as well. Your submissions (if necessary) will be digitally scanned, archived and placed on the website. If you have photos to share, please contact Ed Orbea at [photos@basquecenter.com](mailto:photos@basquecenter.com) or Ricardo Yanci at [yancircardo@gmail.com](mailto:yancircardo@gmail.com).



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*If you don't see your birthday during your birthday month and would like it to show up on this list, please email [secretary@basquecenter.com](mailto:secretary@basquecenter.com) so it can be added to our database.*

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### **2025 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS**

**9/20:** September Welcome Back Dinner—**CANCELED**

**10/18:** October Dinner—**CANCELED**

**11/8:** Morzilla Dinner / Bazaar / Bingo

**12/20:** Shepherders Ball