

Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow News

Apply Now for Siletz Royalty

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

Little Miss Siletz – 7 to 12
Jr. Miss Siletz – 13 to 17
Miss Siletz – 18 to 24

Young women interested in running in one of these categories should contact Craig Whitehead for an application.

The deadline to get applications to the Pow-Wow Committee is July 9, 2004. Any applications turned in between July 9 and July 16 will only be accepted with the approval of the Pow-Wow Committee. All applications turned in after July 16 will not be accepted for this year.

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 ticket sales. Each contestant will receive a commission on the number of tickets that she sells. Commission rates are as follows – 200 to 500 at 20 percent, 501 to 1,000 at 25 percent, and more than 1,000 at 30 percent.

The pageant is scheduled for Aug. 12, 2004, and the winners will be crowned before the first grand entry on Aug. 13. This year's royalty will be sponsored to attend the Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow and Miss Siletz also will be sponsored to participate in the NCAI competition.

Please Note

Nick Sixkiller, education specialist in the Eugene Area Office, is filling in temporarily as the pow-wow coordinator until the position is advertised and filled.

You can contact Nick at 541-484-4234 or 541-444-8230 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1230, or nicks@ctsi.nsn.us for information on the pow-wow or Siletz Royalty.

Dance Sponsors Needed

The Pow-Wow Committee is currently looking for dance sponsors for this year's Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow.

When you sponsor a category, your name will be on the winner's envelope and will be read during the awarding of the prize money to the dancers.

Dance categories include both male/female traditional, fancy, grass, and jingle. You can sponsor, or co-sponsor with the committee, a category in your name, your family's name, or in memory of a loved one.

Contact Nick Sixkiller to see what categories are available.

Time to Gather Basket-Making Materials

Spring is here and very soon hazel sticks will be ready to pick and peel.

Hazel stick gathering is a must for anyone interested in making traditional Siletz baskets. Spruce root can be dug all year round and is used for the weavers or weft of Siletz baskets. Bear grass and maidenhair fern are used for overlay to make our traditional designs or marks in our baskets and both are picked in late summer.

Any tribal members interested in gathering can call Bud Lane at 541-444-8320 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us. Just a reminder – basket materials must be gathered in a timely fashion.

Here is a general breakdown of gathering times for different materials:

June – Hazel, willow, and fir sticks (until mid-June), spruce roots

July – Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern

August – Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern, hazel sticks (limited), willow sticks

September – Bear grass, maidenhair fern, woodwardia fern, spruce roots

Tipi Drawing

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

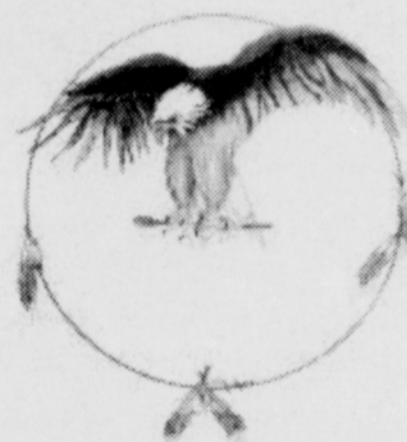
Roll #: _____

For Siletz Tribal members to use during the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug. 13-15, 2004. One entry per household, please. Deadline for entries is July 30, 2004; names will be drawn soon after. Return this form to Siletz Pow-Wow, Attn: Tipi, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Vendor Applications are Ready

Those who would like to receive a vendor's application for space at this year's Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow should contact Nick Sixkiller.

The deadline to turn your applications in to the Pow-Wow Department is July 9, 2004.



Items Needed for Elders' Raffle

The Elders Council will have its annual raffle at the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. All tribal elders are asked to donate an item for the raffle.

The money raised from the raffle is used to support the elders' activities throughout the year; provide cards and flowers to elders who have been ill, hospitalized, or have passed on; purchase gifts for other tribes when attending gatherings; and sponsor a dance competition at the pow-wow.

Anyone else who would like to donate an item to the raffle should contact Kathryn Dick at 541-444-8261 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1261.

Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center

June 8 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

July 6 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office

June 15 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

July 12 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office

June 14 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

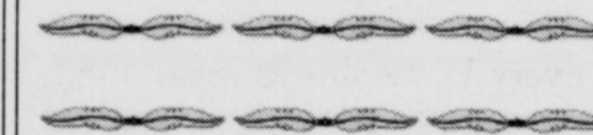
July 13 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office

June 9 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

July 8 – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320, or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.