

Ask Raven

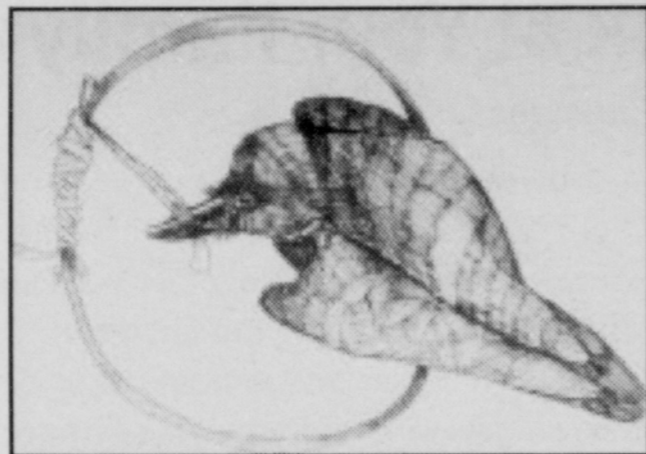
Raven will answer your questions about problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Look for boxes in tribal offices with Raven's picture. You can leave your questions for Raven in these boxes. Those suitable for Siletz News will be answered here. If you want a confidential answer to a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

Dear Raven: I suspect my child is using substances. Can I make her take a UA? Anonymous

Dear Anonymous: As a parent, you have the authority to require that your child take a urinalysis drug screen. It's normal for youth to be resistant to this and it's okay for you, as a parent, to insist.

If your child continues to refuse, you have the ability to give consequences that will limit her activities and prevent her from being in situations where drugs may be available.

I encourage you to talk with a counselor to develop a plan about what to do if she continues to refuse, or if she does submit a UA and it's positive for drugs.



As the parent of a Siletz Tribal member, you can bring your child into the A&D program office or to an area office for drug testing. If you live near an area office, you will need to schedule a time to test your child when a counselor is on site.

As the television advertisement says, parents are the anti-drug. Thanks for being one of those parents. Raven

Announcements

If you think your child may be at risk of 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.

Sam Creek Firewood Available

The Sam Creek #2 and Sam Creek #3 firewood units, located about eight miles from Siletz, are open once again for tribal member firewood cutting. The available wood is a mixture of conifer and hardwood located in decks at seven landings in two recently logged units.

Permits are required and may be obtained at the Tribal Natural Resources office in the admin building in Siletz from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. Maps, directions, fire season restrictions, and equipment requirements also are available at the same location.

Permits will be issued to tribal members only, who will need to show their tribal ID card and provide the license number of the vehicle they will use to haul the wood.

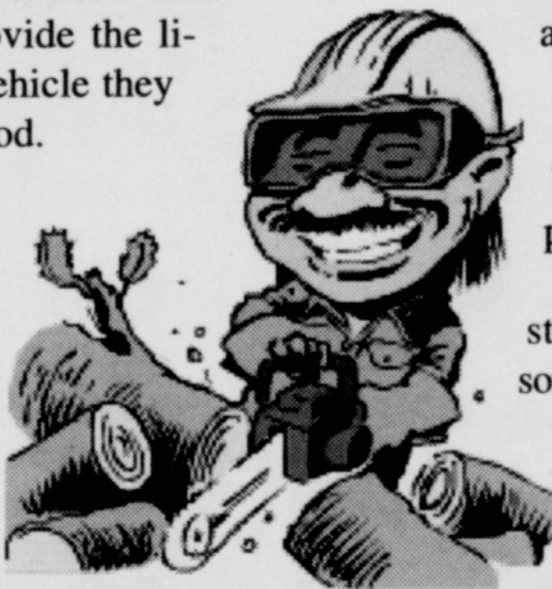
Out-of-the-Siletz-area woodcutters may call the number at right to have a permit mailed to them. The permits are for tribal member woodcutting for personal use only. This firewood may not be

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 or disabled individuals must present a signed note from the elder or disabled person stating that the individual is authorized to cut firewood on their behalf. The note must include the elder or disabled person's tribal ID number.

Permits will be good for two weeks and up to two cords of wood can be cut on each permit. Each tribal member is allowed up to five cords total from these two units. Tribal members are encouraged to get this firewood now, as the unit will likely be burned this spring to prepare for planting.

For more information, stop by the Natural Resources Office or call Tribal Forester Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1232.



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

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

Meth Task Force Meeting

Nov. 3, 2004 – 5:30 p.m.

Siletz Tribal Housing Department
Conference Room

Male Volunteers Needed

Men! We need you to volunteer, even once a year, to chaperone a youth prevention activity. We currently have

only one male staff person who chaperones. 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 chaperone. All volunteers need to have a criminal background check, so please contact us now if you have any interest!

Area Office Services

A vacancy currently exists in one of the two counselor positions that serve the three area offices. If you have any questions about services, please call the Siletz office at 1-800-600-5599 or 541-444-8286.

TLC Attitudes of Gratitude

If I were a whiner, this definitely would be the time of year I'd be working overtime. As I write, yesterday's clear (nearly) and dry has changed to a damp dose of Oregon's specialty.

As much as I dislike being soggy (what umbrella?), however, I do have to look around and delight in the gifts of the season. On a recent trip to the Eugene office, I spied a field of future pumpkin pies – orange orbs scattered over several acres are an awesome sight.

The trees are beginning their brilliant fashion show. I find myself seeking flashes of vivid reds, siennas, oranges, and golds while I'm out on the road. I intend to wax a few sprays to coax me through those extra dreary days ahead.

No matter the time of year or what Mother Nature is "blessing" us with, we at TLC have human benefactors. For them we are always thankful!

This past month we gratefully accepted donations of immediately usable clothing from Brenda and Melissa Butler of Siletz and Billie and Melissa Bowers of Toledo. Thank you also to Brenda and Melissa for many household items that were needed.

We had an anonymous donor who blessed us with about 50 pounds of assorted food items. Quinn Murk provided us with seven boxes of "small wood" to use as kindling. We're still smiling over that one! He promises more! We're also grateful for the continued support of Frank and Teresa Simmons with hygiene items. We do feel blessed!

Overnight volunteers are a crucial part of our program. For providing overnight security and a warm presence, we are indebted to Denise Riding In, Elizabeth Kosydar, Jackie Ashley, Carrie White, Janice Cameron, Lisa Brown, and Alice McCain, back from a "working vacation" in Maui, Hawaii. All of these women lead very active lives, working out of the home, some raising children, and yet they find some time each month and some each week to give of themselves. For that they are greatly appreciated!

If you would like to share some time and make a difference, please give Lynn Whitlow a call at 541-444-8238 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1238. It's not hard work, it's heart work!