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"INDIANS OF SAN JOAQUIN"

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• **The American Indian never wasted their resources. They made a habit to use all resources to its fullest and recycle for all purposes, and put to practice creating multiple uses out of each resource. The following is how they used the:**

DEER

USES:

MEAT (venison):

- Fresh - cooked
 - Open fire roast-kebob style
 - Open fire roast-rotisserie style
 - Pit barbequed
 - Layed on hot coals
- Fresh - stewed
 - Placed in soapstone bowls
- Dried - jerked

HIDES:

- Green - untanned (cured with salt only)
 - Raw hide for sewing
 - Drums
 - Rattles
 - Doorway covers (locally on bark tepees)
 - Shields
- Cured - tanned (with bark, acorn, brain or smoked)
 - Clothing
 - Pants/Shirts/Moccasins/Boots/Dresses/Vests/Jackets
 - Leather straps
 - Sewing/Tieing/Straps
 - Drums
 - Blankets
 - Ceremonial Dress (traditional style dress-decorated)
 - Hunting Camouflage (worn over head and shoulders)
 - Quivers
 - Knife holders (sheaths)
 - Medicine pouch
 - Tobacco pouch
 - Football (oblong ball used in games of ball race, relay, & football)

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USES Cont.:

ANTLERS:

- Flint-knapping (yearling antlers or spikes best for knapping materials such as obsidian/quartz/basalt/chert/jasper)
- Knife handles (used the base of the antler)
- Art work (carved on the tips and base)
- Ceremonial regalia (used on staffs & as dance sticks)
- Beads (yearling antlers or spikes best used for beads)
- Medicine (used both in velvet and harden but not old ones)

BRAIN:

- Tanning - Soaked in water then rubbed on wet hide

INNARDS:

- Liver - Sometimes eaten raw; most of the time cooked
- Heart - Cooked
- Fat - Chewed as gum
- Stomach - Used for a ball; water bottle; & stew
- Ribs - Bones used for fish hooks
- Leg Bones - Awls from the front legs for making baskets
 - Powder from the making of awls used for baby powder
 - Guessing Bones for the Handgame
- Hooves - Deer toes (hooves) used to make rattles
 - Dew claw used to make baby rattles
 - Deer toes used on moccasins worn for ceremonies
- Tail - Placed on staffs and dance stick
- Hair - Placed inside of football
- Tendons - Sinew; wrapped around Bow for strength; Bow string; sewing material/dresses, moccasins; jewelry
- Leftover Innards - given to the dogs or coyotes