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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The November Morzilla dinner is scheduled for [Saturday, November 7](#) as part of the annual Euzkaldunak Bazaar & Bingo Night. The dinner will be hosted by Txantxangorriak & Boiseko Gazteak. The Morzilla dinner is open to the public, and no reservations are taken. It will be a “first come, first served” meal. The first seating will begin at 5:15 PM, and the second seating will begin at 6:30 PM. The price for dinner is \$25 for adults (Members & Guests) and \$10 for children 10 and under. Wine and other beverages can be purchased in the dining room. Please note: There is no babysitting at the Basque Center during the Morzilla dinner.

Morzilla Dinner Menu

Oñati salad
Baked morzillas
Garbanzos with chorizo
Amuma's meatballs with Bizkaina sauce
Shrimp pil pil
Homemade bread and butter
Desserts
Wine and coffee

MORZILLA MAKING INFORMATION

Each year, Euzkaldunak relies on the help of our volunteer members to prep, cook, and package Morzillak (blood sausage) to serve at the November Dinner and vacuum pack for later sale. We would love your help this year! This event combines community, food, drink, and the feel of the fall harvest. No experience required! The morzilla-making tradition stems from a zero-waste philosophy, where all animal parts are used to create a nourishing dish. The process involves

mixing fresh pigs' or sheeps' blood with fillers like rice or leeks and fat, then seasoning with regional spices. The mixture is stuffed into casings, boiled to coagulate the blood, and then fried, baked, or used in stews. This custom is often undertaken during fall festivals, to honor the animals and preserve cultural heritage.

Volunteer Schedule:

[November 3](#), 8:30 AM–4 PM Fiddlers Green Farm (14440 Broken Horn Rd, Boise, ID 83714)

We will start picking, cleaning, and chopping the leeks and onions. The farm is on the corner of Broken Horn and W. Echanove Drive but the entrance faces Echanove Drive. Park inside the gates. Lunch will be served at 12:30 PM.

[November 4](#) We will cook the onions and leeks in two shifts, 7 AM–1 PM and 1–6 PM with lunch served at the break, approximately 12:30 PM.

[November 5](#) We will meet at the Basque Center to make the Morzillak in two shifts: 7 AM–12:30 PM and 1–5 PM. A lunch for both shifts will be served at the break, approximately 12:30 PM.

[November 6](#) We will be packaging the newly-made Morzillak at the Basque Center from 9:30 AM–3 PM.

To volunteer, please contact Sean Aucutt at 208-371-3090. Simple texts of times you can volunteer are great! Voicemails work as well. Sean seriously encourages folks who can't work due to advanced age or injury to still come and eat lunch with us on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. It is not just about the work, it is about community, sharing stories, and gathering over a good meal and a glass of wine! Our stories, our presence, and our bad jokes, are all reminders of what brings us together!

2027 MEMBERSHIPS

ALL Euzkaldunak memberships will expire on December 31, 2026, including those just paid for during Boiseko registration. Renewal dues of \$50 per adult for 2027 are due by [January 15, 2027](#). Renewals begin on November 15, 2026. For new memberships please contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

SHEEPHERDERS RECIPIENT

Each year the Basque Center designates a person or family in need to be the main recipient of funds raised during the annual Shepherders Ball. If you know of someone in need, please send a letter of nomination to secretary@basquecenter.com for the board's consideration. The letter should contain the nominee's name and contact information as well as information regarding their circumstance.

EUZKALDUNAK WANTS YOU!

The directors of Basque Foundation Inc. are eager to recruit directors with fresh perspectives and ideas. Every year there are five vacant positions up for election. All directors are elected to a two-year term. The 2027-2029 board of directors election will be held in January 2027. We are requesting that nominations along with a short biography be turned into the organization's secretary no later than [December 19](#). Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the members-only dinner on [January 30, 2027](#). A short speech is encouraged. If you are interested in learning more about the responsibilities of being on the Board of Directors or are interested in running, contact the President (president@basquecenter.com) or the Secretary to the Board, (secretary@basquecenter.com). You can nominate yourself!

DINNER HOSTS

Basque Foundation Inc. would like to thank the families and organizations who have hosted a monthly dinner, and we always need additional assistance. To get involved, please email vicepresident@basquecenter.com!



