

# TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

## Gathering of Nations is an Inspiring Experience

by *Waleeska Riding In*

Attending the Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow was a very rewarding experience. I enjoyed being with wonderful people. We had the chance to do a lot of good things and it was a lot of fun!

Watching the Miss Indian World Pageant was both encouraging and inspirational. It's nice to see so many young women who are focused on what they want and achieving their goals. They took the opportunity to share who they are and the tribes they represent.

I enjoyed watching the pageant because I learned many things that I may have never known and I also was able to see things from a different perspective. It has also helped me to realize the steps that are necessary for achieving some of my own personal

goals, as well as helping others to see theirs, too.

The added bonus was watching one of my cousins, Michelle Rice of the Pawnee Nation, compete. She won best dancer in the Miss Indian World Pageant. Christiane Pinkham (Navajo) and Clarissa Cawston (Colville), both contestants in the Miss NCAI pageant last November, also were contestants. Clarissa won first runner-up for Miss Indian World.

The pow-wow itself was big. It was truly something to be in a building with so many Native people from nations all over the country. I am honored to have been able to dance with them. We watched Ke Aloha Mae Cody Alo, the outgoing Miss Indian World, dance in her traditional ways. She is Hawaiian and White Mountain Apache. The new

Miss Indian World, Tia Smith (Six Nations Cayuga), danced the smoke dance. Watching the traditional dance style of other tribes was amazing. It was a very enjoyable experience.

We also spent some time at the Pueblo Culture Center. The Culture Center Museum was great and we were able to meet incredible people. We even had the opportunity to see different styles of dance, not only at the pow-wow, but also at the Culture Center.

My favorite part of the whole experience was getting to know and spending more time with very special people. While we met wonderful people who have accomplished great things, like Johnny Mike and Verdell Primeaux (Grammy award winners for *Bless The People*), I still think that spending time with our mothers and grandmothers is something really special. I appreciate you ladies very much.

Maxine is such wonderful company; it's so inspiring how she has so much energy! I'm glad that we had Marlene to manage our duties and be our media staff. (We took some pretty good pictures, huh girls?)

LaRita did an excellent job of getting us where we needed to be and just looking out for us. I am also glad that my mom gave birth to me in Albuquerque, N.M., and for living there for four years, so that she could be our travel guide.

I had a good time getting to know Tiffany and Leslie better. The Gathering of Nations was a great place for us to come to, not only to see old friends and make new ones, but also for us to gain better wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

Thank you, everyone, for making this possible and for all of your support. God bless you.

### Pow-Wow Jobs Available

The Siletz Pow-Wow Committee is now accepting applications for temporary jobs during the 2002 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow.

Available jobs include: Security/Maintenance Kitchen  
Camping Registration Sales

Wages for these pow-wow jobs: Shift Supervisors – \$8/hour  
Shift Workers – \$6.50/hour

Pick up applications at the Siletz administration building or call Craig Whitehead at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 230, or 541-444-8230.

### Tipi Drawing

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Roll #: \_\_\_\_\_

For Siletz Tribal members to use during the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug. 9-11, 2002. One entry per household, please. Deadline for entries is July 26, 2002. Names will be drawn soon after the deadline. Return this form to:

Siletz Pow-Wow  
Attn: Tipi  
P.O. Box 549  
Siletz, OR 97380



### Royalty Applications Now Available

The Siletz Tribal Pow-Wow Committee is now taking applications for this year's royalty contestants. The age categories are as follows:

Little Miss Siletz – 7-12 years old

Jr. Miss Siletz – 13-17 years old

Miss Siletz – 18-24 years old

Contestants will be judged on their knowledge of tribal and family history, poise and personality, speaking abilities, dance abilities in both the Feather Dance and Intertribal styles, and raffle ticket sales.

Each contestant will receive a commission on the number of raffle tickets that she sells for the 2002 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow raffle. Commission rates are as follows: 200 to 500 at 20 percent, 501 to 1,000 at 25 percent, and 1,001 or more at 30 percent.

This year's royalty will be sponsored to attend the Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow and Miss Siletz also will be sponsored to attend the NCAI competition.

The royalty pageant is scheduled for Aug. 8, 2002, and the winners will be crowned on Aug. 9 before the first grand entry of the pow-wow.

The deadline to get applications to the Pow-Wow Committee is July 5, 2002. Any applications turned in from July 6 to July 15 will be accepted only with the approval of the Pow-Wow Committee. Any applications turned in after July 15 will not be accepted for this year.

Young women interested in running for one of these categories should contact Craig Whitehead at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 230, or 541-444-8230 for an application.