



Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow Coming Up

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon invites you to become part of the "Circle of Friendship" at the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug. 10-12, 2001.

The Siletz pow-wow is one of the largest in the state and is held annually on the second weekend of August. It's a time to be reunited with old friends, make new acquaintances, give thanks for all that has transpired in the previous year, and honor tribal tradition.

The pow-wow itself is free. Vendors set up during the afternoon of Aug. 9, allowing time for browsing before the pow-wow officially begins at 6 p.m. on Aug. 10 with the crowning of Siletz Royalty for 2001/2002, followed by a grand entry at 7 p.m.

Grand entries also will occur at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Aug. 11, and noon on Aug. 12. Dance competitions follow these grand entries, with categories for adults, teens, and children. Prizes range from \$25 to \$500.

A free shuttle will be available from downtown Siletz to the Pauline Ricks Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds on Government Hill, where the pow-wow action takes place. An endless variety of food and Native arts and crafts and jewelry will be offered for sale by numerous vendors surrounding the pow-wow arena (approximately 60 vendors normally attend). The aroma of fry bread and Indian tacos is guaranteed to tantalize you, as well as the usual hamburgers, hot dogs, and an endless selection of delicacies.

The annual parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Aug. 11 in downtown Siletz. Pack up grandma and the kids to see a hometown parade with nostalgic small-town atmosphere complete with fire trucks, horses, lawn chairs, and one old lazy dog lying on the sidewalk.

Pre-registration is available for the parade and all groups and organizations are invited to participate. Contact Kelley Ellis or Bonnie Petersen at 1-800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532 for a registration form.

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Above: Young girls, including Cheyenne Sanderson (second from left) participate in a grand entry at the 2000 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow.
Below, left: The Chinook Winds Casino float winds its way through Siletz during last year's parade.

Proposed Ordinances Read at Tribal Council Meeting

The Siletz Tribal Council, on July 21, 2001, reviewed and completed the first reading of the proposed Siletz Community Law Court Ordinance and the proposed Traffic Ordinance.

The proposed Siletz Community Law Court would be available to tribal members to resolve their disputes with other tribal members here instead of in Tribal Court. First, it must be decided whether a case is appropriate for the Community Law Court.

Then the parties will agree on one or more peacemaker(s), also known as "kwxeshtuketnaga" or "go-between" in Tututni, who must meet certain qualifications. The kwxeshtuketnaga will work with the parties in whatever manner is appropriate and either help the parties come to an agreement or decide the matter for them. Both parties

must consent to have their matter resolved through the Community Law Court, agree on who will be the peacemaker(s) or kwxeshtuketnaga, and agree to abide by the judgment.

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