

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Ask Raven

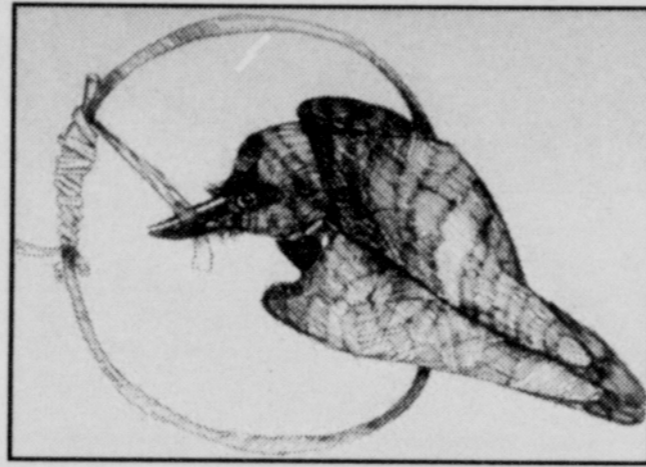
Raven will answer your questions about problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Look for boxes in tribal offices with Raven's picture. You can leave your questions for Raven in these boxes. Those suitable for Siletz News will be answered here. If you want a confidential answer to a question, please leave an address and Raven will contact you.

Dear Raven: My children's father does not talk with them about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Sometimes I think that his silence on this subject gives them the message that he really thinks it's okay. Some of his buddies still drink and use drugs and lots of our relatives have had drug and alcohol problems. Our children know that. How concerned should I be about this? He gets mad when I bring it up and says I am making a big deal out of it. Concerned Mother.

Dear Concerned Mother: Although some fathers do talk with their children about drugs, here is what a recent survey done by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America has shown us about this issue:

- It's usually the mothers who take responsibility for talking with their children about the dangers of drugs.
- Teens who learn about the risks of drugs from their parents are not as likely to use drugs.
- Fathers are less likely to see negative consequences in the use of some drugs. Less than half of fathers report believing that if their child smokes marijuana, he/she will face problems in life.
- Father's are less likely to use "parenting skills" such as monitoring their child's activities, making and enforcing rules, and asking about their child's day and who they were with.
- If children do experience drug problems, the survey shows that fathers tend to want to handle things at home and mothers tend to get outside help.

Kindly encourage your children's father and other relatives to help you educate your children. When it comes to



our kids, parents – as well as grandparents, mentors, and other adults – are much more powerful in shaping their opinions about drugs than we often realize.

Announcements

If you think your child may be at risk for alcohol, tobacco, or other drug problems and/or juvenile delinquency behaviors, please call Delina or Crista at 1-800-600-5599 or 541-444-8286.

One of them will talk with you about risk factors and those things that help protect your child from developing those problems. They will help you develop a prevention plan that will support you as you provide your child with support for making good choices.

Kayaking

Siletz Tribal youth between age 12 and 18 who are interested in learning to kayak should call Crista.

Summertime is often a time when young people get involved in experimenting with or increasing the use of alcohol and other drugs. If you are concerned about this, please call!

Look for the A&D Program's float in the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow Parade!

Meth Task Force

Methamphetamine Task Force meeting: Aug. 4, noon to 1 p.m. at the Siletz Tribal Housing Conference Room.

Citizen Patrol meeting: Aug. 4, 6 p.m. at the Housing Conference Room.

Male Volunteers Needed

Men! We need you to volunteer, even once a year, to chaperon a youth prevention activity. We currently have only one male staff person who is chaperoning. Without more help, we will have to limit overnight activities for boys and young men.

We will be glad to talk with you about the kinds of activities you are willing to chaperon. All volunteers need to have a criminal background check, so please **contact us now** if you have any interest!

Siletz Tribal Alcohol & Drug Programs

Prevention, Outpatient Treatment, and Women's Transitional

Siletz: 1-800-600-5599 or 541-444-8286

Eugene: 541-484-4234

Salem: 503-390-9494

Portland: 503-238-1512

Preference for applications returned by Aug. 2
Deadline for all applications is Aug. 16

Siletz Tribal Youth Coming Together: Native Style

Youth Registration Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____ County: _____
Home Phone: _____
Age as of Aug. 24, 2004: _____ Gender: F M
Enrolled or Descendent Roll No.: _____

Interested in being a junior counselor (must be 16 or older)? Yes No

Any special health needs? _____

Any prescribed medications? _____

Special dietary needs? _____

Do you have any food, medication, or environmental allergies? _____

Will you need transportation assistance to and from the conference? _____

Will you be able to bring a sleeping bag and pillow from home? _____

Name(s) of custodial parent(s) or guardian(s): _____

Parent phone: _____

Please list one additional emergency contact for this youth during the conference weekend: _____

Name and phone: _____

Parental Permission and Youth Behavior Contract

As the parent of the youth listed above, I deem my child mature enough to participate in this overnight group activity. I have listed emergency phone numbers above and also grant my permission for this minor to be treated in the event of an emergency during the conference.

We understand that a space reserved represents a commitment to participate and may mean that another youth cannot participate. We agree to inform staff promptly if he/she will be unable to attend for any reason. I have reviewed the Youth Behavior Contract with my child and he/she understands the consequences of violations.

Parent Signature _____

Youth Signature _____

Date _____