

Name Changes Reflect Ancestors' Languages

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Grand Ronde, and Warm Springs; the Klamath Tribe; and the Willamette National Forest celebrate together the righting of an old wrong. Last July, The U.S. Board of Geographic Names approved name changes for three areas in the Willamette National Forest.

The new names are Latiwi Mountain and Latiwi Creek (formerly Squaw Mountain and Squaw Creek of the Sweet Home/McKenzie River Ranger District boundary) and Kwiskwis Butte (formerly Squaw Butte of the Middle Fork Ranger District). Signs soon will be completed marking these special places in the forest.

The term "squaw" originated as a Narragansett word and came into the English lexicon in the early 16th century. The term was corrupted into one of degradation and insult to Indian people.

Starting with a recommendation from Siletz Tribal member Selene Rilatos, local tribes requested that the derogatory names be changed. Willamette staff conducted an extensive cooperative effort with representatives of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Grand Ronde, and Warm Springs, and the Klamath Tribe.

The newly approved names have meanings that reflect the heritage of the early Native people, the Molalla Tribe, and their connection to these areas in the Willamette National Forest.

Latiwi is the name for "person" in the Molalla language. Kwiskwis means "little squirrel" in Chinook jargon and was the nickname of Charlie Tufti, a well-known member of the tribe who homesteaded in the area.

These changes also comply with a bill approved by the Oregon Legislature in 2001 prohibiting the use of the word "squaw" in public property names because of its derogatory nature. The law now requires that names be removed or areas be renamed on a case-by-case basis.

The new names will replace the old ones on Forest Service maps at the next map printing update.

AICF Announces Tribal College Tours

DENVER - The American Indian College Fund recently unveiled the 2003 schedule of its ever-popular tribal college tours. It has scheduled three tour packages this summer:

June 8-15 - The Tribes & Tribal Colleges of the Southwest

July 15-20 - The Tribes & Tribal Colleges of the Montana Plains

Aug. 19-24 - The Tribes & Tribal Colleges of the Northern Woodlands

"These tour packages provide extraordinary journeys into Indian Country," said Richard B. Williams, executive director of the fund. "They offer

authentic travel experiences for those who want

to learn more about the revitalization of American Indian cultures that is being led by the tribal colleges and universities."

The Southwest tour begins and ends in Albuquerque, N.M., with stops at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center;

the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute; the Acoma Pueblo; Indian arts and crafts dealers in Gallup, N.M.; the Crownpoint Institute of Technology in Crownpoint, N.M.; Diné College in Tsaile, Ariz.; Canyon de Chelly National Monument; Chaco Canyon National Historic Park; and the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M.

The Montana Plains tour begins and ends in Billings, Mont., with stops at Little Big Horn College on the Crow Indian Reservation, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Chief Dull Knife College on the Northern

Cheyenne Reservation in

Lame Deer, Fort

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College in

Poplar, the

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Makoshika State Park, and the Western Heritage Center in Billings.

The Northern Woodlands tour begins and ends in Grand Forks, N.D., with stops at White Earth Tribal and Community College in Mahanomen, Minn.; the Detroit Lakes region; Becker County Historical Museum; the town of Fargo, N.D.; Devil's Lake; Cankdeska Cikana Community College in Fort Totten, N.D.; the Lakes and Gardens region; Turtle Mountain Community College in Belcourt, N.D.; the Anishinaubog Intercultural Center; the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Heritage Center and Museum; and the International Peace Garden.

Prices range from \$1,595 for the Montana and Northern Woodlands tours to \$1,995 for the Southwest tour. Packages include lodging, most meals, local Native trip leaders and staff support, and inter-tour transportation. Participants must cover their own transportation to and from the towns where the tours begin and end.

Detailed information about the tour packages is available at www.collegefund.org or from Tiffany Jones at the American Indian College Fund at 303-426-8900 or by e-mail at jones@collegefund.org.

American Indian College Fund
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AICF Announces New Scholars Program, Scholarships

DENVER - The American Indian College Fund recently received a grant of almost \$200,000 from Morgan Stanley. The two-year grant provides funding for two new scholarships aimed at increasing American Indian participation in the financial services industry.

The new programs are the Morgan Stanley Tribal College Scholars Program and the Morgan Stanley/American Indian College Fund Scholarship and Career Development Program.

The Tribal College Program will award scholarships to American Indian students currently enrolled at one of the nation's 32 tribal colleges or universities. The Scholarship and Career Development Program will award scholarships to outstanding American Indian students currently

enrolled in four-year degree programs at any accredited college or university in the U.S. who have an interest in a possible career in the financial services industry. Internships also may be available to those students.

Yum! Brands, Inc. recently made a \$5,000 grant to support 10 \$500 scholarships to increase the number of American Indian graduates in higher education.

Established in 1989, the American Indian College Fund (www.collegefund.org) has spent more than a decade helping to increase educational opportunities for Native students.

With its credo "educating the mind and spirit," it distributes scholarships and support to tribal colleges across the country. This aid supports more than 6,000 students in achieving their college education. The college fund also supports endowments, developmental

needs, and public awareness, as well as college programs in Native cultural preservation and teacher training.

Morgan Stanley is a global financial services firm and a market leader in securities, investment management, and credit services. With more than 700 offices in 28 countries, Morgan Stanley connects people, ideas, and capital to help clients achieve their financial goals.

Yum! Brands, based in Louisville, Ky., is the world's largest restaurant company in terms of system units, with nearly 33,000 restaurants in more than 100 countries and territories. Four of its restaurant brands - KFC, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, and Long John Silver's - are the global leaders of the chicken, pizza, Mexican-style food, and quick service seafood categories, respectively.