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THANKSGIVING HOURS

On Thanksgiving—[Thursday, November 26](#)—the Basque Center bar will be closed. On Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday, November 25), however, the Basque Center will open at 3 PM so we may bring down a pintxo to share with our friends and give thanks for the many blessings of the past year. The bar will open for regular hours on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday.

CROQUETAS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY

We have about 800 frozen croquetas left from San Inazio – a perfect appetizer for your upcoming holiday gatherings. We are offering them to members for the low price of \$10 per bag of 24 croquetas. All funds go to the Basque Center. They will be sold on a first come, first served basis and will be available until sold out.

PATXARANGA SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Calling all former, current, and future band nerds! Have you seen and heard the goofy music of the only txaranga in the USA and thought “man, that looks like a blast”? Well now’s your chance to be a part of it! Patxaranga is looking for more members to help bring the atmosphere, silliness, and a whole bunch of sound all year long. If you’re interested in playing a “dope” brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument contact Alex Wray at alex.wray61@gmail.com. No experience or instrument necessary, we will help you get up and running. Come join Patxaranga and bring a joyful sound to the streets of Boise and beyond!

BASQUE CENTER BLOOD DRIVES

Please consider donating blood to save lives at the Basque Center! Donors are welcome [Monday, December 7](#) in the Hall from 1–6 PM. Visit redcrossblood.org or use the Blood Donor app and the sponsor code *Basque*.

AZAROKO ALBISTEAK

There is a lot happening at Boiseko Ikastola this fall, and we would love to keep our community involved. Mila esker for always being part of our Ikastola family! This year, our wonderful teachers Ixone, from Bilbao, and Julene, from Fika, have also been developing a very special classroom project around Fermín, a young artzaina who came from Euskal Herria to Idaho, together with his dog Pintto and his sheep Patxi. Through their adventures, the children are learning about Basque shepherding history, migration, Idaho, Euskara, emotions, and much more. The txikis are absolutely loving it!

We are currently creating new outdoor learning and psychomotor spaces for our txikis. We are looking for simple materials such as logs, wood rounds, wooden planks, crates, cable spools, tires, tarps, rope, and pallets. If you have materials to donate, know a local business that may be able to help, or would simply like to learn more, please check our social media or contact us directly.

We are also excited to share that Boiseko Ikastola is hiring two new teachers from Euskal Herria for the 2027–2028 school year. We are looking forward to welcoming new irakasleak who can continue bringing Euskara, Basque culture, and meaningful learning experiences into our classroom.

Don't forget to look for us at the Boise Holiday Parade on November 28! Our Ikastola community will be there, and we would love to see familiar faces cheering us on. Aupa Ikastola!

Finally, we have a special call for Boiseko Ikastola alumni and former Ikastola families. We would love to hear where life has taken you! What did you study? Where do you work now? What are you passionate about? We would love to invite former students to connect with our current txikis and, when possible, let them interview you. It would be such a meaningful way for our children to see the many paths that can begin with Euskara, community, and a little Ikastola in Boise. Interested in helping, participating, or reconnecting? Reach out to

anego@boisekoikastola.eus.

Eskerrik asko bihotzez for continuing to make Boiseko Ikastola such a special community!





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Please join us at Risen Christ Catholic Church (11511 W Lake Hazel Rd, Boise) on **November 1** at 2 PM for this annual memorial mass as we remember loved ones lost in the past year. Please bring a dish to share for the reception to follow. If you would like to remember someone during mass, please call 208-577-2250 or email annieg@basquemuseum.eus.

OINKARI ALUMNI PRACTICE

The current Oinkaris invite our Alumni to mark your calendars for Alumni Practice, **November 15** at 3 PM! Alumni Practice is the perfect place to make connections across generations through our favorite medium—dantza! Start stretching your hammies and warming up your ankles now, because the jota contest hardware is waiting to be hoisted by its new winners! We hope to have a great time dancing, as always, but we also invite you to bring a pintxo to share, if you are so inclined—it's not a party without a snack. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact our Alumni liaison, Jaclyn Lasuen, at jaclyn@oinkari.org.

EUSKAL LAGUNAK MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Euskal Lagunak Mountain Home Basque Association would like to invite anyone interested in joining or rejoining the Club to our membership dinner on **January 15** at the American Legion Hall in Mountain Home (515 E 2nd S St.). A cocktail social at 5:30 PM will precede the meeting at 6 with dinner to follow. Dues are \$35 per member or \$60 per couple and dinner is \$15. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please reach out to the Board at euskal.lagunak.mh@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you, and thank you for your support of your close-to-local Basque clubs.

