

Take Part in Run to the Rogue VII

You are invited to join Siletz Tribal members on Sept. 13-15, 2001, for Run to the Rogue VII. This is a 234-mile relay run/walk to celebrate the continuing return of the Siletz Tribe to its ancestral lands along the Rogue River.

The run begins in Siletz and follows Highway 101 to a location near Agness, Ore., at the confluence of the Rogue and Illinois rivers. Everyone can participate in the Run to the Rogue in the following ways:

- < You can help get the run started by running or walking one mile on Sept. 13 if you are unable to take part in the entire three-day run. This group gets the main group of runners off to a good start each year. It is a very important part of making the run a success.
- < Other runners/walkers can join the group as it travels south on Highway 101 and take part as long as they are able. People may join us in the evening and participate in the relay for as long as possible before returning home. Those who help in this way are very much appreciated by runners who continue through the night.
- < People unable to run may volunteer for the support team. Our support team sets up base camp each afternoon where relay runners/walkers can eat, shower, and rest until their next shift on the run. Base camp is at Honeyman State Park just south of Florence on Sept. 13 and at Humbug State Park, south of Port Orford, on Sept. 14. A group of supporters in Port Orford provides us with a potluck dinner on Friday evening at the community center.
- < Supporters/participants can run or walk to represent a tribal elder or tribal member who cannot run or walk.

All participants should attend the orientation meeting on Sept. 12, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. at the Siletz Tribal Community Center. The run begins on Sept. 13 at 8:30 a.m. and ends on Sept. 15. Those who make a commitment to join us need to bring a sleeping bag, towels, good shoes, plenty of socks, and personal care items.

For more information or a registration packet, please call 1-800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532, ext. 290, 373, or 237. This is a wellbriety event – no alcohol or drugs.



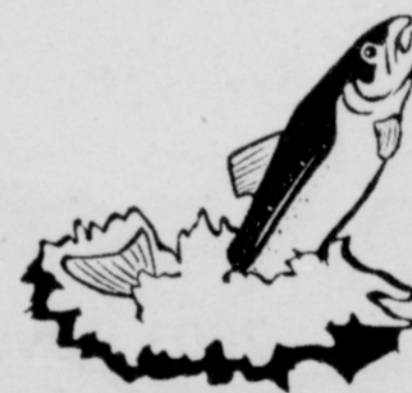
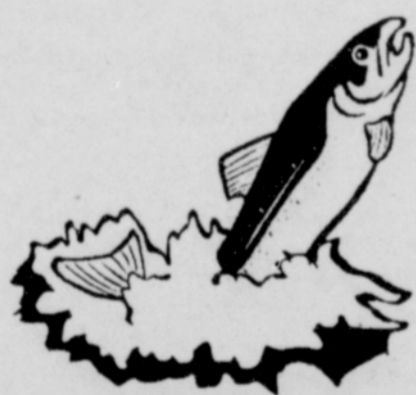
Head Start students and families start Run to the Rogue VI.

More Details About Run to the Rogue

Run to the Rogue is an annual relay run from Siletz to a point near the confluence of the Rogue and Illinois rivers in Southwest Oregon. This run commemorates the Siletz Tribal ancestors who were forcibly removed from their homeland in Rogue River country and marched north to Siletz to the confinements of the Coast Reservation in the mid-1800s.

This annual relay run is the closest we can come to our ancestors' experience on the journey from their homeland.

- < Volunteers are needed for this three-day event to run, walk, or help out with camp setup, cleanup, cooking, and other areas.
- < Youth may participate but need a designated adult committed to traveling and camping with the youth.
- < Transportation is provided along the route for runners, elders, children, and volunteers. Camping, meals, and runners' support and refreshments are provided.



Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

by Walt Klamath

Long ago, the people east of the mountains were having a bad time. They were starving and very little food was available to them. Now, it's Coyote's job to see to it that the two-legged had food. He decided to go looking for food.

Coyote crossed a large area, went over the mountains until he came to a beach. While here resting, he smelled something very good so he went looking. He found some two-legged ones cooking something; he didn't know what it was. Coyote put on his most woeful hungry

look so the two-legged would feel sorry for him. They did and they fed him.

That was the best he had ever had.

"What is it?" asked Coyote. The two-legged said, "It was Salmon."

Coyote asked, "Where does it come from?" The two-legged took him to the river, now called the Columbia, and showed him how to catch salmon. Now Coyote was very impressed and thought this is what the two-legged east of the mountains needed. How come there weren't any there? Coyote decided to find out.

One of Coyote's many talents was being able to change himself into anything that he wished. He changed into a giant salmon and started upstream to his home. Many fish followed him and he came to a great wall that blocked the way upstream. This would be called the Bridge of the Gods.

Coyote started bumping the rock wall with his nose. As he did, chips would fall from the wall. Coyote kept this up for a long time, hitting it harder and harder. At long last Coyote

did break through the wall and went through, and the other fish followed him. The fish did go upstream and Coyote did show the two-legged how to catch and prepare the fish to eat.

The fish went to all the rivers and streams. Now the two-legged had plenty to eat. So today when you see the magnificent Salmon in the little streams, notice the nose on some of them. Their noses will be sore and bent over like a hook from boring through the wall of the Bridge of the Gods.