

We're Looking for a Few Good Homes

To foster: to bring up, nurture; to promote the growth and development of, cultivate; to nurse, cherish; to provide parental care and nurture of children not related through legal or blood ties.

The Indian Child Welfare Program is always looking for good homes for children from all areas of our 11 counties. ICW is seeking foster homes as well as relative homes for relative placements.

If you think you would like to be a foster home or relative placement, or have questions about being a foster parent or relative provider, please contact Wendi Schamp at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 236, or 541-444-8236. She will be more than happy to assist you with any questions.

Tribal Court Spokesperson News



Tribal Court clients have a genuine need to be fairly represented by a spokesperson and to have help

preparing for the process.

Recruitment efforts for Siletz Tribal court are in full swing. Spokespersons for Tribal Court clients are progressively volunteering and being added to the signup list. Flyers and brochures are being distributed in the Siletz service areas. Some training will be provided. Recruitment for the spokesperson positions will remain open.

In mid-February, Siletz Tribal Court attended the "Tribal Courts: Plan, Implement, and Enhance" training, held at the Judicial College in Reno, Nev. The agenda included classroom trainings, resource information, Tribal Court software demonstrations, and interaction with tribes throughout the United States.

One of the highlights for our Tribal Court Spokesperson program was the advocacy training. This was provided through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs and the U.S. Department of Justice, in partnership with the Alaska International Tribal Council, Fox Valley Technical College, National Institute of Trail Advocacy, National Tribal Justice Resource Center, and the Northern Plains Judicial Training Institute.

On Feb. 28, Project Coordinator Julie Godwin-Tucker attended the "Restorative Justice" seminar at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Ore. The conference focused on three components of the judicial system – the victim, the offender, and the community.

Speakers emphasized communicating practices that are being used through the trio to meet their needs, according to the crime. The victim informs the offender about the emotions, pain, or other consequences. Then the community uses methods for counseling, educating, and holding the offender accountable.

The objectives are to release the offender with the skills to change his/her behavior, to promote healing within the victim, and to create a safer environment for the community. This is a preventive program to resolve problems and ensure a higher probability of a non-reoccurring crime.

Tribal Court distributed recruitment materials at the seminar. In the next few months, Siletz Tribal Court plans to begin **selecting potential spokespersons and will be training soon.**

Please contact us for further information at:

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Tribal Court
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USDA Distribution Dates

Siletz

Tuesday, April 1 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday, April 3 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday, April 4 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Salem

Monday, April 14 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Please try to keep your scheduled appointments, as USDA staff will be attending the annual national conference in Albuquerque, N.M. The warehouse will be closed from April 21 through April 27. We will reopen on April 28.

To all you wonderful cooks out there, we still have gift certificates available if you would like to come in and prepare an entrée using USDA commodities.

Happy meals!

Smokehouse for Lease

The current lease for the Siletz Tribal Smokehouse facility in Depoe Bay ended in December 2002. If you are interested in leasing and operating the Siletz Tribal Smokehouse as an independent business, please contact Dan Lundy, Economic Development coordinator, at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 256, or 541-444-8256.

Firewood Now Available

A new firewood area, the **South Fork #2** unit located about 11 miles from Siletz, is now open for tribal member firewood cutting.

The available wood is a mixture of conifer and hardwood located in decks at four landings in a recently logged unit. **Permits are required** and may be obtained at the tribal Natural Resources office in the administration building in Siletz from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Maps, directions, fire season requirements also are available at the same location. Permits will be issued only to tribal members, who will need to show their tribal ID number of the vehicle they will use to haul the wood. Out-of-the-Siletz-area woodcutters may call the number below to have a permit mailed to them.

The permits are for tribal member woodcutting **for personal use only**. This firewood **may not be sold**. The person named on the permit must be present when cutting and hauling the firewood.

Tribal members wishing to cut wood for tribal elders must present a signed note from the elder stating that the individual is authorized to cut firewood on his/her behalf. The note must include the elder's tribal ID number.

Permits will be good for two weeks and will allow up to two cords of wood to be cut on each permit. Each tribal member is allowed up to four cords total from this unit.

Tribal members are encouraged to get this firewood as soon as possible as the unit will be burned in either the spring or early fall to prepare for planting. Cut your firewood now before the hot summer months!

For more information, stop by the Natural Resources office or call Mike Kennedy, Natural Resources manager, at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 232, or 541-444-8232.