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BIOTZETIK IS LOOKING FOR SINGERS!

The choir is kicking off its fall season with an open invitation to all you singers out there! It's a great way to learn folk songs and a few Basque words. Please don't feel you need to be a professional or even read music. Everyone is welcome! We promote our Basque culture through music to a broad community and Basque families when events, weddings and funerals come along. Our outreach includes collaborations with other musical groups in the Boise area to promote greater awareness of our culture. If you want our Basque music tradition to continue in Boise, please join us! We are a mix of Basque and non-Basque singers who enjoy sharing our wonderful Basque tunes with many audiences. It's a minimal time commitment – Wednesdays, 6-7:30 PM. We have some travel planned for 2027 so now is the time to join! See our website, boisebasquechoir.com for more info and contact info@boisebasquechoir.com for questions. Added bonus! We are hosting a Halloween Singalong night at the Basque Center Bar, Friday, **October 30**, starting at 6:30 PM. We'll provide song lyrics and translations for you to join in. All are welcome!

BIOTZETIK CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

After a several-year hiatus, the Biotzetik Basque Choir is hosting a Christmas Concert of Basque choral music and carols in the beautiful St. John's Cathedral. Please join us to share and sing in the spirit of the season! Admission is free and open to the public.

Tuesday, December 15

7-8 PM

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BOISEKO GAZTEAK UPDATE

The dancers, musicians, and teachers of Boiseko Gazteak are in full swing! With enormous thanks to Patxi Kerns, the kids will have the opportunity to rotate to the fronton over the course of the next few weeks to learn/practice the Basque game of pala - in addition to those dancing moves!

We still need helpers for the Mortzilla Dinner on November 7. Please consider and sign up here: signup.com/go/ZoBKkvE. Mark your calendars for the Winter Show on **Sunday, December 6** on the Basque Block (if weather doesn't cooperate, we will move the performance inside). This event coincides with the Basque Museum's Eguberriko Azoka where vendors will be selling food, drink, artwork, apparel, and more from 11 AM-3 PM. Our performance will include music from Txantxangorriak, and music and dance from Boiseko Gazteak. See you there!

2026-2027 Calendar

9/29-12/1 Practice at 7PM every Tuesday except the weeks of the election and Thanksgiving)
11/7 - Euzkaldunak Morzilla Dinner, hosted by Boiseko Gazteak (Basque Center basement)
12/6 - Winter Show at 1PM (Basque Block)
12/19 - Shepherders Ball (Basque Center)
1/12 - Practice resumes at 7PM
3/7 - Spring Show at 1PM (Basque Block)
7/27 - Practice at 7PM
7/31 - San Inazio performance (Basque Block)

OINKARI SAGARDOTEGI-NOVEMBER 21

Mark your calendars! The Oinkari Sagardotegi Dinner is back! Please join us on **Saturday, November 21**, as we transform the Basque Center into our own Sagardotegi! Tickets are \$75 per person or \$750 for a table of ten and include a traditional Sagardotegi dinner cooked by Chef Jesus Alcelay, a silent auction, a night full of txotxing, and more! Tickets went on sale October 12 and can only be purchased through the Oinkari website, oinkari.org/sagardotegi. For more information or help, please contact the Fundraising Chair, Alexandra Hicks, at alexandra@oinkari.org

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Secretary's note: If you don't see your birthday during your birthday month and would like it to show up in the list above, please send an email to secretary@basquecenter.com.

Apart from the member birthday list, we still gladly accept one-time announcements like births, anniversaries, graduation, or other special recognition of members. For these special announcements, email newsletter@basquecenter.com

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Jaclyn Lasuen,
 Newsletter Editor

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Our newsletter is composed of submissions from our Basque Center membership, and we want to hear from you! Send your news to newsletter@basquecenter.com by **Monday, November 30**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2026-2027 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

10/17: October Dinner

10/25: Children's Halloween Party

11/7: Morzilla Dinner / Bazaar / Bingo

12/19: Sheepherders Ball

1/30: Annual Membership Dinner/Meeting

2/20: Valentine's/Oinkari Bingo Dinner

3/7: Spring Show

3/20: Mus Dinner

4/17: Anniversary/Briska Dinner

5/15: Mother's Day Dinner

7/31: San Inazio Performance