

Education Enhancement Project objectives

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Education Enhance Coordinator

The Education Enhancement Project focuses on the many aspects and growing needs of the Tribe. This Project is designed to reach out to all Tribal members through two methods: Community meetings in each of the area offices and a survey mailed to all Tribal members, 18 years and over. Education planning is for all Tribal members, wherever they may live.

The survey, designed to follow the three objectives of an Administration for Native American (ANA) grant, seeks information for the following:

Development of a Comprehensive Education Plan.

The Comprehensive Education Plan, recently approved by Tribal Council, will be refined and reworked to fit the expanding educational needs of Tribal members and overall Tribal structure.

Create and establish a Siletz Extension Program.

Creation of the Siletz Extension Program with community colleges and universities involves developing degree programs and other training opportunities for Tribal members. Increasing Tribal member employment in management, marketing and administrative positions within Tribal enterprises and other employment is one goal.

Complete preliminary planning for an Education Complex.

Preliminary site plan and architectural design for a Tribal Education Complex is the third objective of the ANA Grant. This complex will house the Tribal Educational Programs and provide space and facilities for year-round educational services in support of the Tribe's "life-long learning" concept.

To successfully complete this project, Tribal members are being asked to tell us their educational needs and wishes:

"I wish I could get a college degree." "I want to take computer classes." "I wish I would have

listened more closely to Grandma telling the stories of our people." "I would dance at the Pow-wows if I only had regalia." "What can I do to protect the environment." "If only I could identify trees and plants so I could tell my children when they ask." "Our people used to hook eels, I wonder how they did that." "I really want to know our history."

Please return your Educational Survey. Call 1-800-922-1399, ext. 290, (541) 444-8290, or e-mail us at byoungman@ctsi.nsn.us.

TAKE EDUCATION IN A NEW DIRECTION - YOURS!!

Financial Aid Workshop

A Financial Aid Workshop held in Siletz on January 10, 1998, attracted a number of parents and students. This interest reflects the growing emphasis Tribal members are placing on higher education. Presented as a "basic" workshop, students and parents were encouraged to contact colleges and universities and participate in the

many programs being offered for new and returning students. Tribal education staff and the Education Committee sponsored the Workshop and are committed to helping in the educational pursuits of all Tribal members.

Information will be forthcoming on the two Tribal Scholarships administered by the Tribal Education Committee: The Art Bensell Memorial Scholarship and the Siletz Scholarships.

If you have any questions, please call Kelly Ball, Interim Higher Education Specialist, at (503) 390-9494, or Bev Youngman at 1-800-922-1399, extension 290, (541) 444-8290.

Thank You, Randy!

A special thank you to Randy Nyquist, Toledo High School teacher and coach. Randy is at the Tribal Administration building four mornings a week for ABE and GED classes - our own Alternative School. He provides guidance and instruction for the two programs through the Community Services Consortium, Toledo High School and Oregon Coast Community College. Randy's low-key but effective methods are admirable and he is highly respected by both students and staff. We're proud to have him and the students here. If you see Randy, tell him Thanks! You'll recognize him - he looks like a coach.

For more information on ABE and GED classes, contact your area Education Specialist:

Lori Johnson in Portland, Ben Lawver in Salem, Nick Sixkiller in Springfield and Donald "Dub" Bellinger in Siletz.

Hello! from the Salem area office

BEVERLY OWENS
Salem Area Office Supervisor

The Salem area office currently have 13 staff working in the area office, 3 head start staff, and 3 days a week the USDA work in Salem at the warehouse. The programs we represent are: The office secretary, A&D counselors, TANF TSA Worker, CHR, Higher ED., and AVT specialist, Study Hall Tutor and Office Supervisor. The secretary for our office is Sonya Moody Jurado. Sonya has worked for the tribe for more than 5 years. Currently, Sandy Gordon is filling in as the Salem A&D counselor. Sandy currently works in Siletz as a counselor and comes to Salem on Tuesdays. We held interviews for the Salem A&D counselor on Wednesday January 28, so we should have someone working full time in the Salem office in the very near future. In the TANF program we have Randy Butler, Tacey Casey, and Teresa Mike. Randy and Tacey work as TSS and Teresa is the TSA. Rose Kunkel is our Salem area CHA which stands for Community Health Advocate. In our office are also Kelly Ball and Alan McGee. Kelly is in charge of the Higher Ed. and AVT programs. Alan is her assistant and currently works on a part-time basis. Ben Lawver is our Education Special-

ist. Ben is responsible for the JOM program and Adult Ed. requests. Willie Mike works in the office under contractual services as a tutor in our study hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Our Head Start teacher is Suzanne Hart. The assistant teacher is Teresa Pearsall-Hayes and Carole Gardner is the family service worker. Currently, Carole is on maternity leave and Cheyoko Boumgartner is her temporary replacement. They recently hired a Food Service Worker, her name is Jamie Nino. On the first "full" week of each month, USDA staff from Siletz, Darrlyne Carey and Oscar Olson, open the USDA warehouse to distribute food. Karen LaChance is our transporter. Karen transports clients, elders, and tribal members. If you have a transportation issue that follows tribal policy or have questions, contact Beverly Owen. Lastly, is Beverly Owen, the Salem area office supervisor. Our program staff are highly knowledgeable in the programs they work in and I would encourage you to contact and of them if you are interested in more information. You can reach the staff at 503-390-9494 Monday thru Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM.

Tuesday and Thursday: Study Hall and tutoring for JOM students from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.

Thursday from 6:30 to 8 PM, we have craft class for JOM parents and families.

Wednesday, February 18, we will be holding an eye screening and eye care presentation with Dr. Sherer from Chemawa Clinic. It will begin at 6 PM.

February 10 is the date for our Elders dinner. These are usually every other month and held on a Wednesday. The dinner will begin at 5:30 PM.

News from Fish and Wildlife

FRANK SIMMONS
Fish and Wildlife Manager

This hunting season was a huge success. The deer tags that were reported filled averaged about the same as the years past. Elk tags filled and reported set a record from previous years. A big "thank you" goes out to our hunters for being respectful to other landowners, hunters and their property.

Fishing season set a record this year as well. Only one fish has been reported caught. We don't have any indication as to what the problem is. The weather and water in the rivers has been favorable for the passage of fish.

For those of you who have been

unsuccessful in filling your game tags, we have deer, elk and bear meat in the lockers. We also have some salmon eggs.

The Department of Natural Resources would like to show their appreciation to the Fish and Wildlife Committee for their dedication and a job well done for the Siletz Indian Tribe. Fish and Wildlife Committee members are: Tom Downey, Albert Reed, Royce Strong, Pat Downey, George Siniscal and Tribal Council Representative JoAnn Miller. We hope to see you all back on the Committee this year. Please do not forget to fill out your applications for the 1998 committees.